

Sunday, March 16, 2025.

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful March break.

Throughout Lent, we are reminded that this is a time of prayer, reflection, and giving. God calls us to serve others, especially those in need, and one way we can answer this call is through acts of charity. Our **Lenten Food Drive** will be in full swing beginning on Monday as we collect non-perishables, toiletries and fresh food for the **Kanata Food Cupboard**.

From **March 17 to March 20, 2025**, we will be collecting specific items each day, and the donations will be picked up by the Kanata Food Cupboard on **Friday, March 21, 2025**.

Below is the schedule of items we will be collecting:

**Monday, March 17 – Toiletries**

- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Soap, shampoo
- Disposable razors, shaving cream
- Feminine products
- Deodorant/antiperspirant
- Baby wipes, diapers

**Tuesday, March 18 – Breakfast Items**

- Canned fruit
- Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, maple syrup
- Granola bars, breakfast bars, pre-packaged snacks, shakes (Boost or other)
- Jam, peanut butter, Wow Butter, Cheez Whiz, honey

**Wednesday, March 19 – Snacks & Desserts**

- Jello, pudding, applesauce
- Cake mix, cookie mix, muffin mix
- Pie crust mix, pie filling (box/can)
- Crackers, cookies, packaged desserts

**Thursday, March 20 – Dinner Items & Fresh Produce**

- Tomato paste (not pasta sauce)
- Pasta, rice, instant potatoes
- Canned meat (tuna, chicken, fish, stew)
- Canned vegetables
- Gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing

- Flour, sugar, salt, pepper
- **Fresh carrots, onions, apples, oranges, and clementines (please bring fresh items only on Thursday, March 20).**

Your generosity will make a meaningful difference for those in need. Thank you for your kindness and support in helping our students embrace the spirit of giving during this Lenten season.

### **Let Grow March Homework**

This month, we are continuing to focus on Independence, and we want students to spread their wings and build upon what they accomplished in February. [March Homework](#) We look forward to hearing about the “Independence: Spread Your Wings” homework from our students at the end of the month. Thank you again for your continued support of this fabulous initiative.

### **Run Club**

We have 123 students registered and eager to run! This is a reminder that the run club begins this week. Please make sure to send your child with a pair of appropriate outdoor shoes to run in. Grades 1-3 will run on Tuesdays. Gr 4-6 will run on Thursdays. There is still room to register if your child is interested. Please click on the link below:

<https://shorturl.at/FKDpF>

### **Artshine**

Registration for the Spring session of Artshine is open. **Parents can register and pay for the program through [Artshine website](#). Direct Registration Link:**

<https://www.artshine.ca/products/st-isidore-sainte-isidore-spring-gr-1-6>

- Program Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Registration closes on March 31st. Registrations after this date will incur a Late Registration Fee due to the need for over-the-phone processing.

### **Coding**

[Register here](#) for **Modding in Minecraft** for students aged 6 and older. The program begins on Tuesday, March 18th and runs until Tuesday, May 27th, 2025. Each weekly session begins at 3:45 pm and ends at 4:45 pm. Should you have any questions, please contact WIZE Academy (613) 415-8844.

### **Recess**

The school yard will be wet and messy as the snow melts. Please make sure to send your child(ren) with appropriate clothing so that they are comfortable outdoors. Rubber boots, splash pants, and extra socks would be helpful!

Have a terrific week!

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