Dear Parent(s) / Guardian,

As you are aware, the holiday season is fast approaching! For many families, this is their favorite time of year. However, for others it can be very challenging as they may not have the resources to meet their needs. Our amazing community organizations and local food banks usually offer some support to these families. In order to do our part and give back, Vincent Massey Collegiate will be participating in various charity drives benefiting our local community in need.

**1. Sun Youth Food & Toy Drive**

Starting Wednesday November 29th, we will be holding a food and toy drive benefiting Sun Youth Organization. The goal of this charity drive is to collect non-perishable food items, toiletries, and new toys for families in need during this holiday season. Examples of requested “wish list” items include:

• Flour

• Peanut butter

• Cereal/oatmeal

• Board games

• Construction toys

• Educational toys

To help facilitate the collection process, your child can drop their donations in the labelled boxes situated at the main office or in their homeroom class.

The last day for this collection is **Thursday December 7th.**

**2. VMC Casual Dress Day**

Traditionally, our school has always assisted St-Brendan’s parish during the holiday season. This year we will be holding a $2 casual dress day fundraiser on **Wednesday December 6th.** All proceeds will go to St-Brendan’s parish in order to purchase groceries (gift cards) and new toys for local families in need.  St. Brendan's offers their food service year round to people of all faiths.

**3. VMC Holiday lunch**

In addition to our food and toy drive, VMC will be holding a holiday meal fundraiser at lunchtime in the cafeteria on **Thursday December 7th**. The fees for this meal are either 2 canned goods or $4, whichever you prefer giving. There will not be any regular cafeteria service on this day. All donations will be greatly appreciated and will directly benefit the Sun Youth Organization.

We hope you look within your heart and donate what you can, as it will go to someone in need. We thank you in advance for your help, and we wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season!

If you know of any VMC family in need, please reach out to the school principal.

Sincerely,

Veronica D’Agata, Spiritual and Community Involvement Animator