

St. Mary's Response to the Disaster in Haiti

To: The St. Mary's Community

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We are so blessed to work in a school where our families and classroom teachers model Christ's command to love one another. Our students are responding to this disaster, and our administration is supporting and encouraging their endeavors. The following is St. Mary's response to the disaster in Haiti.

St. Mary's will be focusing on bringing HOPE TO HAITI through the following initiatives.

1. Entering Prayers and Sacrifice in the Hope for Haiti Prayer Box –All are encouraged to enter the Chapel and offer a written prayer for the victims and their families and drop in the “Hope for Haiti Prayer Box”.
2. We will be selling dress down tickets, \$3.00 a piece, which will be redeemable on Friday, Jan. 22 and should be purchased before then. Proceeds from this endeavor will go to Catholic Relief Services.
3. There will be change collection jars in the cafeteria; these monies will be sent to Catholic Relief Services as well.
4. We will be collecting First Aid items that will be sent to the Sisters of Mercy in Haiti. Any donations may be brought to the school.

Lastly, my prayer is this tragedy will encourage you to participate with over one hundred of our students and over 100 guests in our “*Darkness to Light Retreat/ Fast*” this Good Friday, April 2nd and Holy Saturday April 3rd.

The Fast is a hunger awareness and relief program for Haiti. Participants give up phones, computers, beds, and even food for 30 hours. Throughout the 30 hours they will spend their time praying, serving and raising money through sponsors. We will feed the homeless on Boston Common, and work in local shelters serving the poorest of the poor. I have had the honor of running the event for over 13 years and it is truly life changing experience for all those who participate, as well as those we serve.

For more information on getting involved in any one of the initiatives please contact me at 781-595-7885 ext. 450, aalberti@smhlynn.org.