

Blessing of the Backpacks

Wednesday, September 21, 8:15am

School Parking Lot

Updated Information for This Year: There have been changes in the food needs and distribution at Broadview-Thomson K-8. They still provide food that goes home with students on the weekends that includes snacks and non-perishable food items, but they no longer provide the daily food pantry for the school and the community. They also do not have the physical space to store as much food in their pantry.

Please refer to the list below on what is most needed and what they do not need. Taking all of this into consideration, this year we will split the food donations between BTK-8 and our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry here at St. John.

The annual Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on Wednesday, September 21 at 8:15am on the school parking lot where Fr. Crispin will bless the donations. This is a great opportunity for our students to participate directly in the support of those in our community most in need.

Don't have a student at St. John, but still want to support BTK-8? Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Office September 21st through 23rd or at Masses the weekend of September 24th and 25th.

Questions? Contact Teresa Gillett at 206-782-2810 ext.355 or tgillett@stjohnsea.org.

NEEDED ITEMS:

Snack foods:

Nut-free granola bars/snack bars
Goldfish Crackers
Cheeze-Its
Pretzels
Apple sauce or other fruit pouches
Pop Corn (bags)
Chips
Sandwich Crackers (cheese, mainly)
Crackers/Cheese packs
Seaweed
Any non-perishable, nut-free, individually packaged snacks

Non-perishable food items:

Whole Rolled Oats or Quick Oats (not the flavored packets)
Pancake Mix, Syrup
Cereal - large boxes and small, individual boxes
Cooking Oils
Flour and Sugar
Whole Beans - black beans, pinto beans, garbanzo beans
Canned Corn
Dried pasta (not mac and cheese, plain pasta)
Pasta sauce/tomato sauce
Nut butters

Gift Cards are always welcome and used.

NOT Needed Items:

Ramen
Macaroni and Cheese
Tuna/Chicken (canned)
Rice
Canned Soup
Chef Boyardee type things like Spaghetti O's,
Meatballs, Ravioli
Canned Chili

Pacific Foods soup cartons (roasted red pepper, etc.)
Canned Green Beans
Canned mixed vegetables
Canned White Beans, Refried Beans, Kidney Beans
Gluten-Free items
Dried lentils
Dried beans