



Dear FCS Family,

As an opportunity to put into action one of our core values – Community Outreach , we once again have an opportunity to teach our students the importance of showing the love of Christ by serving our community of military members. Each year, **in honor of Veterans Day**, we partner with the military outreach ministry of Friendship Baptist Church, the [Yellow Ribbon Ministry](#), to send care packages to current active and deployed military members and their families that are connected to our students.

We need to gather information about any military member directly connected to your family that could benefit from this project. Please either complete this [google form](#), email Amy Nelson at [anelson@friendshipchristian.net](mailto:anelson@friendshipchristian.net), or drop off in the office the name and address for shipping purposes no later than our Veterans Day Chapel on Friday, November 10.

### **PART 1: CARE PACKAGES AND DONATIONS**

#### **TK3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Care Packages for deployed veterans**

We need your help collecting items for care packages to send to active duty deployed veterans. Attached is a list of ideas for items to **donate for the care packages**. Students may bring in items to their teacher. Teachers will keep a record of participation.

#### **6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade: Gift Cards for families of deployed veterans**

This year we are also focusing on military families that are at home waiting while their loved ones are deployed. We are asking for a **minimum donation per student of \$3**; you may also purchase and turn in actual gift cards if you prefer – cards should be either \$10 or \$20. We guarantee that all money given will be used for the military project. All donations or gift cards should be turned in to first period teachers who will keep a record of donations.

In addition to sending in assigned items, some classes will be creating artwork and signs of thanks to include in the care packages.

Money, gift cards, and package items may be turned in on the following dates: **November 9, 10, 13, and 14. Students who bring in the requested items may have a dress down day on Tuesday, November 14th (see handbook for activity dress)**. Items will be collected from the classrooms first thing on the 14th to be packaged up as soon as possible. We appreciate your generosity when it comes to supporting our core value of community outreach.

**Please remember to email, fill out the [google form](#), or drop off specific names and addresses for those who could benefit from this project ASAP.**

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## **PART 2: VETERANS DAY CHAPEL AND RECEPTION**

Everyone is invited to attend our special Veterans Day Chapel on Friday, November 10 at 8:00 am. in the church auditorium. If you are a veteran or have a veteran or a member of the military connected to your family, we would love to recognize them during our chapel. Please fill out this [Veteran Family Connection form](#) or contact Mr. McClain at [dmcclain@friendshipchristian.net](mailto:dmcclain@friendshipchristian.net) to give us the name and details. This is not the same form as on the last page. This one is for recognition in our chapel service. If you have one, you may also send a digital picture – preferably one of your student(s) with the veteran or two separate photos that Mr. McClain can put together in a powerpoint presentation that will be playing before the chapel service. Send pics to [dmcclain@friendshipchristian.net](mailto:dmcclain@friendshipchristian.net) or drop off at the office.

Student members of our National Honor Society will also be hosting a free reception directly after the special chapel for any veterans that are in attendance as well as the student(s) that are connected to them. Please indicate on the form whether you will be able to attend to help us know how to plan.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Stay Faithful and Finish Strong,

Mr. Nelson  
Head of School

**See the list below for items to donate for care packages.**

**Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade: bring in package items from the list.**

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade: cash donations (minimum \$3) to be used to purchase Wal Mart gift cards or Wal Mart gift cards of \$10 or \$20**

## **SUGGESTED ITEMS LIST**

**Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (these are ideas – feel free to get things that you think they may enjoy more**

### **Fun stuff**

- Bouncy balls
- Hacky sack footbags
- Sudoku puzzle books
- Crossword Puzzles, Word Searches, Sudoku
- Travel size games

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### Food Items (everything should be in small, individual serving size containers)

- Dry cereal. Small, individual serving boxes.
- Instant oatmeal or grits.
- Breakfast bars. Granola, cereal and power bars.
- Tuna in the "fresh pouch". Doesn't require draining
- Beef Sticks such as Slim Jims/Jerky
- Crackers and a Cheese spread – no spray cans
- Single servings of bagged chips.
- Cookies.
- Snack Cakes
- Pre-packaged brownies.
- Licorice
- Bubble gum
- Snack mixes like Chex Mix – small individual bags
- Nuts - Cashews, peanuts, sunflower seeds etc.
- Pretzels
- Rice Krispie Treats!
- Trail mix
- Caramel candies
- Cracker Jacks
- Snack Crackers
- Hard candies
- Microwave popcorn
- Christmas candy
- Twizzlers
- Tootsie Pops
- Peanut butter
- Tootsie roll candies
- Pringles – small cans
- Individual drink mixes that can easily be mixed into a bottle of water (crystal light, Gatorade, lemonade)
- Chapstick & Carmex
- Eye drops

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

#### Money for Gift Cards

- As part of our emphasis on sending care packages to families that are here in America, we would like to collect either money to purchase Wal Mart gift cards or Wal Mart gift cards themselves.
- Money is to be turned in to first period teacher – please clearly mark it as being for Veteran Care Package Gift Cards.
- You may also purchase the actual gift cards and turn them in the same way.
  - We are planning to send Wal Mart gift cards in varying amounts of \$10 and \$20.

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