

Dear Collegedale Academy Elementary families,

This holiday season the Collegedale Academy Elementary family is excited to once again team up with Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child to provide Christmas gifts for kids around the world. This is an outreach ministry of preparing and packing shoeboxes with toys and gifts for many children who have never receive Christmas gifts. But, 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, Target, 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 look at their website. <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

In the past I have had extra boxes and brochures to send home for any students who like to have them. However, this year the Samaritan's Purse, the organization of Operation Christmas Child, has had a hard time supplying churches and schools with boxes and labels. We have ordered them, but they have not been delivered to us yet. However, you can still participate by using your own shoeboxes, or a similar sized box for these items. Also, the labels indicating the age and gender of who the gift is for, are easiest to find online. Click on this link: [Shoebbox Label Options \(samaritanspurse.org\)](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/labels). Or go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). There you can print a label off at home. And for some label options you are able to track which country your box goes to. However, if you have trouble finding one online, I have sent another attachment with labels you can print off. Simply cut one off and tape it to the top of your box. Furthermore, I have printed off many and have them in my office or at the front desk with Mrs. Hoffman. Either one of us can help you cut one out and tape on the top of your box if you are not able to get one.

Samaritan's Purse does ask for a \$9 donation for shipping, and a \$6 donation for the Bible Study book let. However, that is optional. This simply helps defer costs of shipping and Bible study materials. It is the desire of Samaritan's Purse that these kids still receive the box and Bible Studies whether or not you have donated the extra money to defer the cost.

The last day for our collection is the morning of Wednesday November 17. Or, you can bring it in any time before this date. Your child can bring the box to their teacher, the front office, or they can bring it directly to my office. On November 17, 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](mailto:tdnudd@collegedaleacademy.com). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you for your help and prayers with the outreach project. May God bless the children who receive the boxes around the world.

Pastor Tabor