

Dear WCA community,

Each year the WCA Senior class goes on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. This year we will be traveling from March 8-16 and we will be once again working with Lighthouse Projects in the towns surrounding the capital city of Santo Domingo. Over the last three trips, we have helped construct the walls for a future water treatment center, laid rebar for a basketball court, and built a desperately needed sidewalk. However, one of the most impactful experiences each year is when we go door to door handing out gift bags containing rice, beans, hygiene supplies, small toys etc. We are often invited into their homes and have the opportunity to pray with them. This is such a meaningful way to meet and engage with the people of the town. The Seniors continually cite this day as the highlight of the trip.

This year we are hoping to once again fill and bring 100 gift bags to share with the people of Altigracia. We already have 100 empty bags (donated by Athens Toyota) and 100 stuffed bears to get us started (made and donated by New Life Apostolic Church). In addition, the Seniors will use the money raised to purchase 100 5-lb bags of rice and 100 5-lb bags of beans in the country. We would love to fill these bags even more. This is where the WCA community comes in. Not everyone can travel to the Dominican, but we would love for you to donate specific items for us to fill the bags! We have created a SignUp Genius list where you can commit to bringing specific items. Ideally we need 100 of each item to fill all 100 bags. Here is a list of the items we are collecting:

washcloths toothbrushes
tubes of toothpaste medium size box of crayons
pens pencils
hair bands bars of soap
toy cars or small balls,toys
individual bags of gummy candies

I have also created a slot where you can simply donate money to purchase these items if it is easier. If you are interested in contributing to this effort, please follow the following link to sign up: [DONATE HERE](#)

Please know that you do not have to sign up for all 100 items in any category. You can **drop off items** either at the Upper School office or in my classroom in the fieldhouse(F2). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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