



Service Learning News

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Dear Parents,

Williard Food Pantry

Students in **first and eighth grades** have been involved with an on-going service project with the Williard Food Pantry for the last several years. Each month students have committed time to working at the Pantry with their teachers. Students unpack boxes, gather and organize food and supplies, take inventory, and pack food orders for clients. Throughout the school year, the **first grade** has an ongoing collection of nonperishable food for the Williard Food Pantry. This month students are collecting peanut butter and canned foods. In January they will collect applesauce and powdered laundry soap. **Eighth graders** also support Williard by hosting a monthly Old Trail School Café for the Middle School, usually the last Friday of the month. At the Café, **Middle School** students can purchase hot chocolate and donuts. All proceeds from the Café are donated to the Williard Food Pantry.



Haven of Rest Speaker in the Middle School

On Tuesday, December 15, students in the **Middle School** service elective, **Trail to Service**, will host a speaker from one of the largest social service agency in Akron, Haven of Rest. Haven of Rest provides free meals and lodging for homeless men, women and children. They also offer a variety of other services such as laundry, showers, and mail pickup. In addition, Haven of Rest's clothing distribution center gives hundreds of new and used apparel items to needy families and individuals each month. For more information on Haven of Rest, please see their web site: <http://havenofrest.org>



First Grade Mitten Tree

Please don't forget to contribute to the **First Grade Mitten Tree**, located in the Firestone Lobby. First graders are collecting new hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for the students at Mason Elementary in Akron. Large child sizes are also needed for the school's safety patrol students. Mason Elementary school is in the same zip code as another Old Trail School service supported organization, the Williard Food Pantry. Donations will be collected until January 14.

Lorantffy Care Center

Mr. Eason, **Middle School** art teacher, has organized service trips to Akron's Lorantffy Care Center, a nursing and rehabilitation facility. For the past 12 years **seventh grade boy advisory groups** have visited the center twice a year. On their visits some boys will perform musical instruments, while other students will play checkers or bingo with the residents. Some of the boys' time at the center is spent just chatting with residents.

Happy Holidays!

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