

Hello Putnam County Community,

**Announcement:**

As you know the coming season is a time for great joy and kindness around the world. We want to do our part at Putnam County Junior High to help spread the generosity and give back to those that are less fortunate. As a part of Mr. Sienza, Miss Whitney, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Zielinski, and Mrs. Ellena's math classes, junior high students will be doing math problems to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in an event we call Mathathon. St. Jude's never gives a bill to parents whose children are suffering from deadly diseases, so all of their money is donated.

Our goal for each student is to raise \$25-\$50, and reach our overall goal of \$4000 total. Any small part you can do to help would be great. We will be taking donations on our St. Jude's student web pages and through student donation envelopes and it will run through Monday, December 17. We officially start November 28, but students can start collecting this weekend if they wish. We have met our goal the last four years thanks to the wonderful generosity of the parents and community, and the hard work of the students raising \$20,799.65 over those four years. Thank you for your time and your generosity, and I will keep you updated throughout the mathathon, and let me know if you have any questions!

**Information:**

Here is the website anyone can donate to:

[http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Math/Math?pg=entry&fr\\_id=93736](http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Math/Math?pg=entry&fr_id=93736)

You can find any student by clicking find a student and searching for them by name, then click donate on an individual student's donation page. You will then be asked for a card and how much you would like to donate. Individual pages should be set up and ready to go as of today in class, and students will get their funbooks to do problems in next week.

If you/someone else would just like to donate right to my (Mr. Sienza's) personal page to avoid choosing a student they can go here:

<http://mathathon.stjude.org/mrsienza>

Checks and cash are acceptable as well, and the students have donation envelopes for those. We will also be making cards for St. Jude patients in class to send to them for the holidays this next week of school, as well as researching different diseases to see what the patients go through and the treatment they receive. Each day we will "meet" a new patient by seeing their story.

**Video Links:**

This video link explains mathathon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCfOMkR9RBg>

Here is are some meet the patient videos: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MyStJude/search?query=meet+patient>

You can also find some celebrity videos talking on St. Jude on this page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2NI99YBLdVDNVK-iQmkUbA>

Thanks again and have a wonderful holiday season!