



The Jaguar Journal

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St. John's Student Council Service Project "One Warm Coat" Collection Drive

St. John's Student Council seeks to set an example for their fellow students and members of our community through sponsoring a "One Warm Coat" drive to help those in need. As winter approaches, the students felt concern for those who might not be warm enough outside and decided they wanted to take action. Please help these students by donating a new or gently used coat any time from November 1st – November 30th, 2017. These coats can be turned into your child's classroom teacher or the office.

Here are some facts about the need for warm coats:

- A 2-degree drop in body temperature results in reduced heart rate, loss of coordination, and confusion.
- Adults cannot work effectively and children find it difficult to learn. For most, a warm coat solves the problem. But, for the nearly 15% of Americans living in poverty, a warm winter coat is often a budget "extra."
- Families with children make up 35% of the US homeless population.
- One in five children are living in poverty.
- 3.5 million people experience homelessness each year
- 15% of seniors live in poverty.

Together, we can work to ensure that everyone has one warm coat.

Dates to Remember:

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| November 2 nd : | Sports & Clubs
Pictures 3:15pm |
| November 2 nd
-November 8 th : | IOWA Basic Skills
Testing |
| November 9 th : | Diamond Valley
Cross Country Meet |
| November 10 th : | NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day |
| November 15 th : | Awards Chapel
8:35am |
| November 20 th -22 nd : | NO SCHOOL K-8
(Preschool & SAC will
be open) |
| November 23 rd & 24 th : | CAMPUS CLOSED
in observance of
Thanksgiving |
| November 30 th : | One Warm Coat
Drive ends |
| December 3 rd : | Christmas Around the
World & St. John's
Ministries 1 st Annual
Gingerbread House
Competition |
| December 5 th : | Student Council
Meeting 3:00-4:00
3 rd grade classroom
Upper Elementary
Musical Mini show
Masonic Lodge
6:30pm |

**3L: LOVE OTHERS AS
GOD LOVES US**

Poverty affects one in five children in America.



Nobody should be left out in the cold.



On Thanksgiving Day, Valle Vista Assembly of God church offers a free Thanksgiving dinner to those in our community who are in need of food or fellowship and St. John's Ministries partners with VVAG by supplying CANNED YAMS for this meal. If you would like to help, you can donate \$5 toward the purchase of the canned yams for this event. Donations can be given to your child's teacher or the office. Thank you.

STAY CONNECTED!

WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/STJOHNSHEMET

WWW.STJOHNSHEMET.ORG

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SJLSHEMET



Here is the link to the eleventh video in our online Bible study, "What is a Christian?" by Phil Vischer.

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/253002#11>

Today's video covers 1 John 4:7-12; it contains a lot of great information about TRUE LOVE!

Here is a link to the Facebook Group for those of you who haven't visited the St. John's-Hemet {Family Bible Study} page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.JohnsHemetFamilyBibleStudy/>

Thank you to everyone who participated in St. John's Ministries Annual Trunk or Treat event. It was an awesome evening filled with smiling faces, adorable children and lots of fun. We served over 350 hot dogs, handed out who-knows-how-many pieces of candy and greeted the people of our community with the love of Christ. Can't wait until next year!

St. John's Lutheran Ministries is so excited to announce our 1st Annual Gingerbread House competition!

This event will take place on Sunday, December 3rd at St. John's annual Christmas Around the World celebration. Entry forms and flyers will be available on Monday November 6th in the office.



PTL NEWS



ST. JOHN'S PTL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPE IS COMING! LOOK FOR MORE INFO ON THIS FUN EVENT NEXT WEEK!

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10TH IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY

As St. John's students begin their IBTS testing, I want to reinforce that St. John's sees your child as a gift from God, endowed with all sorts of talents and abilities. IBTS testing will measure many things but it will not measure everything about these wonderful children. As Albert Einstein so wisely stated, "Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." However, these tests do help our school guide instruction and make curriculum choices so it is important that students are prepared to do their best. In order to help your child achieve maximum success please be sure that they arrive at school on time, well-rested and nourished. Thank you for partnering with St. John's School in your child's education.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS

FUNNIEST

PS-Austin Mercer
 TK- Hannah Cooper
 K-Braden Killebrew
 1st-Liam Voight
 2nd-Brooke
 McMasters
 3rd-Brianne
 Killebrew
 4th-Riley George
 5th-Kayla McCarroll
 MS-Sophia Durbin

MOST CREATIVE

PS-Blake Daffin
 TK- Emery Still
 K-Maxton Rivas
 1st-Bella Ray
 2nd-Emily
 Domenigoni
 3rd-Ella Durbin
 4th-Ryenne Womack
 5th-Annalise
 Domenigoni
 MS-Ashlyn Fellows

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 146 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Look for information about how to participate in St. John's Operation Christmas Child service project in your child's backpack. Thank you.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Pumpkin Decorating contest. This year was very difficult to judge because we had so many wonderful pumpkins. Winners should be sure to pick up their prizes in the office.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES:

8:15 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
 10:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

*CHILDREN'S
 CHURCH
 AVAILABLE
 AT 10:45 AM

"Be BRAVE"



JOSHUA 1:9



MEDIA RESOURCES:
samaritanspurse.org/occnewsroom

FACT SHEET

What is Operation Christmas Child?

- The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts—filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.
- Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 146 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories.
- In 2017, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 12 million children in countries like Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Ukraine. Nearly 11.5 million shoebox gifts were collected worldwide in 2016, with more than 9.1 million collected in the U.S.

Process

- Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, churches and groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls.
- During **National Collection Week (Nov. 13 – 20, 2017)**, Samaritan's Purse will collect the gift-filled shoeboxes at nearly 5,000 drop-off locations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.
- Learn how to pack a shoebox, view gift suggestions, get your Follow Your Box label and find the nearest drop-off location at samaritanspurse.org/occ.
- **Do Not Include** candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items, such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans.
- Participants can donate \$9 per shoebox gift online through Follow Your Box and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.
- Participants who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.
- Shoebox gifts are prepared for overseas shipment at eight major processing centers across the U.S.—Atlanta; Baltimore/Washington; Boone, North Carolina; Charlotte; Dallas/Fort Worth; Denver; Minneapolis; and Southern California.

Scope

- Shoebox gifts are collected in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Australia, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Finland, Spain, New Zealand and Japan.
- Nearly 500,000 volunteers worldwide—with more than 150,000 of those in the U.S.—are involved in collecting, shipping and distributing shoebox gifts.
- Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. Samaritan's Purse currently works in more than 100 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine.

Eternal Impact

- Delivered into the hands of children through local churches, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ and God's love.
- Since 2010, more than 11 million children who have received a shoebox gift have participated in *The Greatest Journey*—a 12-lesson discipleship program. Children learn from trained, local volunteers what it means to follow Jesus and share their faith with friends and family.

Social Media

To spread the word, tag Operation Christmas Child on any social media posts related to the project. You can also share your shoebox stories and photos by emailing them to occinfo@samaritan.org. Your content may be used on national social media pages. Be sure to like, comment and share Operation Christmas Child posts.

Facebook [@OperationChristmasChild](https://www.facebook.com/OperationChristmasChild) | **Twitter** [@occ_shoeboxes](https://twitter.com/occ_shoeboxes) | **Instagram** [@operationchristmaschild](https://www.instagram.com/operationchristmaschild)