Dear Parents/Students November 26, 2015

We will be going on a field trip to Siloam Mission on December 15 at 12:45pm-2:45pm. Siloam Mission is a Christian, humanitarian agency which seeks to alleviate the hardships of poverty and homelessness. In preparation for this field trip, we are challenging our students to donate ‘stockings’ for the patrons of Siloam. For the next couple of weeks, we will be collecting hygiene items such as travel sized toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, combs, brushes, band-aids, kleenex, razors, and large wool socks. Once these items are collected, we will be stuffing the items into the wool socks, tying them with a ribbon, and delivering them to Siloam to be handed out to the patrons on Christmas Eve.

Having adequate hygiene items is just one of the many problems associated with homelessness. Our goal is to give our students the opportunity to give something back to the less fortunate in our city this Christmas season. While we are at Siloam Mission, we will be taking a tour of the facility and also getting some education on the issues surrounding poverty and homelessness in Winnipeg.

If you are able to donate any of these items in the next couple of weeks, we would greatly appreciate it. For a more detailed list of items that are required, please refer to Siloam’s website [www.siloam.ca](http://www.siloam.ca). As we will be stuffing wool socks, it’s important that the hygiene items be travel size. Large, men’s wool socks would also be appreciated.

We are also looking for a couple of parents to accompany us on this trip. We will be taking MBCI’s school bus, leaving the school at 12:45pm, and arriving back at MBCI at 12:45pm. Please email me at mulrich@mbci.mb.ca if you are able to volunteer for this trip.

Thank you so much for your consideration in these matters.

 Sincerely,

 Monica Ulrich