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SKT NEWS ON THE "YEAR OF CHARITY"

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This year SKT has taken several 'CHARITY' projects. Basically we are teaching our students that 'Charity does not only mean giving money, but it also involves giving of ourselves (our time, our talents, our attention).

"Charity begins with the heart."

Thanksgiving brought us warmth, family, and smiling faces. It also brought many people food. This year, we collected 1597 items for our school's Thanksgiving Food Drive. All donations went to the St. Francis Table. Thank you to all the members of the Me-to-We team, to Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. D'Amico who helped organize this event.

ADVENT / Christmas Season: saw the 'Giving Tree' Project where we collected clothing such as hats, mitts, gloves, scarves, socks and small size toiletries for the Out of the Cold Program at Epiphany of Our Lord Church.

"Civvies Day for Change" Each first Friday of the month staff and students participate in bringing change (\$1, \$2) in order to wear Civvies. This change collectively is donated to a charity the student body will select with their Student Council to create positive CHANGE for another needy child in the world. We have collected over \$750 dollars thus far. Student Council has chosen to send a donation to the Angel Foundation for Learning and to Sick Kids.



"Child of Charity" each month we select a few Primary students who are displaying the Virtues of the Month in the classroom or school in general. Together with the children we established the 'Success Criteria' for the qualities we would see in a 'Child of Charity'.



LENTEN GIFTS: During the Lenten Season we will be collecting 'Lenten Gifts'. Students will be asked to bring in 1 item per week for the 4 weeks of Lent. The items that we collect will be given to **Canadian Food for Children** which is a local charity run by Dr. Simone. This charity collects a wide variety of goods and ships them to developing nations such as Tanzania, Ghana, Zambia, Malawi, the Philippines, Honduras, Peru, El Salvador and Guatemala. All goods are distributed through Catholic missions in these countries. Here are the items we are asking students to contribute during these weeks.

- Week of February 23rd—toothpaste and / or toothbrush
- Week of March 2nd—soap (mild soap preferred)
- Week of March 9th—Pasta or Rice
- Week of March 23rd—Box of Salt

During Holy Week March 30th, 2015 - the Lenten Gifts will be taken to Canadian Food for Children's warehouse for distribution.