

Serving the needy souls
of the world while we
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student members
training to become
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Date: 10/28/16

To: Teachers, students, and parents of Franklin Regional Middle School

From: Christopher Cooley, Executive Director of Serving Other Souls

RE: Thanksgiving Food Drive

Dear FRMS family,

Hello! I am requesting that you and your child take part in our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food or donation that your child will bring into school will create a complete Thanksgiving meal kit with a **TURKEY VOUCHER**. Last year, our food drive fed 165 families from FR, Plum, Monroeville, Penn Hills, and the City of Pittsburgh. We also donate hundreds of pounds of extra food and frozen turkeys to the Westmoreland Co. Food Bank. So, your generous food donation will not only help families in our entire community, it literally could help feed your child's friends at Franklin Regional MS. The Westmoreland County Food Bank is trying to place an entire Thanksgiving dinner together for these needy families. The suggested menu to feed a family of 4-6 over the holiday is below. You may donate any or all the items from this menu.

- **Cash donation for turkey voucher**
 - (new this year)
 - **(no frozen turkeys accepted!)**
- **Cash donations for food drive in types of food where item donations are low**
- 2 cans gravy
- 2 cans whole kernel corn
- 2 cans peas or green beans
- 2 cans sweet potatoes
- 2 cans cranberry sauce
- 2 packages of instant stuffing mix
- 1 large box of instant mashed potatoes
- 2 cans of pie filling
- 1 pie crust (non-perishable)
- 1 package of holiday cookies
- 1 holiday dessert (non-perishable)
- ½ - 1 gallon of apple or fruit juice (non-perish)
 - **NO apple cider** since perishable

Serving Other Souls will be conducting a school wide food drive from Oct. 31st until Friday, November 18th, 2016 to feed up to or over 175 families a complete Thanksgiving Dinner. SOS will offer incentives to students that donate food. Simply complete the attached sheet and staple or attach to bag(s) of donations to receive credit for donation. The homeroom with most donations per week wins a reward. **The homeroom rewards are tootie pops (week 1); ice cream social (week2) ; and HR with the greatest amount of contributions after the end of the food drive will win a pizza party after the drive is complete.** If you want your contribution to count towards your homeroom, please use the form attached form and staple or attach the form to your donation. Please note that all food listed above must be turned into collection bins in two locations by Friday, November 18th:

- For students who enter school near main office: use collection bins near the Prime Time studios. For students who enter school near loading dock: use collection bins will be found to the near the café doors. S.O.S. members will help advertise throughout the building. S.O.S. members will be present at collection areas to assist students in dropping off their donations. Take care and thank you for your time. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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Student Name _____ House _____

Homeroom # _____ Homeroom Teacher _____ (must include info for HR credit)

Please record how many items you have and add up the value of your entire donation for our pizza contest. Once all these sheets are collected, the homeroom with the highest point total wins a pizza party. **Rewards will be given weekly** for the class with the highest point value from now until the end of the contest. **The totals will continue to add up weekly, so it is possible for one homeroom to win all three rewards.**

First Reward (Tootsie Pops party)	Second Reward (Ice cream party)	Final Reward (Pizza party)
Friday, Nov. 4 th	Friday, Nov. 11 th	Friday, Nov. 18 th

• **1 turkey voucher donation (NO FROZEN TURKEYS)**

- Make check out to Serving Other Souls (in memo – “turkey voucher”)
- **NO CASH DONATIONS PLEASE, so that SOS can account for all donations with paper trail**
- **Place check and this SOS HR contest form in envelope labeled SOS and leave at donation tables**
- Each dollar of donation converts to 1.5 points in this SOS HR contest
- \$15 donation = 22.5 points; \$20 donation = 30 points, etc...
- SOS will purchase turkey vouchers from grocers for turkey to include in meal kits at SOS shopping spree

Turkey Donation total: _____ X 1.5 pt = _____ points

• **1 general food drive donation**

- Make check out to Serving Other Souls (in memo – “general food donation”)
- **Place check and this SOS HR contest form in envelope labeled SOS and leave at donation tables**
- **NO CASH DONATIONS PLEASE, so that SOS can account for all donations with paper trail**
- Each dollar of donation converts to 1.25 points in this SOS HR Contest
- \$15 donation = 18.75 points; \$20 donation = 25 points; etc...
- SOS will purchase additional food on Fri, Nov 18th when we conduct SOS shopping spree

General Food Donation Total _____ X 1.25 pt = _____ points

All actual food donations need to be placed in bag(s) with a copy of this form stapled to the bag to receive credit for donation. Leave bag of food at SOS donation tables.

(Value range of each item in food drive). SOS created avg value of item to set point value

- 2 cans/bottles of gravy (\$1.50 – 2.50) 2 point per can _____ X 2 pt = _____ points
- 2 cans whole kernel corn (\$0.70 - \$0.95) 1 point per can _____ X 1 pt = _____ points
- 2 cans of green beans (\$0.70 - \$0.95) 1 point per can _____ X 1 pt = _____ points
- 2 cans sweet potatoes (\$2.00 - \$3.00) 2.5 point per can _____ X 2.5 pt = _____ points
- 2 cans cranberry sauce (\$1.50 - \$2.50) 2 point per can _____ X 2 pt = _____ points
- 2 packages of instant stuffing mix (\$1 - \$2) 1.5 point per package _____ X 1.5 pt = _____ points
- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes (\$1 - \$3) 2 point per box _____ X 2 pt = _____ points
- 2 cans of pie filling (\$2.50 - \$3.50) 3 point per can _____ X 3 pt = _____ points
- 1 pie crust (non-perishable) (\$1.50 - \$2.50) 2 point per crust _____ X 2 pt = _____ points
- 1 package of holiday cookies (\$3 - \$5) 4 points per package _____ X 4 pt = _____ points
- 1 holiday dessert (non-perishable) (\$5-\$9) 7 points per dessert _____ X 7 pt = _____ points
- ½ - 1 gallon of apple juice or fruit juice (\$4-\$6) 5 points per bottle _____ X 5 pt = _____ points

• Grand Total of points = _____ (MUST BE COMPLETED FOR CREDIT)