

Red Ribbon Week Service Project October 25-29

This year we will be participating in a school-wide service project, the *Box of Joy* ministry. The *Box of Joy* ministry is a Christmas gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, our students will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel.

Families are invited to donate items noted below during RED RIBBON WEEK.

Upper School Students will facilitate the packing of the boxes.

Step One: Watch the video link below with your family to learn more:

■ Box of Joy | Kick-Off Event Video

Step Two: Pray as a family for the children that will be the special recipients of our Box of Joy gifts. Ask God to bless them and fill them with JOY!

<u>Step Three</u>: <u>We encourage every family to participate by donating items for our boxes</u> during Red Ribbon Week.

 ALL ITEMS can be placed in the marked container in the school foyer during RED RIBBON WEEK. Homemade Christmas cards can also be created and placed in bin to be added to our boxes of joy.

Suggested donation ideas: (Think "shoe box"size when selecting items.)

- ❖ TOYS: Handheld toys, Small plush animals, Small balls (tennis, etc.) Small Matchbox Cars, Doll, Mini puzzle, Finger puppets, Silly putty, Bean bag / Hacky sack, Mini Legos, Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument, Jump rope, Yo-yo or slinky
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pencils, colored pencils, Solar calculator, Sharpener, Small board books, Erasers Pencil case, Crayons, Pens, markers, Glue stick (no liquid), Safety scissors, Coloring book, Notepads, Stickers, Self-inking stamp, Flash cards
- ❖ APPAREL: NEW Socks, Flip flops, Bandanas, Hats, Shoelaces, Plastic poncho
- HYGIENE / HOME: Comb, Brush, Forks & Spoons, Cup / Bottle with lid, Bar Soap, Toothpaste (in the box) Toothbrush and floss, Bandages, Hand wipes (no gels)
- ❖ ACCESSORIES: Watch, Purse or wallet, Sunglasses, Necklace, Hair ribbons, Headbands Barrettes, Bracelets, Earrings, Scarf, Cross or Rosary

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