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Dear Parent/Guardians,

39th FRANK RYAN TURKEY TROT OF HOPE

This annual event will be held on Thursday, October 10th, 2019. The rain date will be Friday, October 18th. The Turkey Trot of Hope is the largest annual school based charity fundraiser in the city of Ottawa. Students will walk or run around a 450m track at Frank Ryan Catholic Intermediate School for one hour with the average student completing 18-20 laps. **To date, students have raised over \$948,500** in support of the Terry Fox Foundation and other worthwhile children's charities within the Ottawa community.

The objectives of Turkey Trot are: to collect money for worthwhile causes; to teach students how to give without receiving monetary awards; to develop empathy; to develop school spirit; and to run with the desire and effort of individuals such as Terry Fox, for whom the Turkey Trot of Hope was started in 1981.

Last year, students raised \$33,000. Money from this event went to the Terry Fox Foundation, Camp Trillium, Roger Neilson House, St. Brigid's Camp, St. Mary's Home, Camp Banting, Catholic Education Foundation, Ausome Ottawa, Big Brothers/Sisters, OCTC, Citizen Advocacy, Boys & Girls Club, Snowsuit Fund and to less privileged families within our own school community and parishes. This year the money raised through the Turkey Trot will be distributed to similar agencies.

All students are expected to get their own sponsors. Please ask family, relatives and neighbours for pledges. Money may be collected when pledges are made or during the Thanksgiving weekend. **Collected donations may be submitted via School Cash On-line payments or students may bring in cheques (instructions on back of this sheet as to how to make Online donation to Terry Fox Foundation).** All cheques should be made payable to Frank Ryan School (no postdated cheques please). **Individuals or businesses requiring a tax receipt must make a minimum donation of \$20.00. Tax receipts are issued by the Terry Fox Foundation. Please contact them directly if there are issues.**

IMPORTANT: Name and address must appear clearly on the pledge sheets to receive a tax receipt.

IF POSSIBLE, WE ASK THAT A SINGLE DEPOSIT BE MADE OF ALL FUNDS DONATED/COLLECTED (EITHER THROUGH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE, OR CHEQUE MADE OUT TO THE SCHOOL –re: Turkey Trot).

This year's 39th Anniversary goal is \$27,300. That is an average of \$70.00 per student. Class and staff incentives are being offered to help reach our goal. Parents are encouraged to attend and participate in this year's Turkey Trot of Hope to show support for the charities, the school and your child.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

Frank Ryan Turkey Trot Committee