

Dear School Family,

It seems about this time each year we hear the complaint that, "Christmas has become too commercial." Want to trade in a **Christmas of consumption** for a **more meaningful celebration**? Look no further, we have just the thing. Join our Advent Conspiracy.

As Advent Conspirators we pledge to:

Spend Less

on ourselves and those who already have everything they need so we can

Give More

of our hearts, time, and treasure to others in ways that truly make a difference.

Love All

the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalized.

Worship Fully

what we give worth to, or prioritize, is what we worship – children, God, possessions, money, Jesus. This Christmas let's consciously direct our worship toward Jesus, Immanuel, God with us.

By spending less on gifts that aren't really needed, time and money are freed up to give to those in need. We are able to give more of our presence to family and friends and more materially to those who truly need it.

Opportunities at school to love all and give more to those who are often forgotten, include:

1. **The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Project**
2. **Pajama and Slipper collection** for children at our local shelter for victims of domestic abuse. To ensure a variety of sizes, please purchase pajamas and slippers in your child's size. Items may be sent to school starting November 27th until December 15th.
3. **Personal care and hygiene items** to go in holiday boxes packed by the Geneseo Central School faculty for needy families in our community may be sent in anytime November 27th until December 15th.

Thank you for joining the conspiracy to celebrate Christmas more meaningfully this year.

Your co-conspirators,

Betsy and Susan

P.S. One of our favorite Give More - Love All stories involves a preschooler. When his grandmother took him shopping for his shoe box toy he searched and searched the shelves rejecting each of her suggestions. Finally she asked impatiently, "Well, what are you looking for?" He replied, "A faucet so they can have clean water." This four year old understood the plight of children in the developing world and wanted to give a gift that would truly make a difference. Let's do the same this Christmas season.



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