



Dear Class of 2014:

“To whom much is given, much is expected.” As we hear these words repeatedly around campus, it is time for us to reflect these words into action. The Strake Jesuit sophomore class kicks off the BEAR project, participating to sponsor a child for the BEARing Gifts (Be A Resource) for CPS kids. **Original colored cards** were handed out during homeroom with a child’s name, gender and age, and up to three wishes listed. For a more meaningful experience, this is **your gift** to some unknown child; try to make this purchase from your own allowance. If a particular gift is too expensive for you to purchase alone, then talk to parents and teachers who are willing to assist in helping you with the purchase. You are not obligated to purchase the gift if it is beyond your budget nor are you expected to purchase all items listed, but at least one item of equivalence to the request. If you need assistance with this, please see Mr. D’Souza at a convenient time. Please keep these guidelines in your consideration:

- New gifts only please (No used items)
- No candy or food items
- No cash in gifts; gift cards welcome
- If unsure about size of item, please include receipt so item can be exchanged
- If the wish requires batteries, please include
- Please do not wrap gifts; donations of gift wrap or gift bags always appreciated
- Attach (staple or tape) the gift request slip to your gift so it can be identified for the child you bought it for
- **Bring gifts to school on Thursday, Dec 08, 2011, to the Parsley Center, prior to the scheduled school Mass. Do not bring gifts early to leave anywhere else on campus.**

If you misplaced your card, see your class rep or Mr. D’Souza for the reference number of the card. Your homeroom representatives have documented the reference card no. across your name. For shopping options, look online at websites like www.etoys.com which have deals or local sales (Thanksgiving sales are huge).

Your 100% support for the BEAR program is essential. Thank you for making this Christmas a lot more meaningful to the one child you sponsor. May your Thanksgiving and Christmas be filled with God’s greatest gift of love and peace.

Sincerely In Christ,

Reynold D’Souza
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