**Notre Dame Families,**

**Christmas is around the corner and soon our NDA Christmas Elves will be in full action once again. The Grade 7 classes, along with the help of all other grades are involved in a great service project that will bring a bit of happiness and excitement into the lives of others. Notre Dame will be turning our Common area into a Christmas Cottage and creating a Christmas store. The Grade 1 classes from St. Pat's School will be invited to come over and do some Christmas shopping. Students will be allowed to buy one present for each member of their immediate family. This year, all money collected will be donated to the Woman's Shelter to assist families in need.**

**We are asking for your assistance with this project. We are inviting families to look through your "stuff" at home for gently-used items to sell in our store. Items that are in good condition may include all ages…from babies, children, teenagers, moms, and dads. All items will be priced from $0.50 to $2.00. Grade 1 students will be guided through our store by a NDA Christmas Elf, they will then pay for their purchases to our Money –Collector Elves. The students will then be taken to the gift-wrapping areas where the Gift-Wrapping Elves will wrap and gift-tag their presents. The Grade 1 students will then have a wrapped present for each one of their family members to place under the Christmas tree at home.**

**Following their shopping experience….our Helper Elves will take the students to our Cosmetology Lab to have their face painted and then off to the Food Studies Lab for a Christmas treat. Students will also be able to enjoy some fun in the gym, do an art activity, and listen to a Christmas story in the library. These will be hosted by our Gr. 8 Options classes.**

**Our NDA students are very excited about this project but…we need your help in collecting our store items. Also, wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, tape, and gift tags are required to make this experience a memorable one. If you have any extras you could donate to our project … it would be greatly appreciated.**

**We know this is a busy time of year and everyone is scrambling to get their Christmas traditions underway, but if you can possibly take a few minutes to help us out…. we would be very grateful. Thank you for your participation in this activity.**

**When: Friday, December 4**
**Time: 9:20-11:10**
**Where: Notre Dame Academy**
**Who: NDA Gr. 7 Classes, Gr. 8 Option Classes, and St. Patrick's School Gr. 1 Classes**

**Please feel free to send in or drop off your donations any time.**
**Drop- off is in Mrs. Rae's Room.**
**Notre Dame Academy Christmas Elves**