



WESTMINSTER

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Dear WCA community,

As you may know, the WCA Senior class goes on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic each year. We will be travelling from March 22-29 and we will be again working with Lighthouse Projects in the towns surrounding the capital city, Santo Domingo.

Last year we helped build the walls for a future water treatment center, painted a new building at the mission compound, and even laid rebar for a basketball court. However, one of the most impactful experiences was the day another team allowed us to join them in handing out 'gift bags' to the locals in the town. We were able to deliver bags of rice, beans, small toys, bathroom supplies, etc. We were often invited into their homes and were able to pray with them. This was such a meaningful way to meet and engage with the people of the town. Last year's Seniors continually cited this day as the highlight of the trip.

This year we are hoping to fill and bring 100 of our own gift bags to share with the people of Altigracia. We already have 100 bags (donated by Athens Toyota) and 100 stuffed bears to get us started (made and donated by New Life Apostolic Church). Additionally, the Seniors recently spent two days working at the Classic Center and earned enough money to purchase 100 5-lb bags of rice and 100 5-lb bags of beans in country. But 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
coloring books	pens
pencils	hair bands
bars of soap	toy cars or small balls
individual bags of gummy candies	

If you are interested in joining us in the endeavor, please follow the below link to sign up. We will be collecting items both in the lower school and the upper school from today, **February 20 until Friday, March 1st**. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DA4AE29A6F49-supplies>

Thank you,

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