



2018 FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for supporting Gonzaga Preparatory School's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This drive, one of the Inland Northwest's largest, collects thousands of pounds of food annually, feeding and sustaining those in our community who are most in need. By giving of your time, resources, and prayer, you help to fill the hearts and bodies of neighbors near and far. *Thank you.*

WHY

In the United States, 1 in 6 people face hunger. The USDA defines 'food insecurity' as the lack of access to sufficient food for all household members. Today, 49 million US Americans have difficulty putting food on the table, while still 40% of food is thrown out in the USA each year, or about \$165 billion worth.

In the United States, hunger is not caused by lack of food, but rather the prevalence of poverty and systemic repression of the poor. In supporting the hungry with our Food Drive, we aspire to also support them in prayer, reflection, and supportive action, to fulfill our Mission in pursuit of the Magis, the greater glory of God.

This year's Thanksgiving Food Drive will kick off on Wednesday, November 7 at 1:50pm. Classes may collect food or funds anytime, but do not bring food into the classroom until Monday, Nov. 12. The food will be delivered on Wednesday, November 21. School will begin at 8:30am, with sorting and organizing in Period 1 classes, then loading cars and trailers. A mandatory Thanksgiving mass will begin promptly at 10:00am, after which students will pick up their turkeys/pies and deliver food to families.

KICK-OFF → Nov. 7

DELIVERY → Nov. 21

THE NEED



Period 1 classes will be delivering food to 200+ families and providing bulk food to two Native American tribes, the Morning Star Baptist Church, Second Harvest Food Bank, and a number of small food pantries. We obtain the names of recipients from churches, Catholic Charities, Head Start, and various local agencies. Each Period 1 will be assigned families to whom they will deliver food or groups to whom they will provide bulk food. Per. 1 classes will receive names, telephone numbers, and addresses by Nov. 13.

FOOD

1 Historically, Prep collects about 100,000lbs of food, an average of about 110lbs/student

MONEY

2 Each student is asked to donate \$6 or more for the turkey and pie fund! Excess funds will support families with add'l needs. *This year's goal is \$4,700 total.*

TIME

3 Our hope is 100% participation *in some form* by all students, faculty, staff, and administrators!



FOOD ① There are no specific goals for food, though typically food banks especially need the following:

PROTEIN

Peanut butter
Canned meat/tuna
Hearty soups, chili
Macaroni & cheese
Boxed dinners
Beans

FRUITS/VEGETABLES

Canned fruits/vegetables
Canned or boxed juices
Boxed mashed potatoes
Dried fruit

GRAINS

Pasta/rice
Healthy cereals
Flour, baking mixes
Stuffing mixes
Oatmeal
Any baby food

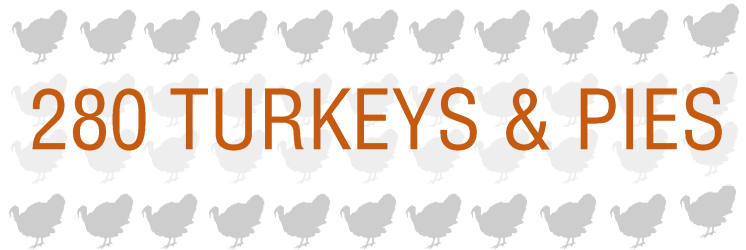
MONEY ② The Food Drive Committee needs **\$6 from each student** to expense the cost of turkeys and pies. Teachers will receive a money envelope in which to deposit cash/check collections. *Please return this envelope to the mailbox of Tyler Hobbs.*



from
each
student



280 TURKEYS & PIES



TIME ③ There are *so* many ways to give of your time during the Food Drive, but as you do, please take note of the following important reminders:

- Students should obtain the permission of the manager before collecting outside of a grocery store (2-3 days' notice recommended)
- *Do not collect* from homes during the Boy Scouts Drive on Saturday, November 11 or at Rosauer's supermarkets Nov. 17-18 during *Tom's Turkey Drive*.
- You are always representing Gonzaga Prep; as always, please be polite, appreciative, & respectful.

COLLECTION

When collecting, the safety of our students is always most important.

- Always carry ID with you while collecting & wear Gonzaga Prep clothing
- Never collect alone or after 8:00pm
- Never enter a home, but ask that food be brought to the front door.
- If student's encounter problems while collecting or delivering, parents, guardians, teachers, or administrators should be informed immediately.
- The Prep telephone answering machine will have a recording on it during the drive, announcing that students are out collecting.

SAFETY

DRIVERS

- ✓ **Period 1 teachers are responsible for securing a *signed* Transportation Form** if your students are driving or being driven for the Food Drive. This includes the delivery day and class-sponsored after school collection. After the Drive, submit forms to Tyler Hobbs.
- ✓ Drivers are determined by Period 1/Community Period class, with a few exceptions. Exceptions to delivery or special instructions will be noted accordingly. If you need drivers, try recruiting parents and/or older siblings!

COLLECTION NOTES

- **SOLICITATION LETTER** – Some businesses and individuals want a letter on Gonzaga Preparatory School letterhead for program authentication. A letter can be found on the G-Prep website, under Christian Service, under Food Drive. (www.gprep.com/serve >> Food Drive)
- **SHARING** – If one Period 1/Community period does not have enough food, ask another for help. If one homeroom has more than enough food, share or please give to the 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

DELIVERY

Pre-Delivery Checklist

- Confirm delivery address and sufficient food for each family
- Confirm driver(s) and corresponding delivery site
- Confirm *Parent/Guardian Transportation Form* completion
- Identify 'alternates' in case of absence or conflict
- Weigh (or estimate) total food collection
- Sort (if applicable) perishables from non-perishables



DELIVERY DAY

1. Attend Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00am
2. Send class representatives outside to pick up turkeys *after mass* (students cannot leave before mass without a turkey)
3. Families will expect food delivered between 11:00am-1:00pm
 - If you are unable to deliver food to the family, call Mr. Hobbs at (509)483-8511. ***The family is expecting food, so please make every effort to deliver it.***
 - If no one is home and you are *certain* you have the correct address, leave the food in a safe place.
 - Food that cannot be delivered can be given to another assigned family or returned to G-Prep and put in the 2nd Harvest Food Bank truck.

CLEAN UP! Before leaving school, the campus should be ready for the next day of school – all food is delivered or in the food bank truck, all garbage is in trash cans and large trash is in dumpster, plastic bags are combined into one bag, paper bags are flattened and piled, boxes are flattened and piled.

QUESTIONS? Contact Tyler Hobbs at thobbs@gprep.com or in Room 6



Gonzaga Preparatory School exists to support the life of the Catholic Church in the Inland Northwest by seeking to serve all families who desire for their children Catholic education in the Jesuit tradition.

Our pledge is to provide--in concert with the parents, alumni, and community--an educational opportunity which seeks to form Christian leaders spiritually, intellectually, physically, and culturally.

Guided by the Gospel values of love and justice, students are challenged to fulfill their potential as life-long learners in service to others.