

Dear Parents,



A number of years ago one of our Seton family moms popped her head into the teachers' lounge a few days before Christmas to see a colorful Christmas chaos. There were Christmas cards, notes, fruit baskets, cookie tins, and knickknacks. It was at that moment that she realized she couldn't afford to bake or buy every teacher a gift, so she took it upon herself to help pool resources with some friends to present a nice gift basket to each teacher and staff member. Over the years, the staff grew, more families participated and the baskets grew.

For the past few Christmas', in the tradition of collective gifts, a monetary collection has been made along with donations of homemade baked goods. A decorative plate was assembled, labeled and delivered to each of the teachers and staff along with a monetary gift. The monetary gifts were welcomed, appreciated and practical for the approximately 43 people, while the delicious treats were much enjoyed and added the personal care and love the Seton community so generously shares.

We realize that we are in tough economic times, but by contributing to this collection it would actually probably cost less for each family than it would if each family bought each of their child(ren)'s teacher a small gift.

This Christmas, if you would like to participate, each family can:

BY Monday, December 5th

- 🕒 *Send in a suggested monetary donation of \$25 or whatever is affordable. Send cash or check (**made payable to Cyndy Quinan**) in an envelope marked: Christmas Donation: Attn: Cyndy Quinan*

OR

- 🕒 *Send a note stating the baked goods to be donated. These must be individually wrapped for placement on the plates, and delivered to Seton School on Monday, December 13th. The note should be marked: Christmas Donation, Attn: Cyndy Quinan*

All donations should be made through the purple envelope by December 5th.

Baked Goods must be brought to Seton School, Monday, December 12th, between 8:15 and 10:00 am

Help is needed assembling the gifts on the same morning of December 13th.

Call Cyndy at (703) 335-8140 to volunteer!



God Bless.

Cyndy Quinan and her elves



If you have questions or would like to be part of the "elves", call Cyndy at (703) 335-8140 or e-mail: casquinan@verizon.net