



The Crusader Challenge

Once upon a Run

St. Bernard School

2026



October 14, 2026

Dear St. Bernard School Parents,

On *Friday, November 20, 2026*, St. Bernard School will hold its 8th Annual Crusader Challenge to raise **\$65,000**. In the past, this event has funded various campus improvements, curriculum enrichment materials, and supplies, including a new playground. Last year, we replaced the roof on our Junior High building and completed the air conditioning upgrade in the gym. The next step in our facilities' long-range plan is to replace the roof on our library and PreK/K building, along with several other exterior building restorations. Our goal this year is to be able to complete all of these projects. So let's raise the roof...literally! Any Crusader Challenge financial support will help us restore our school, repair our roofs, and preserve a place where generations can learn, grow, and thrive.

Students will walk or jog around the Crusader Circle as many times as possible in a set time period. Each student will raise funds by asking sponsors to contribute a tax-deductible donation to St. Bernard School. Here are the details.

Your Support

Once again, we will be using an awesome web-based fundraising system for our Crusader Challenge. This website will make it **easier** for you to request pledges from family and friends and for them to make secure credit card donations online. It's fun, it's easy, and people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't! **Each family will set up one account for all students in the family.**

Remember, our Crusader Challenge is November 20, 2026, so please follow the directions on the enclosed flyer to **register now** to help our school raise as much as we can. **For donations to count towards a student's incentives, donations must be turned in by Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Any donations turned in after this time will not be put towards a student's incentives.**

Mail-In Donations

If you prefer, donors can send a check made payable to **St. Bernard School** with the student's name in the memo section. Mail donations to: **St. Bernard School, 251 East Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517, ATTENTION: Crusader Challenge.**

If you have any questions about the Crusader Challenge, please contact Heather Cambre, Fundraiser Chairman, at crusaderchallenge@sbscrusaders.com or (337) 281-5728. If we meet or exceed our goal of **\$65,000**, we can complete these necessary campus improvements. So, let's start the **Race** by collecting donations!

Sincerely,

JP Masterson, Principal

Heather Cambre, Kara Hebert, Fallon Guidry, Dusti Taylor, Lexi DeRouen, and Claire Broussard
The Crusader Challenge Committee



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SETTING UP YOUR FAMILY'S CRUSADER CHALLENGE DONATION PAGE

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Each family will set up ONE account for all students in the family. Please just share the login between parents or anyone who may need to log in to monitor donations.

Donations received online will be automatically split between siblings. If you would like a donation credited to a specific student, please send a check or cash to the school with a note stating the student's name and class. This is the **ONLY** way that a donation can be made towards a specific student who also has siblings.

Remember, our Crusader Challenge is November 20, 2026, so please **register now** to help our school raise as much as we can for the **Campus Improvement Project!**

Scan the QR Code to register and get started.



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Using your computer or phone's browser:

- Go to <http://pledgestar.com/crusaderchallenge>
- Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"
- Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit."
- Follow the instructions on-screen to register Challenger(s) and add family and friends

When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends, allowing them to make secure credit card donations online. You get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online.

Call 1-888-598-7510 if you need help, or email CrusaderChallenge@sbscrusaders.com



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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 14, 2026:

Official fundraiser kickoff!

Crusader Challenge Papers go home
Parents can begin setting up PLEDGESTAR ACCOUNTS

Friday, October 30, 2026:

Sponsorship money is due!

Thursday, November 19, 2026:

Incentive donations deadline - donations made after this date **will not** be counted towards the student's incentive level.

Friday, November 20, 2026:

RACE DAY!

To access this packet and more information for this year's Crusader Challenge, please use the following link or email CrusaderChallenge@sbscrusaders.com





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Prize & Award Categories

- Students who receive the following donation amounts will get the following:
 - \$25 in donations: Squishy Fidget Toy**
 - \$50 in donations: Dress Down Day**
 - \$75 in donations: Kona Ice Treat**
 - \$100 in donations: Enjoy recess with an Inflatable Obstacle Course and Bounce House**
 - \$250 in donations: Chance to dunk Mr. Masterson in a Dunkin' Booth on Race Day!**
- Grade Band Prizes as follows:
 - PreK & K: Interactive Robot**
 - 1st & 2nd: Motion Play System**
 - 3rd, 4th & 5th: VR Headset**
 - 6th, 7th & 8th: Turtle Box Ranger**
- The class that raises the most money will have a Chick-fil-A Party in their classroom.
- The teacher with the class that raises the most money will receive an Amazon Gift Card towards classroom supplies AND a Gift Card to Cafe Sydnie Mae.
- A first-place trophy will be awarded to the boy and girl in each grade level who complete the most laps during the Race for Education. We will give a Crusader Challenge Finisher Medal to all students on Race Day.
- If we reach our goal of \$65,000, Mr. Masterson will do something **MAGICAL**, and everyone will enjoy a FREE DRESS DAY! ✨ (The date of free dress day will be determined after the race!)
- All participants** of the Sader Showdown will be able to give Mr. Masterson a “**Magical Surprise**” in the Award Show Finale. The **first-place winner** of the Sader Showdown will receive an Amazon Gift Card and a trophy for bragging rights.
- The SBS student who raises the most money will be allowed to have a “Party on the Bayou” with four friends and a special treat provided by the race committee.
- Weekly challenges will be announced each Monday morning. The Homeroom class to win the challenge will receive a mystery prize.
- Each family that raises \$300 or more will be entered into a drawing during the award ceremony for a FAMILY Fun Pack!



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Crusader Challenge?

The Crusader Challenge is a fundraiser where friends and family donate whatever amount they choose in support of the student participating in a challenge, in our case, a race course. Donations are not based on how fast the student completes the race or how many laps they complete; they are fixed. The race is a fun way for all students to participate at a level they feel comfortable with and to fundraise for school/campus improvements. Prizes encourage friendly competition among individual students and between classes.

Why are we doing this school fundraiser?

Funds generated from the Crusader Challenge have supported various campus improvements, curriculum enrichment materials, and supplies, including a new playground. Last year, we replaced the roof on our Junior High building and completed the air conditioning upgrade in the gym. The next step in our facilities' long-range plan is to replace the roof on our library and PreK/K building, along with several other exterior building restorations. Our goal this year is to be able to complete all of these projects. So let's raise the roof...literally! Any Crusader Challenge financial support will help us restore our school, repair our roofs, and preserve a place where generations can learn, grow, and thrive.

Who can participate?

All students will participate in the Crusader Challenge.

How do you donate?

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When will donations begin to be accepted?

Donations can begin on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026**.

What is the deadline for donations?

Donations can be accepted year-round; however, for donations to count toward a student's incentive level, they must be turned in by **Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** Any donations turned in after this time will not be put towards a student's incentives.

How can I become a corporate sponsor of the Crusader Challenge?

For information on becoming a sponsor of the Crusader Challenge, please contact Heather Cambre, Fundraising Chair, at (337) 281-5728 or crusaderchllenge@sbscrusaders.com. All sponsorship commitments are due by **Friday, October 31, 2026.**

What are the students expected to do on race day?

On race day, students will walk, jog, or run around the Crusader Circle, a designated area, as many times as possible during a set amount of time.

What is the schedule of events?

A schedule of events will be shared at a later date.

What if there is a chance of rain?

The committee will closely monitor the forecast the week of the race. If the race needs to be changed or modified, parents will be notified.

Is there a theme for the event?

The theme for this year's Crusader Challenge is "Once Upon a Run". More details to come.

What is the Sader Showdown?

The Sader Showdown is a competition among 5th-, 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grade students who raise at least \$200 in donations. These students compete through the race course with an added military-style obstacle course. Each student is allowed one lap. The Student with the fastest time will win.

What is the race course?**Who do I contact if I have more questions?**

Heather Cambre, Fundraiser Chair

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