



We are happy to be able to share the opportunity again for St. Teresa of Calcutta families to donate to Operation Christmas Child and put a smile on a child's face this Christmas. Last year our school community came together for the common good and donated 67 boxes to this charity. Families will have the opportunity to request an 'Operation Christmas Child Shoebox' to fill, or families can decorate their own shoebox to fill, or donate items to the school and we will create the shoeboxes on your behalf. Attached is a list of approved/recommended item ideas. There is also information available at:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>. The charity also provides the option of creating a shoebox online. Please send a note in with your child(ren) if you would like us to send home an actual 'Operation Christmas Child Shoebox' to be filled. Items/boxes must be in to the school by Thursday, November 15, 2018 so that we can ensure that they are packed and labelled to be able to drop off at the collection centre by November 18, 2018. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. As St. Teresa says, "*Together we can do something beautiful for God.*"

ABOUT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

- Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate circumstances around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the message of God's unconditional love.
- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes open doors for Samaritan's Purse to provide children, families, and communities with access to clean water, food, clothing, shelter, medical assistance and more.
- Shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child transcend all barriers—language, culture, geography, and politics—to give joy and hope to hurting children around the world.
- Each gift-filled shoebox should contain a well-balanced variety of school supplies, toys, hygiene products, and a personal note and photo if you wish. Do not include any candy items.





RECOMMENDED SHOEBOX ITEMS

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| 1. Baby Powder | 38. Ink Pad (Not Liquid) | 75. Skipping Ropes |
| 2. Baby Wipes/Wet Wipes | 39. Jewelry | 76. Slime |
| 3. Ball | 40. Jigsaw Puzzle | 77. Slinky |
| 4. Balloons | 41. Lego | 78. Soccer Ball |
| 5. Bandages | 42. Lined Paper | 79. Socks |
| 6. Bandanas | 43. Magnets | 80. Stickers |
| 7. Bar of Soap | 44. Magnifying Glass | 81. String |
| 8. Batteries (for flashlight) | 45. Markers | 82. Sunglasses |
| 9. Beads | 46. Mirrors (encased) | 83. |
| Temporary Tattoos | | |
| 10. Bibles | 47. Multi-tool | 84. Tennis Balls |
| 11. Brush | 48. Multi-Colour Sharpies | 85. Tools |
| 12. Building Blocks | 49. Musical Recorder | 86. Toothbrush/case |
| 13. Calculators | 50. Nail Clippers | 87. Toques |
| 14. Candles | 51. Nail File | 88. Toy Cars |
| 15. Chalk | 52. Notepads | 89. T-Shirt |
| 16. Cloth Bags | 53. Oil Pastels | 90. Tweezers |
| 17. Clothing | 54. Paints/solid | 91. Underwear |
| 18. Coloring Book | 55. Pencil Case | 92. Wallet |
| 19. Comb | 56. Pencil Crayons/sharpener | 93. Washcloth |
| 20. Craft Items | 57. Pencils/sharpener | 94. Watch |
| 21. Crayons | 58. Pens | 95. Crayons |
| 22. Cup | 59. Personal Letter | 96. Yo-yo |
| 23. Dental Floss | 60. Picture Book | |
| 24. Deodorant (Solid Only) | 61. Plastic Animals | |
| 25. Dolls | 62. Play Dough | |
| 26. Erasers | 63. Plush Animals | |
| 27. Finger Puppets | 64. Purse | |
| 28. Fishing Kits | 65. Razors | |
| 29. Flashlight | 66. Ruler | |
| 30. Flip Flops | 67. Sanitary Napkins/Tampons | |
| 31. Foam | 68. Scarves | |
| 32. Games | 69. Scissors | |
| 33. Gloves | 70. Scribblers | |
| 34. Glue Stick | 71. Sewing Kits | |
| 35. Hair Accessories | 72. Shoes | |
| 36. Harmonica | 73. Shorts | |

DO NOT INCLUDE

- food items/candy
- used/dirty items
- liquids
- breakable items
- scary items



37. Hat/Ball Cap

74. Silly Putty

