



Dear Parents—

The St. James School Christmas Shop is coming to town! A team of dedicated, elf-spirited volunteers is working around the clock to provide an exciting, gift-buying experience for our students.

Here are some quick facts about this year's shop:

- It is an opportunity for students to buy small gifts, of their own choosing, for family members
- It will be located in a conference room of the Gathering Space
- Gifts range in price from \$1-\$8, most are about \$5
- Students will shop during school hours, by class, at pre-scheduled times
- Aforementioned elf-spirited volunteers will be on hand to assist students with their selections
- Many of our gift items will be Fair Trade or locally sourced items
 - Fair Trade gifts are handcrafted goods that are made by artisans who are paid a fair wage under safe working conditions, promoting empowerment for those on the economic margins of our global family
 - Our locally made items include delights from Cherry Valley Organics, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden motherhouse, and Ave. Bijou.
- Days and times of operation
 - Thursday, December 7, 2016 – 8:00am-2:30pm
 - Friday, December 8, 2016 – 8:00am-10:00am

Where you come in:

- Help your child make a list of people (on the sheet provided) for whom he/she should buy gifts
 - Students will not be allowed to purchase items for themselves as the purpose of the shop is to **encourage the spirit of giving to others**
- Agree on the dollar amount he/she can spend for each person
- Send the list and appropriate funds to school with your child
 - *Only* cash or checks (made out to St. James School) will be accepted as payment if you would like to pay for your child's selections after school we will hold the items until the purchase is complete
- If you prefer that your child purchase Fair Trade items, please indicate that preference on his/her shopping list

Yours 'til Santa shaves,

Kristin Gatch and Luci-Jo DiMaggio