

Dear WCA community,

As you may know, the WCA Senior class goes on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic each year. This year we will be traveling from March 22-30th and we will be once again working with Lighthouse Projects in the towns surrounding the capital city of Santo Domingo. Over the last three trips, we helped construct the walls for a future water treatment center, laid rebar for a basketball court, and built a desperately needed sidewalk. However, one of the most impactful experiences each year was the day we went door to door handing out gift bags containing rice, beans, small toys, hygiene supplies, etc. We were often invited into their homes and had many amazing opportunities to pray with them. This was such a meaningful way to meet and engage with the people of the town. Last year's Seniors continually cited this day as the highlight of the trip.

This year we are hoping to once again fill and bring 100 gift bags to share with the people of Altagracia. We already have 100 empty bags (donated by Athens Toyota) and 100 stuffed bears to get us started (made and donated by New Life Apostolic Church). In addition, the Seniors will use the money raised from service projects to purchase 100 5-lb bags of rice and 100 5-lb bags of beans in country. We would love to fill these bags even more. This is where the WCA community comes in. Not everyone can travel to the Dominican, but we would love for you to donate specific items for us to fill the bags! We have created a SignUp Genius list where you can commit to bringing specific items. Ideally we need 100 of each item to fill all 100 bags. Here is a list of the items we are collecting:

Wash clothes	Toothbrushes
Tubes of toothpaste	Medium size box of crayons
Pens	pencils
Hair bands	Bars of soap
Toy cars or small balls,toys	Individual bags of gummy candies

If you are interested in joining us in the endeavor, please follow the below link to sign up. Please know that you do not have to sign up for all 100 items in any categories. We will be collecting items both in the lower school and the upper school from **today through Friday, February 9th**. We will have one suitcase in the front of the Lower School hall, one to the right of the stage in the Upper School gym, and you can certainly bring donations to my classroom in the fieldhouse(F2). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DA4AE29A6F49-supplies>

Thank you, Tiffany Haymore (thaymore@wcalions.org)