



## **Angel Tree: Families Helping Families**

The Christmas season is upon us, and this year St. Scholastica will be sponsoring “The Angel Tree.” It is an excellent opportunity for families to show kindness and generosity to those in our community during this special season of Advent. This year we will be supporting Halton Children’s Aid Society to help families in our community. Together with YOU and our community partners we can assist children, youth, and families in need. During the holidays, our goal is to brighten the holiday season by providing necessities and gifts to those who have been referred to our Holiday Program.

**This year, HCAS is asking for different forms of donations such as gift cards, items for Comfort Kits, and items for Life Start Kits.**

The Angel Tree will be placed in the library of the school on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Written on the angels will be either a gift card description, items for a Comfort Kit or items for a Life Start Kit. Please see below for the items that will be on the angel:

Gift Card Suggestions \$25	Comfort Kit Items (each angel will have 2 or 3 items)	List Start Kits (each angel will have 1 or 2 items)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walmart</li> <li>• Grocery stores</li> <li>• Pre-paid Visa and MasterCard</li> <li>• Amazon</li> <li>• Shoppers Drug Mart</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cozy blanket and a fun/soft pillow</li> <li>• toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush)</li> <li>• socks and PJs (all ages/genders)</li> <li>• reusable water bottle</li> <li>• child/adult colouring book/pencil crayons</li> <li>• duffel bag or small travel bag</li> <li>• \$10 to \$20 gift card for Tim Hortons, Subway, McDonalds, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tea towels and dish cloths</li> <li>• drinking glasses and mugs</li> <li>• cutlery and dishes</li> <li>• saucepans and cookie sheets</li> <li>• kettle and toaster</li> <li>• mixing bowls and chopping boards</li> <li>• kitchen utensils and measuring cups</li> <li>• colander and reusable food containers</li> <li>• can opener and cheese grater</li> <li>• bath and hand towels</li> <li>• soft blanket and pillows</li> <li>• comforter and sheets</li> <li>• laundry basket</li> </ul>





If you are interested in participating, you may cut this letter at the bottom and put it in your child's agenda. An angel from the Angel Tree will then be selected by your child to take home. We ask that you then purchase item and return to the school by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please send in the donation **ALONG WITH THE ORIGINAL PAPER ANGEL ATTACHED**. Your child's teacher will then collect it and pass it on to the collection area. This is strictly a **voluntary** event. We will be keeping track of our angels by signing your name on the master list when your child has been given an angel.

The following suggestions demonstrate ways in which families can involve their children in this project:

- Child(ren) helps in choosing the angel
- Family discussion regarding families in need at Christmas
- Child(ren) contributes money to purchase a gift. e.g., their allowance, earning extra money for extra chores done at home
- Shopping for a gift card or item together
- Child(ren) returns gift to school

**DONATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Thank you for making The Angel Tree a successful part of our school's Christmas celebration. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about sharing and generosity.



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 Yes, I wish to participate by my child receiving an angel from the Angel Tree and bringing it home.

Please select which item you would like:

Gift Card       Items for Comfort Kit       Items for Life Start Kits

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

