

# St. Bernard's Christmas Cheer

Every year, we as parents and staff encourage our children to help those in need. This year staff and students are asked to participate in a little Christmas Cheer. Our Christmas tree has recently been set up at the front of our school in hopes to continue with the tradition of filling it with hats, mittens, scarves and socks too! This year we would like to add a few more items. We would like to encourage both staff and students to contribute one specific item each week for the next 5 weeks. We want to fill our tree! Below is a list of what we would like to collect. If each child and staff member were to contribute just one item per week, you could make a world of a difference for families in need in our community this Christmas. We can also show our children that it's the little things in life that make a difference and we as a community are a family that works together.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and contributions. Please refer to the list below for our weekly collections.

God Bless!

**November 19 - Week 1:** hygiene products (ex. toilet paper, tooth paste, soap, etc.), baby products

**November 26 - Week 2:** socks, scarves, hats, mittens

**December 3 - Week 3:** unwrapped toys

**December 10 - Week 4:** canned goods (soup, pasta, spices, cereal, sauces, etc..)

**December 17 - Week 5:** Students choice

Note: \* Unfortunately we are unable to collect peanut butter, please do not send this item in.

\* Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> will be our last day of collection as all items will be picked up for distribution.

\* We are also offering **Bring an Item, Take an Item** - bring in gently used coats, snow pants and boots. If your child has grown out of theirs and there is one available, you are more than welcome to take it. Similar to a clothing swap, but with boots, coats and snow pants. All left over clothing will be taken to St. Vincent dePaul along with our Christmas Cheer items.