

OLG Read-A-Thon

On Saturday, February 1st 2014, Our Lady Guadalupe School hosted its first Read-A-Thon. 36 students from the school, grades 3-8, participated in a seven hour Read-A-Thon. The event was inspired by the generosity and love of reading set forth by Moreau Catholic High School's very own 24-hour Read-A-Thon that took place only a few weeks prior.

For the last four years, Moreau Catholic fundraised thousands of dollars through their annual Read-A-Thon and donated the money to a deserving school in the area. This year, Our Lady of Guadalupe School (OLG) was the lucky recipient of these fundraiser proceeds. Inspired by their kindness, the Book Club at OLG decided to raise money for their class book collections through their own Read-A-Thon event.

36 students broken down into teams of four signed up and obtained sponsorship from family, friends and teachers for every hour they read. On February 1st, the students met at 8:30AM, staking out areas for their groups to read. The Read-A-Thon started at 9AM and ended at 4PM. In a welcome surprise for the coordinators, nearly every single student read for at least 5-6 hours with only the occasional food break. There were many students who read all seven hours, reading even while they were eating! The 36 students read for a combined total of 210 hours that Saturday.

Thanks to the generosity of the parents and staff, participants received prizes for their accomplishments that day. The Book Club is still calculating how much money was generated, but as of February 13th, there was over \$1900 collected from sponsors. The students at OLG showed perseverance and dedication illustrating a love of reading that has inspired the whole school.