

Steps for Students

What is Steps for Students?

Steps for Students is an annual archdiocesan-wide 5K/1K run/walk event where all school and parish communities can come together and support Catholic education. The goal is to raise not only awareness of the importance of a Catholic education but to raise much needed resources for our Schools.

You may not be aware that the tuition charged to the families in Catholic Schools is not nearly enough to cover the real cost of educating that child. In order to help schools cover these costs and not have to raise tuitions to meet costs, the Archdiocese created an event where the schools in the network of Catholic schools can raise resources and use them in any area where it is needed.

How much of the money raised comes back to our School?

ALL of the monies raised through Steps comes directly back to the school **EXCEPT** the \$3.00 timing chip processing fee that the runners/walkers have included in their \$15.00 registration fee, so \$12.00 comes back to the school. You may have your community of friends, family and co-workers simply support our school by simply donating. Any money raised through donations, school fundraisers, etc. under Steps for Students all comes back to our school to be used as the school sees fit.

What does the School do with the funds?

All Catholic Schools in the network of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese have the opportunity to participate in Steps, fundraise for their school and are able to designate the funds raised to be used as their school sees fit.

The purpose behind raising funds under Steps for Students is that the school may use these funds for anything from tuition assistance to technology, building repairs, textbooks, etc. Unlike small fundraisers that are specified for specific purposes funds raised through Steps for Students do not have to be designated and therefore gives the school the opportunity to utilize them where most needed.

How do I register or donate?

Go to TCCS page <http://truecrossschool.org/>

Scroll down to “Quicklinks” and choose “Steps for Students”

The FirstGiving page pops up with the TCCS team.

If you choose “Join Team”

You may join as

- a. “Runner/Walker” – for someone running or walking in the 5K or 1K. A timing chip, t-shirt and bib will be issued for this registrant; OR
- b. “Hit Snooze for Students” – this is only if you cannot attend the run/walk but would like to support a school team or the tuition assistance program. No

timing chip, bib or t-shirt will be issued. (Please choose True Cross Catholic School)

The registration fee is \$15.00. You are also given the option of being the first to donate to your own page.

Follow the steps.

Now you have now created a fundraising page if you chose "Join Team."

If you would like to Donate and not Join the Team, please scroll down to a True Cross Catholic School's individual's page, click on that individual's page then choose "Donate."

NOTE: You must remember to designate your registration to True Cross Catholic School, otherwise undesignated funds will be used by the Archdiocese to the tuition help program.

Can I give Offline Donations?

Yes, if you misplaced the donation ledger we are attaching a new one for you to use for this purpose. Please turn the ledgers with the donations in to the school by February 10th. Make sure your child's name is on it; we will enter the offline donation to either your child's page (if they have one) or put the donation on Mrs. Agrella's page with your child's name on it. If you have more than one student at the school please let us know the amount you would like under each of the students name.

Something to help you appreciate the importance of SFS:

If each student can get ten, \$10 pledges from family, friends, parent co-workers worldwide via Internet, that would be a donation of \$100 dollars per student.

If just 60% of our student body participated, True Cross School could make $100 \times 100 = \$10,000$.

Day of the event

The event will be held February 15, 2014 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart located at 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX.

TCCS will have a school tent at their "School Village" where we will meet. The 5K run/walk will begin at 8:00 am so make sure are there before that in order to run/walk together. If you are not participating in the run the tent is a great place to be to support our team.

This will be a fun family event filled with activities. There will be a 5K USA Track and Field Association sanctioned race, the David K Guite Memorial 1K family run, Catholic School Parade (where we will participate) and Post Party.