



**Operation Christmas Child**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2020**  
**Shoebox In-Class Packing Party**

**Students will be packing shoeboxes in-class with gifts they collect at home.  
Help them gather donations and demonstrate the joy of giving!**

**How to Pack a Shoebox?**

1. Collect items to fill a shoebox in a plastic bag or large zip-lock to be sent into school with your child. Your child will then pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox supplied in-class on Nov 19. Students may pack multiple boxes!
2. Decide whether you will be packing for a girl or boy, and which age group (2-4, 5-9, 10-14). Please note this on each of your zip-lock bags.
3. Select a medium to large "**WOW**" item (such as a stuffed animal or soccer ball with pump) that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies (see below for suggestions!).
4. Do NOT include candy or food, toothpaste/liquids/lotions, war-related items (such as toy guns, knives, or military figures), aerosol cans, or breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers.
5. Please consider an optional donation of \$5 per box to offset shipping costs. Cash and checks (made to SEAS or Samaritan's Purse) will be collected in-class.

**START EMPTYING YOUR CLOSETS AND TOY CHESTS**

Unwrapped gifts should fit into a shoebox, **be new or gently used**, and be appropriate for boys or girls ages 2-14.

Some appropriate gift items to donate include:

- Small toys such as small cars, balls, dolls, **stuffed animals**, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, etc.
- School supplies including **pens**, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, coloring books, **writing pads**, paper, solar calculators, etc.
- Hygiene items including **toothbrushes**, combs, washcloths, etc.
- Other goodies including sunglasses, **flashlights** with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, t-shirts, toy jewelry sets, hair clips, etc.

**Please pack each shoebox's donations in a large zip-lock for you SEAS student to pack into OCC shoeboxes in-class on Thursday, November 19!**