

ST. MATTHEW LENTEN KITS FOR KIDS DRIVE 2020



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The St. Matthew School Community is excited to begin our Lenten Shoebox initiative to support and consider the less fortunate in our world. This global outreach will be done through the faith-based charity: **CFFC-Canadian Food for Children**

Teachers and students will work together to fill shoeboxes with essential items which will be shipped across the world through the CFFC. Last year our collection of 435 shoeboxes went to Peru. Our school goal is to include in each box: **2 bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, facecloths, band aids, 3 to 4 pencils, erasers, sharpeners, note pads, crayons or colour pencils, colouring books and 2 to 4 candles or tea-lights**. As last year, we will be collecting a \$10.00 donation (through school cash online), per child. The Outreach Committee parents will go and buy all the basic items listed above and bring to the school. At that time children will be working to fill and pack their decorated shoebox.

This initiative is optional; however, if you would like to contribute, please sign this form and return it to the teacher by March 27th.

Student name: _____

Receipt number (Cash Online): _____

Parent signature: _____

We are also looking for filler items (i.e. *hard candy, stickers, combs, art and craft items, gently used toys, clothing and stuffed animals*). The purpose of these filler items is to completely fill the boxes, and put some fun making the recipient of the box very happy. If you can send any of these items, they would be appreciated.

Feb 28 to March 27: School cash online will be open for your donation/ form should be returned to school.

April 1st: Bring your shoebox to school and the filler items you would like to donate.

April 1st to 3rd: Participating students will decorate a shoebox.

April 6th: Shoeboxes will be filled by the students and sealed.

April 8th: The shoeboxes will be delivered to CFFC.

If you prefer to buy the items yourself, you can, just please make sure you have all the essential items mentioned at the beginning and fillers that will fill the box completely. Your child may bring in their shoe box on April 1st to decorate with the class, however, items need to be at school by April 6th at the latest. Your child can then fill their box and leave it unsealed for us to make sure everything is packed correctly. We will proceed to tape it with the rest of the boxes.

Volunteers needed! At least 12 parents are needed the morning of April 6 to help us check and tape each box. We will also require one van or pick up truck with driver on April 8th to help us with the delivery. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Emilia Sousa at mariemilia1981@gmail.com.

As always, we really appreciate your generosity and consideration

St. Matthew Catholic School Council, Outreach Committee