

Does my child have to participate?

Although most children do participate in the Children's Boutique, it is entirely optional. If you don't want your child to participate, PLEASE still return the attached form and note that they will not be participating, so that we won't be contacting you if your child shows up wanting to buy something.

What do I need to do for my child to participate?

1. Decide who your child will shop for.
2. Fill out the shopping form sent home with your child.
3. Write the names of the recipients on the labels (this helps us label everything for you).
4. Decide if you want to donate to Midnight Mission.
5. Add up your shopping budget and either include cash or check (made out to The Wesley School) in your envelope.
6. Send the envelope along with the money form and labels back to school by Wednesday, November 30th.

I can't find the envelope, what should I do?

You can either pick up a new envelope from Myrna, the receptionist in the school office, or you can print the shopping form and return it to school on Wednesday, November 30th along with cash or check. We'll take care of the labels for you.

Why do I need to send back the labels?

These labels will help the volunteers ensure that gifts don't get mixed up, and that the gift your child picks out for Grandma is wrapped and labeled for Grandma.

Can I volunteer?

YES! Please, contact Amy Ostiguy at [amy.silverman@gmail.com](mailto:amy.silverman@gmail.com)

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# Children's Boutique



### What is the Wesley Children's Holiday Boutique?

The Children's Holiday Boutique is an opportunity for your child to shop for their friends and family on their own. It's also a time for kids to budget their money, feel the joy of giving and have fun shopping independently with their friends. The Wesley Social Hall will be transformed into a mini-mall where each class will get a designated time to shop. For the younger grades, parent volunteers will be on hand to help and of course wrap the gifts. Your child(ren) will come home with presents wrapped, labeled and ready for opening! It's fun to see how long the kids can wait to make you open your gift or not spill what they purchased.

### When is the Wesley Children's Holiday Boutique?

The boutique will be open Tuesday, December 6th to Friday, December 9th. Each grade will visit the boutique during a designated time slot as a class/advisory group between Tuesday and Thursday. After the children have shopped, we open the boutique to parents starting Thursday from 3pm to 4pm and Friday 8am to noon.

### Who do the kids shop for?

It's up to you! Children usually shop for their immediate family and grandparents. Others will also shop for friends, cousins, aunts/uncles, and themselves. There will be gifts for children, teens, adults, and even pets.

### Can the parents come to shop?

Absolutely! Parent shopping is Thursday, 12/8 3pm to 4pm and Friday, 12/9 from 8am to noon.

### How much money should I send for my child to spend?

This really depends on you, but items range from \$2 to \$35. The suggested average budgeted amount per gift is \$15 to \$25. There are lots of stocking stuffers and smaller items for \$5 in addition to bigger items like grill tool sets or clutches for \$35. It is perfectly fine to send a smaller amount, just keep in mind that \$20 won't cover as many people. Parent volunteer shoppers will do their best to help your child make the best choices given their allotted budget.

### May my child spend money on him/her/themself?

We would greatly appreciate it if you would have a conversation with your child about this ahead of time. Some parents feel strongly that this is a time for the children to think of others and some are fine with the children spending some money on themselves. We are not here to suggest one view or the other is better, but do ask that you indicate your desire on the form as well as the amount your child is allowed to spend on themselves, if that is the case.

### What is Midnight Mission?

Midnight Mission is a charity that provides a path to self-sufficiency to men, women and children experiencing homelessness. Your child will have the opportunity to purchase a gift at the Wesley Children's Boutique to be donated to a child in need. All the gifts will be collected and donated to Midnight Mission who will distribute them. Midnight Mission prefers gifts worth \$25 or more. You can donate more than one gift in increments of \$25.

