

VCS Blessing Bag Project/Competition

Hello staff, students, parents and community members.

Our term 1 student council students have chosen the Blessing Bag as our social awareness/action project. This project is dedicated to the homeless and less fortunate by providing them with some of the basic supplies that they need. It also raises awareness and teaches all of us that compassion and kindness can make a difference. VCS will be donating all our blessing bags to the homeless shelter in Grande Prairie.

We thought this would also be a great way to involve our four school houses in a fun, friendly and generous competition. The house that collects the most blessing bags will be awarded 10 points for first place with the other houses receiving points as well depending on how they finish. Have your child drop off their Blessing Bag at the office with a note attached saying what House they are in. The last day to bring in Blessing Bags is Thursday, Dec 20/18.

BLESSING BAG CHECKLIST (ideas – minimum 15 items please)

Shop at the dollar store and purchase travel size toiletries and items with your kids. Have them be involved in personalizing their blessing bag for a man, woman or child.

- Large size Ziploc or Freezer Bag – keeps everything together, sealable and can be used later for storage
- Handwarmers – couple packs
- Bottle of water or juice box
- Band-Aids
- Baby wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Floss
- Soap, deodorant, comb or brush
- Shampoo, conditioner, chap stick
- New socks, new underwear, inexpensive gloves
- Granola bars, energy bars
- Tuna/cracker packs, cheese/cracker packs
- Trail mix
- Gum or candy
- Fruit cup or applesauce (plastic spoon)
- Hot cocoa/spiced cider or coffee on the go packets
- Small toy
- Book/magazine