

Hey students & families,

Together we are going to “Do Justice” this month by collecting food for our local food pantry, the *West Suburban Community Pantry*. And, we’re going to invite our neighbors and friends to join us. Here’s what the project looks like.



First, discuss the project with your family and invite them to participate. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors and share a little hope from our church. Then, follow this timeline....

Sunday, October 18 @ Homegroup – pick up your collection cards. Grab as many as you’ll pass out.

- With your friends or family, pick a time to (a) distribute these cards in your neighborhood on the weekend of Oct. 24/25 and (b) collect the food on the weekend of Oct 31/Nov 1. Targeting the weekend means more people will be home and you’ll have more time to connect with more homes. Once you pick your times, write the pick-up time on the cards you will distribute.
- Make sure to arrange the right help and/or equipment for your pick-up. You’ll want a wagon, wheelbarrow or perhaps a parent to drive so that you can get all the food back home.

October 24/25 (Sat & Sun) – distribute the collection cards to your neighbors

- Knock on the door and use the following script as your guide. If nobody answers, leave a card.
- *“Hello, I’m (your name) and I live in this neighborhood. I’m working with my youth group at the Compass Church to collect food for our local food pantry, the West Suburban Community Pantry. I’m going door-to-door to invite our neighbors to join me. Can I tell you more about this project?”*
  - If no, ask if you can simply leave them a card explaining the details. If they still say no, say “thank-you, have a nice day” and head to the next house.
  - If yes, hand them a card and tell them about the project with this script as your guide. *“The West Suburban Community Pantry is a 501(c)(3) charity in DuPage county that provides food, school supplies, and educational classes for nutrition, health, employment and financial management. Our church, The Compass Church, partners with the pantry to support them throughout the year and this is their busiest time of year. Our youth group goal is to collect 2000lbs of food to help them prepare for the holidays. This card has a list of items they most need this season. I’ll be coming back around the neighborhood on (pick a date and time) to collect the donations. You can leave them in a paper bag or box on your front porch to make it quick and convenient. Do you have any questions about the project, the pantry or our church that I can answer?”*

October 31/November 1 (Sat/Sun) – Food collection and drop off

- Make sure that all food is picked up before 5p on Sunday, Nov. 1 so that it can be delivered to church at 6p on that same night for our celebration party. Pack your vehicle and head to church!
- On Sunday, November 1 @ 6-7:30p we will have designated drop zones at church for each Homegroup. Once all the food is dropped off, the Homegroup with the most food will win a pizza party for the following week! Then we will all celebrate with some tasty dinner and games. You won’t want to miss this exciting night!

Feel free to contact us with questions or contributions via email at [studentsnaperville@thecompass.net](mailto:studentsnaperville@thecompass.net).