



December 2, 2011

Dear Middle and Senior School Parents/Guardians,

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching and planning for this exciting time of year has begun. Please find information below about two interesting initiatives that your daughter is invited to take part in this holiday season.

Holiday Hampers

As you know, Elmwood reaches out to those in need throughout the year. During the holidays, helping those less fortunate is even more important. Elmwood is continuing the tradition of supporting the Shepherds of Good Hope's Holiday Hamper program. By collecting the makings of a holiday dinner, in homerooms from Kindergarten to Grade 12, we can make this holiday a special one for low-income families in our own city. Last year, this program helped over 900 Ottawa families.

Homerooms will be filling baskets with a variety of foods for families to enjoy a special meal. As well, the hope is to provide the families with a few small gifts and warm clothes to make their children's holiday memorable. New or gently used items would be welcome additions to the Holiday Hampers. Students, with the help of their homeroom teachers, will divide up the required items and information about allocations will be distributed through homerooms. The collection of items will run from December 5th until December 20th and Elmwood faculty will deliver the hampers on December 21st.

Thank you for your support. We are teaching our children the true meaning of the holidays. Working together, we can help local families this year.

Holiday Luncheon

It has been a long-standing tradition at Elmwood that the final day of school before the holidays is fun filled. The Prefects are busy planning the always-exciting Holiday Madness, which is an opportunity for students and teachers to build school spirit. This year we will also be hosting a holiday luncheon at 12:30 on Thursday, December 22. The students will join members of their homeroom and their House in a special noon time meal to celebrate the holiday. The cost of this luncheon will be \$7.00 (students on the meal plan can attend at no charge and do not need to return the form). Please complete the attached form and return it to your SLG/homeroom teacher by Friday, December 9th. If your daughter brings her own lunch, she is invited to join her homeroom at the luncheon.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sincerely,

Kate Angell
Deputy Head

Francie Marchand
Dean of Student Life, MS

Andrea Kelly
Dean of Student Life, SS



ELMWOOD HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

I give my daughter _____ (please print)
permission to attend the Holiday Luncheon on Thursday December 22nd and
give the school permission to charge \$7.00 to my account.

Homeroom/SLG

Parent Signature

Date

Please return this form to your SLG/Homeroom teacher by December 9th

