

Hello Parents,

Marafun practice is beginning Wednesday March 18. We will be having practices after school every Wednesday from 3:20-4:00. You will need to register your child through the Marafun website <https://raceroster.com/events/2018/13159/2018-marafun-saskatchewan-marathon>. You will register and pay online; please do not send money to the school. The coaches will be picking up the student's race packages and handing them out prior to race day. If you have any questions email Brent (brent.campbell@spiritsd.ca).

Thank you,

Jen Harland, Krista Bula and Brent Campbell

## Race Day Information

There will be over **1500** students running at this year's event on Sunday, May 31st, and we are hoping for some great weather once again.

In order to make this day successful, we have the following information that should answer any questions that you may have.

### **Basic Information:**

- The run will start at **11:00 am** on **Sunday, May 31st**
- The runners will start in Diefenbaker Park. They will cross the finish line along St. Henry Avenue behind Prairieland Park. The course is 2.2 km's in length.

### **Pre-Run Information:**

- For Parking, we suggest parking in the Prairieland Park parking lot. The **ONLY** way to enter the parking lot is from Lorne Street, through the Sports On Tap Parking lot (see end of document for map).
- Please meet us in south end of the Park prior to the race. There will be signs marking the location and please feel free to ask any volunteers (wearing BLUE shirts) Look for the Boston Pizza tent. The volunteers at the tent will guide you where to go.
- Even though the run begins at 11:00am, we ask you to be at the Diefenbaker Park by **10:00am**
- At 10:30 am, all the race participants will be invited to come to the middle of the park for a group photo followed by a warm-up. Leaders, please feel free to stay on the field and assist us in controlling the students. Parents, we ask you to move to the edge of the park to facilitate our crowd management team.
- Upon arrival, we will be dividing the students into groups based on their grade as follows:

-Grade 7/8+                      -Grade 6                      -Grade 5  
-Grade 4                      -Grade 3                      -Grade 2                      -Grade 1 (age 6 on Race day)

-Volunteers (Wranglers) will be at the NEW large tear-drop signs and the students will be asked to make their way to their respective group. Grade 4 students will make their way to the #4 Flag.

-If you have siblings who want to run together, please use your discretion with this. The reason we are dividing the students into groups, is so we can avoid chaos on the course. If a grade 8 wants to run with a grade 3, put the grade 8 into the grade 3 group and talk to them about being gentle around the smaller runners.

### **Run Information:**

- Volunteers (Course Marshals) will be positioned along the course to direct the runners.
- About half way through the course, a Water Station is available for the runners to grab water. Please remind your runners to watch for others when they are grabbing water, and to be cautious of others throughout the run.
- The runners will be asked to stay on the left side of the road while running to the finish line. Again, there will be volunteers directing them.
- The runners will finish on the left side of the finish gate, and will be rewarded with a medal.

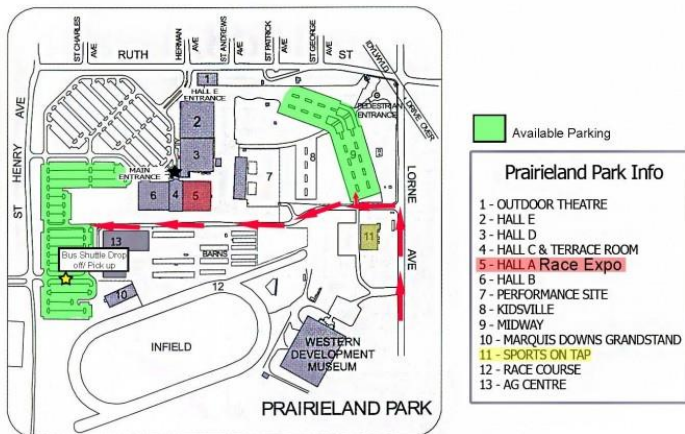
- Only runners are allowed in the Finish Line area so that we can keep track and reward the Marafun runners. With over 1500 students coming across the finish line in a 20 minute span, there will be a lot of traffic coming through, along with the marathon, half marathon, 10 KM and 5KM participants

**Post-Race Information:**

- Once each student finishes the race and receives their medal, they will be directed to the Post Race area of the Finish Line.
- There is a separate Marafun Food Tent located near the finish line and each student will be allowed enter the tent once. **Only runners are allowed in the FOOD TENT.**
- Parents can meet their children after the race **BEHIND THE FOOD TENT** at the designated meeting point. We suggest meeting at the **NEW** tear-drop flags. We strongly advise you to tell your child to meet at the flags.
- After the race begins, each large tear drop sign will be brought over to the MaraFun food tent to act as meeting places.

**Other Information:**

- Marafun participants should not bring any valuables to the race.
- Please feel free to take as many pictures as you would like at the event. It is a day to celebrate a great achievement!
- There will be no timing of the Marafun participants.
- Please have your runners dress for the weather. On a cold day, layering your clothes is the best thing to do.
- **Please wear your Marafun t-shirts to the event.** The race bib is incorporated into the t-shirt. We hope you have had fun decorating them and making them your own. We can't wait to see them!
- Remember, every student is here to complete the 2.2km's. Please keep your comments positive and encouraging!
- If leaders must run with your respective runners, please limit the number of non-participants on the course. This is the students' time to shine.



**As there are so many children running in this event it is your responsibility to find your child at the end of the race!!!**