

Dear Parents,

The holiday season is soon approaching and so is the spirit of giving. Christmas is a significant time for us to share God's love in a tangible way. Scripture instructs us to care for others from the generosity of our hearts as a witness of our walk with Christ. Christ has called us to reach out in compassion and love by blessing those who are less fortunate.



BCS Students will have the opportunity to participate in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. For thirty years, Samaritan's Purse has delivered shoebox gifts around the world to 232 million children in 170 countries, even those in war torn regions. In many cases, this is the only gift a child might receive. You can find inspiring and informative videos about this program on video.samaritanspurse.org/channel/operation-christmas-child/.

Participating in Operation Christmas Child is as simple as selecting the gender and age you would like to bless and then following the printed instructions. A shoebox can be filled for less than \$10. In addition to the presents your child packs and sends off, each recipient will receive a twelve-week discipleship course which includes a Bible in their language and a graduation certificate. A small act from Texas can lead to worldwide change as children share the gospel with their family, friends, and communities. Many are saved through your child's small gift of a filled shoebox.

Please pray about filling one, two, or three shoeboxes. This is not only an opportunity to share the spirit of charity, it is a great family activity as well. A box, labels and instructions will be sent home with your child beginning **October 13**. Please email me if you desire more boxes and I will make sure to send them home with your child. Filled boxes need to be placed on the Operation Christmas Child table by the library or brought to me in the Missions room. Please return the box to Missions should you choose to opt out for your child. Your child has an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus and is excited to take part in such a huge global ministry.

LAST DATE TO TURN IN BOXES IS November 12..

In Christ,

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