

Blessing of the Backpacks

Friday, September 22, 8:15am

School Parking Lot

& Sunday, September 24

10:30am Mass

The annual Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on **Friday, September 22 at 8:15am** on the school parking lot, and on **Sunday, September 24 at the 10:30am Mass**, when Fr. Crispin will bless the backpacks with donated food. This is a great opportunity for our parish and school families to participate directly in the support of those in our community most in need.

As was the case last year, there have been changes in the food needs and distribution at Broadview-Thomson K-8 School. 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.

Once again, we will split the food donations between BTK-8 and our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry here at St. John. Currently, our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is quite low, so your donations will help a lot.

Don't have a student at St. John, but still want to support BTK-8 & St. Vincent de Paul? Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Office September 20th through 22nd or at Masses the weekend of September 24th & 25th.

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

Please do not include glass containers.

<p><u>Snack Foods:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nut-free granola bars/snack bars Goldfish 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 	<p><u>Non-perishable food items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Dried pasta Pasta sauce/tomato sauce Nut butters Ramen Macaroni and Cheese Tuna/Chicken (canned) Rice Canned Soup Chef Boyardee type things like Spaghetti O's, Meatballs, Ravioli Canned Chili Canned vegetables Canned tomatoes Canned White Beans, Refried Beans, Kidney Beans Gluten-Free items Dried lentils & beans Peanut Butter Jams/jellies
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Gift Cards are always welcome and used.