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Dear Families;

This is the time of year when we are able to pause and take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished for the year and look forward to the coming year and what it holds for us. It is also a time to pause and think of others and of how we can help to improve their lives.

The Middle School Student Council, with the support of the administration, is partnering with Project Self-Sufficiency with its annual gift drive, "Stuff the Stocking." Last year, with the help of Sussex and Northern Warren County schools, the Season of Hope Toy Shop provided gifts to 2,200 local children. In this spirit of giving, we are reaching out to our Hardyston Township School District families to help make the 2017 Season of Hope even bigger and better.

In conjunction with Season of Hope Project Toys 4 Teens, a special initiative developed by Girl Scout Ruby Esposito, will collect gifts for teens and preteens. There is a particular need for these items throughout our community and county.

We are kindly asking our families and students to help by donating a new, unwrapped gift item for a school-aged child, a pre-teen, or teenager during this season of giving and sharing. Each grade has a goal of fifty gifts and the grade that collects the most gifts will share in a special treat as a thank you for their efforts. Students and families will be able to check a daily counter in the main lobby of the school to check the progress of the drive. During the week of December 11, a decorated bus will arrive at the Middle School and students will be involved with bringing the collected gifts out to the bus.

Please see the attached information regarding gift ideas and frequently asked questions about Season of Hope. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Mr. Ryder's office or Mr. Demeter's office.

Please send in new, unwrapped gifts with your child by Monday, December 11, 2017. We ask that you send the gifts to the attention of Mrs. Rosendale or have your child bring the gift to room 311 so that the grade level may be noted for the goal.

Together, let's make this holiday season a special one for the children not only in our own community, but also throughout the county.

Our deepest thanks and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season for you and your family.

With regards,

Mr. Mike Ryder
Superintendent

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