



February 17, 2025

Dear Providence Families,

Today is kick-off day for our **Annual Spring 2025 Skate-A-Thon!**

We encourage you to take a look at the fundraising materials and exciting rewards included in this packet.

The Skate-A-Thon fundraiser is a hands-on opportunity for our families and students to get active together while raising funds for the construction of our new building.

This fundraiser is student driven. Our goal is to have fun, get active, encourage fitness, and tell friends and family about our unique school and our kingdom mission.

Fundraising Packet Details:

Skate-A-Thon 2025 Activity Tracker: Students may use the calendar provided to keep track of individual and family fitness activities. (This DOES NOT need to be turned in.)

Daily Activity Chapel Slips: Starting Monday, February 24th, students will have several opportunities to enter drawings to win prizes during chapel. As students complete goals, they may turn in completed chapel slips for the drawings.

- Students may turn in multiple slips each day.
- The Chapel Slips may be reproduced as needed.
- Additional slips can be found on the school's Skate-a-Thon website.
- There will be multiple drawings each day during chapel.

Check out the Skate-a-Thon Toolkit on our webpage under the "Support" tab for the official Skate-a-Thon logo, sample fundraising letter, donation log, extra chapel slip forms and more.

Donation Log- Must be turned in by **March 26th** to be eligible for prizes.

- **Pledge Amount**- The pledge amount is optional for donors that would like to donate based on the number of laps completed the day of the Skate-A-Thon! ****Parents will be responsible for determining their child's skating goal and for counting their laps.****
- **Each student** will keep a donation log and envelope for collecting funds.
- Donations split among siblings can be submitted as one single payment, **just be sure to give credit to each student on their donation log.**
- Donations can be in the form of cash, check, or online. All donations are 100% tax-deductible. For online donations, you can use the QR code or the following site <https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/N8BZVxChS>



Fundraising- Fundraising is simple- just reach out to family, friends, and neighbors to tell them all about our school and how much their support means to our future.

Here are some tips for students:

- **Make requests in-person or over the phone**- Remember, safety first! Always take a parent or adult with you if you choose to solicit donations in person. Here's some practice language to try out:

"Hello. My name is _____. I go to Providence Academy. We are having our annual Skate-A-Thon event to raise money for our school. The money we raise will be used to fund our new school building. We are raising money together as a school and will celebrate with a fun event on March 25th. Will you support me?"
- **Email or write a letter**- A simple note, letter, or email is a great way to ask for donations. Personal requests are best, however, to help generate some ideas, there is a sample letter included in this packet.
- **Social Media**- Parents with social media accounts can easily spread the word and ask for donations.
- Check out the Toolkit on our webpage under the "Building a Legacy" tab for the official Skate-A-Thon logo and extra forms.

Skate-a-Thon Day:

When: The Skate-a-Thon will be held off campus at Texas Skatium (2020 Rowlett Rd, Garland, TX 75043) on Tuesday, March 25th from 2:00-4:00.

- Roller skating will be open for 2 hours. During those 2 hours, we'll have fun group activities like the Hokey Pokey, Limbo, races, and more.

What to Wear: Students will wear their 2025 Sponsorship Skate-A-Thon t-shirt and 80's themed accessories to match our 80's theme. A "Best Dressed 80's Theme" prize will be awarded to one Lower School and one Upper School student.

- Shirts are provided by the school, and ordering information will be sent out via email.
****Shirt orders are due Thursday, February 20th.****

Donations: If donations have been fully collected, students may turn in their collection envelopes that day. Otherwise, all donations will be due **Wednesday, March 26th** by the end of the school day.

Prizes: Prizes are based individually upon donations raised. They will be distributed to the lower school students on **March 31st** and upper school students on **April 2nd**.

****A prize list is included in this packet.**

Summary of Dates

February 17th- Fundraising Kick-Off!!

Packets go home and students start working on completing goals for chapel slips and asking for sponsors/donations.

February 20th- Corporate Sponsor commitment deadline for t-shirt participation.

February 20th- Tshirt orders due!

February 24th- Start sending in chapel slips for daily drawings.

March 24th- Last day to submit chapel slips for drawings.

March 25th- Skate-A-Thon starts at 2:00!

March 26th- All donation logs and collection envelopes are due by the end of the school day.

March 31st & April 2nd- Final prizes will be sent home with students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Skate-a-Thon Chair, Kellie Coffey, at 903-456-5166 or kcoffey@providencelions.org .

Thank you for supporting our school!

Skate-a-Thon Committee

(Sample Fundraising Letter)



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Dear Uncle George and Aunt Kristen,

Providence Academy is an accredited Christian, Classical, University Model school in the Lake Ray Hubbard community. Our school is unique from others because we encourage parent partnership in the education process as well as learning through the classical philosophy that prepares its students to be well-rounded, thinking, articulate graduates. If you would like to know more about our school, please visit our website at www.providencelions.org.

On Tuesday, March 25, students, parents, faculty, and administration will participate in our annual Skate-a-Thon event. Participants are challenged to skate as many laps as they can over a 45-minute time period. Providence students are encouraged to ask friends, family, and neighbors for monetary donations. By taking part in this endeavor, we hope students develop a life-long love of health and exercise.

Students are now seeking contributions from family members and friends for our big event on March 25th. Funds raised by the Skate-a-Thon will provide supplemental support in construction of our new building.

Your support is critical in helping our school succeed. Your gift in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted through March 26th. Providence is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 corporation so all donations are tax-deductible! Checks should be made payable to Providence Academy. You may also choose to donate online through our website listed above, following the link from our support page.

Thank you so much for your consideration in supporting me through Providence's 2025 Skate-A-Thon!

Sincerely,

Katherine, Caroline, Emily, & Wyatt

Providence Academy students