

Dear Collegedale Academy families,

This holiday season the Collegedale Academy Elementary family is excited to once again team up with Samaritan's Purse to provide Christmas gifts for kids around the world. Operation Christmas Shoebox is a ministry that provides Christmas to children around the world. Not only does it provide toys, it provides Bible studies to those receiving Christmas shoeboxes as well.

This year we are hoping that your child would like to make a Christmas shoe box for a child. In fact, this could be a great project for everyone in your family. Bring in as many boxes as you would like. Take 30 minutes and go to the Dollar Store, Wal-Mart, Hobby Lobby, or any other store and choose items to fill a shoe box.

There are some guidelines of what types of things can be in the box. So please check their website <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> or one of the brochures I have at school. Every box needs to be geared to a specific gender and age. And that is up to you. There are labels I have at school that can be attached to the box to indicate this information. I sent a brochure home with each of your children. On the back of the brochure, there is a label that can be used and taped on the top of the box. Or you can go online and print off a label there. If you are not able to make a shoe box, you can go online and donate money that will be used to make more shoeboxes.

The last day for our collection is Wednesday November 18. Your child can bring the box to their teacher, the front office, or they can bring it directly to my office. On November 18, I will be taking all the boxes to a local drop off location in Chattanooga.

I hope you pray about this opportunity. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at tdnudd@collegedaleacademy.com. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Pastor Tabor