



Dear Parents and Grandparents of SJPDS students,

We will be setting up a Santa's workshop this year in the Auditorium for our students to choose small gifts for those they love. Each student will be allowed two gift choices. Our children will be choosing gifts for mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents, and anyone they choose. Please remind those in the know, that this event will serve our little friends nearly all of whom still believe in more than just the spirit of Santa Claus.

Our support teams will include those who donate, sort, set up, clean up, shop for gifts, and wrap gifts. This is a big endeavor and will make an indelible mark on our little friends. All volunteer positions will be made available through [SignUp Genius](#).

All donations may be placed in the large metallic green wrapped box placed by the front office.

**DONATION ELVES** - Everyone can participate. These donations are several steps above garage sale. Please think in terms of gifts rather than junk. Look for very gently used toys, story books, and other items that may have been given with joy but received with less enthusiasm. Which means, we would love to see items adults would like to be gifted as well like cookbooks, home décor items, beauty items, tools, and whatever else you may find. Now is the time to re-gift that item graciously received but does not fit your style. Any breakable items need to be wrapped in bubble wrap to prevent breakage in the collection bin.

**SORTER ELVES** - We will need 4 or 5 sorters to remove the half-eaten chocolate bonbons, the half-burned candles, and the two-year-old wall calendars from the useful and generous donations received. We'll work on two afternoons as school is ending to sort. Sorting will occur on Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, Dec. 16.

**DÉCOR ELVES** - If this is your passion, we have a snowy North Pole 'scape' for you. Creating the landscape for this will be worth it when those little faces walk in the room. If you would like to work on planning that portion of the event and bringing it to fruition, please contact Vera Hendon at [vghendon@gmail.com](mailto:vghendon@gmail.com).

**SET UP ELVES** - For those wishing to and willing to decorate, we will transform AUD into a snowy, North Pole, Santa's Workshop landscape on Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be for adults and older siblings 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Should you bring an older child helper, add that name when signing up. There will be no childcare provided for SJPDS students.

**CLEAN UP ELVES** - Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>, AUD will need to be returned to its former glory at the end of the event. This requires no skill, socializing, or delay. Two working hands and action are what's needed.

**SHOPPERS ELVES** - All parents from all classes are invited to participate. EC classes will need the most help on the days they choose. It would be nice for parents to sign up for classes that do not include their child so that surprises may be at their highest when gifts are given. Shoppers will assist in gift selections.

**WRAPPING ELVES** - This requires a bit of gift-wrapping savvy. If you can, “wrap any gift with only three bits of tape,” then this is your gig. Since we are all less talented than the elves from the movie Arthur Christmas, we still have a spot for you. Wrappers will sit at tables and wrap presents.

Consider inviting Grandparents or other special loves in your children’s lives to participate. They need only visit the [SignUp Genius](#) and go through the Raptor System in the front office with Mrs. Ashton just like we all do when we visit the school.

Thank you, in advance, for making this event a wonderful experience for our community.

Vera Hendon and Lisa Hermodsson, Co-chairs.

