Dear Students and Parents,

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on project that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. It is one way to remind children suffering as a result of war, poverty, famine, disease, and disaster that they are loved and not forgotten. Please consider



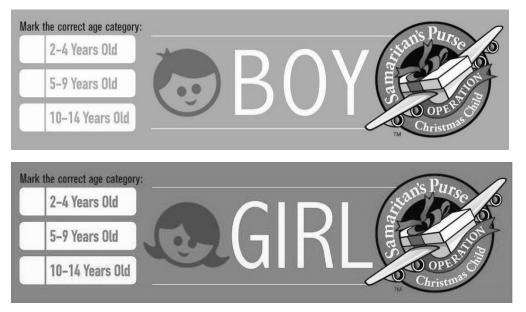
helping our school put together shoeboxes to send to children that are less fortunate than us.

Please send your shoebox filled with items by <u>Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup></u>. They will be delivered to Wrens United Methodist Church, which is our designated drop-off location. For shoebox gift suggestions go to <u>https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/</u>. Please note that listed below are items that are NOT TO BE INCLUDED in the box. This process is easy and we hope that everyone participates:

- Find a shoebox: Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.
- 2. Girl or Boy? Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
- 3. Fill with gifts: Select a medium to large "WOW" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal. Then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. You can also include a personal note.
- 4. Once your box is filled, select the appropriate label below and attach to the box. Also, please include \$9 (this money goes towards processing and shipping). Checks should be made payable to Operation Christmas Child.

## DO NOT INCLUDE:

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



We appreciate your participation. If you have any questions please contact Ginger Chaffinch at <u>gchaffinch@tjajags.com</u>

