



Dear Families,

As we enter the season of Lent—a time of reflection, renewal, and preparation—our school community is embarking on a special journey together. This year, we are excited to introduce our Lenten Project: **"One Bag a Day."**

The goal of this initiative is to shift our focus from "having" to "giving," helping our students understand the beauty of simplicity and the impact of radical generosity.

The Heart of the Project: The Three Pillars

In our classrooms, we aren't just "cleaning out closets." We are connecting this project to the spiritual foundations of Lent:

- **Fasting:** We are fasting from the "need for more." By letting go of items we no longer use, we create space in our lives for what truly matters.
- **Almsgiving:** This is a tangible way to provide for the vulnerable in our community. Every item donated is a gift to a neighbor in need.
- **Prayer:** We encourage students to offer a short prayer for the future recipient of their items, turning a simple donation into an act of love.

How It Works

We invite each student (or family) to fill one bag with items they no longer need—**clothes, books, or non-perishable food.**

While the project is called "One Bag a Day" as a spiritual challenge to simplify daily, we ask that students bring in **one item (or one small bag) per week** to their classroom to be collected for our local partners.

A Note on Quality: Giving Our Best

We have reminded our students that almsgiving is not about disposing of "trash." It is about giving from the heart. Please ensure all donated items are:

- **Clean and functional**
- **In good repair**
- **"Gift-worthy"** (Something you would be proud to give to a friend)

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students grow in faith and charity. We look forward to seeing how our collective small acts of kindness can make a big difference this Lenten season.

Blessings,

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