

STELLA MARIS ACADEMY ANNUAL SPELL-A-THON



Dear Families:

The 2011 Spell-A-Thon kick-off is **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**, so please calendar the date! Sponsored by the Stella Maris Academy PTO, this long-standing annual event challenges our children academically while raising money that will go to the classrooms, purchasing items chosen by SMA teachers to enrich our students' education. The annual Spell-A-Thon is an important piece of funding for our school. Best of all, it is academic and FUN!

Please support us in making the 2011 **SPELL-A-THON** a **BIG** success!!!



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Economy

Catalyst
Enzyme
Legislature
Dovetail



Stella Maris Academy

SPELL-A-THON

Dear Stella Maris Families,

Welcome back to school and to the 2011 Spell-A-Thon, our annual PTO-sponsored fall fundraiser. The Spell-A-Thon is a very important piece of funding for our school. Last year, Spell-A-thon funds helped pay for curriculum enhancement materials for all grades, such as Leveled Readers for K-3, class reading sets for 4-5, and new science curriculum for 4-8. This year, as in the past, **100% of the funds raised will go directly to the classrooms.** In addition to fulfilling many needs within our school, the Spell-A-Thon is fun and academic.

Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000, and we can reach this goal if every **family** raises \$150 in pledge money. As an incentive to encourage every student to participate, we have created a list of great prizes: gift card bundles for the top fundraisers, a test performance prize for students who achieve 85% or better on the test, a pizza party for the top selling class, 4 end-of-week raffle prizes for students who raise \$25 or more each week, and a delicious dessert party for the students of **families** who raised \$150. This year, we have included a participation prize for students who raise any amount at all.

How it Works:

The Spell-A-Thon is a written spelling test that will be given in class by the teachers on Friday, October 14th. Enclosed with this letter are a spelling list, a prize sheet, a pledge sheet, and a sponsorship form. Students have 4 weeks to study for the test and collect pledges of any amount of money for each word they spell correctly on the test. Alternatively, donors may give a flat rate donation, which the students can collect immediately. The graded tests will be returned to the students on the Monday following the test. They then have two weeks to collect the pledge money. All pledge money is due on Tuesday, November 1st.

End-of-Week Raffles: For every \$25 in pledges they have collected that week, students will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win a \$10 Warwick's gift card. Students who qualify must bring their pledge sheet to class on Fridays.

Mass Sign Ups: We are offering the opportunity for your child to ask for pledges from parishioners at Mary Star of the Sea after the following Masses: Saturday, September 17; Saturday, September 24; Saturday, October 1; Sunday, October 2; Saturday, October 8; and Sunday, October 9. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Rosie Haggerty at (619) 981-7370 or rosemariehaggerty@sbcglobal.net.



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Important Dates:

1. Friday, Sept. 16 to Fri. Oct. 14 Ask for pledges (Four weeks)
2. Thursday, Sept. 22..... Raffle (Bring pledge sheet to class)
3. Friday, Sept. 30..... Raffle (Bring pledge sheet to class)
4. Thursday, Oct. 6..... Raffle (Bring pledge sheet to class)
5. Friday, Oct. 14 Spell-A-Thon Test Day! (Given by teacher)
Raffle (Bring pledge sheet to class)
6. Monday, Oct. 17..... Corrected tests returned to students and
instructions given for collection of pledge money
7. Tuesday, Nov. 1 All pledge money is due in office by 3:00
8. Monday, Nov. 7 Winners announced

Please Help in These Ways:

- Help your child with their Spell-A-Thon sponsorship. Ask family, friends, neighbors, church and co-workers.
- Safety First: We advise not letting your child solicit door-to-door without an adult.
- Encourage your child to write thank you notes to family and friends who sponsored them.
- Help your child study their spelling words.
- Please consider becoming a sponsor of the 2011 Spell-A-Thon.
- Please submit all collected pledge money and donations in a check payable to SMA PTO.
- Extra copies of word lists, pledge sheets and sponsor forms are available in the office or on-line at www.stellamarisacademy.org.

Thank you for your support!



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2011 SPELL-A-THON



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TOP SELLER REWARDS

1ST PLACE [ONE EACH TO JUNIOR YARD AND SENIOR YARD TOP SELLER]

\$100 "FUN TIME GIFT CARD BUNDLE"



\$60 BEST BUY + \$25 AMC THEATERS + \$15 COLD STONE

2ND PLACE [ONE EACH TO JUNIOR YARD AND SENIOR YARD TOP SELLER]

\$75 "FUN TIME GIFT CARD BUNDLE"



\$45 TARGET + \$20 AMC THEATERS + \$10 BASKIN ROBBINS

3RD PLACE [ONE EACH TO JUNIOR YARD AND SENIOR YARD TOP SELLER]

\$50 "FUN TIME GIFT CARD BUNDLE"



\$40 TARGET + \$10 BASKIN ROBBINS

2011 RAFFLE DATES: 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, AND 10/14

(ONE WINNER DRAWN WEEKLY FROM JUNIOR YARD AND SENIOR YARD!)
WINNERS WILL RECEIVE GIFT CARDS FROM WARWICK'S

RECOGNITION PRIZE

EACH STUDENT WHO PARTICIPATES RECEIVES A YUMMY
EARTH LOLLIPOP BOUQUET
(MADE WITH ALL NATURAL INGREDIENTS)

GOAL ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE

ALL STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF **\$150 PER FAMILY**
WILL BE INVITED TO A SUPER DELICIOUS DESSERT PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, AT 1:00PM



PERFORMANCE PRIZE

FREE DRESS PASS FOR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A GRADE OF 85% OR GREATER ON
THEIR SPELLING TEST!



TEST DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2011

PIZZA PARTY FOR TOP SELLING CLASS

PLEDGE INCREMENTS CHART

**Stella Maris Academy
Spell-A-Thon Pledge Sheet**

Pledge per 5%	Total raised if student earns 100% on test
\$.25	\$ 5
\$.50	\$ 10
\$.75	\$ 15
\$ 1.00	\$ 20
\$ 5.00	\$100
\$ 7.50	\$150

Name _____

Teacher/Grade _____

I have _____ words on my list!

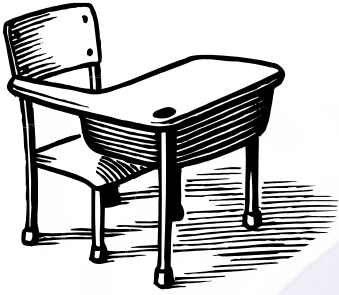
All pledge money due November 1, 2011

Total Collected: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to SMA PTO

I am a student at Stella Maris Academy. Our PTO sponsors an annual academic Spell-A-Thon to raise money for curriculum enrichment and school improvements. By pledging one of the 5% increments on the chart above, you will help encourage me to improve my spelling and also help my school. My goal is to help my family raise at least \$150 for my school. Flat rate donations are welcome too! Thank you!

Name	Phone or Email	Flat Rate Donation	Per 5% Pledge	Highlighted number on corrected test	Total Due	Paid
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
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10.						



STELLA MARIS ACADEMY

Annual Spell-A-Thon

The SMA Spell-A-Thon is a very special fundraiser based on academics, with 100% of donations going directly to the school!

Stella Maris Academy students enjoy dedicated and talented faculty, and have weekly curriculum in art, physical education, library, science, technology, and Spanish. The PTO supports additional student and faculty programs that enrich the community as a whole. The annual Spell-A-Thon is an important piece of funding for our school - and it is academic, too!

**2011 SPELL-A-THON
SEPTEMBER 16-OCTOBER 14**

Please consider sponsoring our Spell-A-Thon!

All sponsorships, donations, and pledges (*of any amount!*) help. Several levels of support are available:

Queen Bee	Spelling Bee	Worker Bee	Busy Bee	Honey Bee
\$1000 and up	\$500 - \$999	\$250 - \$499	\$100 - \$249	\$25 - \$99

___ \$50 I'd like to sponsor a student. I will receive a personal thank you note from this child. Requests for a particular student or grade level welcome!

Please respond by November 1, 2011. All donations are tax deductible. Checks are payable to **SMA PTO**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Requests: _____

Stella Maris Academy
7654 Herschel Avenue
La Jolla, CA 92037



Questions? Contact Rosie (619) 981-7370

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2011 SPELL-A-THON LIST KINDERGARTEN

1. What is your name?
2. What street do you live on?
3. What city do you live in?
4. What state do you live in?
5. What is your phone number?
6. What is your mother's name,
first and last?
7. What is your father's name, first and
last?
8. What school do you go to?
9. What grade are you in?
10. What is your teacher's name?
11. What is the principal's name?
12. In case of emergency, what number
would dial on the telephone?
13. How old are you?
14. When is your birthday, month and
day?
15. We
16. See
17. Is
18. It
19. The
20. Can

Dear Parents: Parent volunteers will administer this test orally. The objective is to have fun and allow the Kindergarten class to participate in the Spell-A-Thon with age appropriate information.

2011 SPELL-A-THON WORD LIST
FIRST GRADE

1. why

2. was

3. and

4. are

5. has

6. have

7. when

8. for

9. said

10. play

11. she

12. who

13. here

14. my

15. then

16. where

17. like

18. look

19. little

20. what

21. one

22. two

23. he

24. you

25. get

**2011 SPELL-A-THON WORD LIST
SECOND GRADE**

1. know

16. they

2. any

17. pretty

3. because

18. said

4. very

19. school

5. wrote

20. was

6. paint

21. teacher

7. brother

22. which

8. down

23. cute

9. found

24. where

10. outstanding

25. would

11. hurt

12. little

13. friend

14. many

15. use

2011 SPELL-A-THON WORD LIST
THIRD GRADE

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. people | 16. aren't |
| 2. friend | 17. does |
| 3. afraid | 18. matches |
| 4. Wednesday | 19. gravity |
| 5. happiest | 20. themselves |
| 6. mountain | 21. wrapping |
| 7. because | 22. tomorrow |
| 8. dessert | 23. bridge |
| 9. quiet | 24. cities |
| 10. trouble | 25. universe |
| 11. sponge | |
| 12. terrible | |
| 13. addition | |
| 14. subtraction | |
| 15. cupboard | |

2011 SPELL-A-THON WORD LIST FOURTH GRADE

1. already
2. begin
3. behind
4. beautiful
5. California
6. carefully
7. continent
8. different
9. distance
10. division
11. distance
12. economy
13. either
14. environment
15. everyone
16. everything
17. enough
18. finally
19. fraction
20. happened
21. hemisphere
22. instead
23. investigation
24. language
25. microscope
26. multiplication
27. nothing
28. notice
29. outside
30. piece
31. probably
32. procedure
33. question
34. region
35. someone
36. strong
37. telescope
38. tradition
39. understand
40. victory

2011 SPELL-A-THON WORD LIST FIFTH GRADE

1. ancestor
2. immigrant
3. tenements
4. denominator
5. epilogue
6. palindrome
7. metaphor
8. static
9. alliteration
10. navigate
11. pacifism
12. surprise
13. language
14. college
15. people
16. conjunction
17. your
18. you're
19. parallel
20. address
21. government
22. piece
23. leisurely
24. beginning
25. niece
26. citizen
27. steerage
28. numerator
29. decimal
30. foreshadow
31. simile
32. dynamic
33. summary
34. technology
35. colonization
36. sincerely
37. enough
38. different
39. doesn't
40. adjective
41. preposition
42. there
43. their
44. they're
45. ninety
46. signature
47. deceiving
48. title
49. thousand
50. literature

2011 SPELL-A-THON WORD LIST SIXTH GRADE

1. quest
2. mellow
3. rant
4. reinforce
5. blurt
6. enchant
7. diminish
8. foster
9. hilarious
10. ignite
11. massive
12. saga
13. gratitude
14. nutritious
15. harmonious
16. gentile
17. inspiration
18. incarnation
19. liturgy
20. miracle
21. revelation
22. covenant
23. creation
24. conscience
25. virtue
26. soul
27. steward
28. Gospel
29. prophet
30. tradition
31. patriarch
32. proverb
33. Abraham
34. Israelites
35. pharaoh
36. providence
37. rejoice
38. Advent
39. Triduum
40. Ordinary Time
41. Exodus
42. plagues
43. Passover
44. miracle
45. manna
46. Ten Commandments
47. Psalm
48. wisdom
49. parable
50. Yahweh

7th Grade Spell-A-Thon Wordlist

1. Adapt
2. Attest
3. Dovetail
4. Enormity
5. Falter
6. Foreboding
7. Forlorn
8. Haughty
9. Impediment
10. Imperative
11. Loiter
12. Malinger
13. Pithy
14. Plunder
15. Simper
16. Steadfast
17. Vaunted
18. Vilify
19. Waif
20. Wry
21. Amplify
22. Armistice
23. Arrogant
24. Bland
25. Disclaim
26. Epoch
27. Estrange
28. Gratify
29. Infinite
30. Irascible
31. Kindred
32. Naïve
33. Niche
34. Obliterate
35. Ramshackle
36. Ransack
37. Rote
38. Solvent
39. Tedious
40. Vendor
41. Abyss
42. Befall
43. Crucial
44. Dregs
45. Embody
46. Exasperate
47. Fiasco
48. Garnish
49. Heritage
50. Parable

**2011 SPELL-A-THON WORD LIST
EIGHTH GRADE**

1. abstinence
2. abolition
3. alcohol
4. alloy
5. anarchy
6. antebellum
7. blasphemy
8. catalyst
9. chastity
10. chlorophyll
11. cholesterol
12. cochlea
13. conscience
14. discipline
15. entrepreneur
16. enzyme
17. feudalism
18. heterotroph
19. hierarchy
20. hypothesis
21. immigrant
22. infallibility
23. indulgence
24. isotope
25. legislature
26. malleable
27. monastery
28. mourning
29. neutrality
30. nuclear
31. perjury
32. phloem
33. pilgrimage
34. prairie
35. prejudice
36. purgatory
37. refugee
38. Renaissance
39. Resurrection
40. reverence
41. schism
42. secede
43. segregation
44. suffrage
45. tariff
46. technology
47. temperance
48. Triduum
49. transubstantiation
50. viscosity