

` Honors Academy Holiday Drive 2025

Every year, the Honors Academy has a holiday drive to benefit organizations within our community. The dates for this year's edition will be from November 17th to December 12th.

This year, we will be assisting the Family Crisis Center of North Georgia (FCC), the Ridgeland Pantry, and the CVES food pantry.

To accomplish this and simplify tracking each class's progress, we have given "can values" to the items we are collecting for our partners. In addition, we have provided a maximum amount per class for each item type. This will allow the class competition to be bigger and better than ever before.

From November 15th to 22nd, we are only taking donations for the Ridgeland Pantry. They are in desperate need of non-perishable food items. To help with that need, we will place a special multiplier on can totals to give each grade an incentive to bring in items during the week. All regular-sized canned items will be recorded as 5 items, and all oversized items will be recorded as 10. Ramen packets will be counted as 2 items per packet. Canned meat (chicken, tuna, etc) will be counted as 10 items. Let's help the Ridgeland community restock the pantry, which is totally depleted right now.

After Thanksgiving, we will work on the following lists. Your class must work on clearing the Bathroom and Home Items before we open up the Food List.

Bathroom Items (12750 cans)

Item	"Can" Value	Max amount each class can collect
Baby Wipes (\$2 a pack)	60 cans per pack	25 packs per class (1500)
Children's Body Wash (\$8 a bottle)	50 cans per item	15 bottles per class (750)
Women's Body Wash (\$3 a bottle)	50 cans per item	15 bottles per class (750)
Bath Towels (\$7 a piece)	100 cans per towel	10 towels per class (1000)
Dish Rags (\$2 a piece)	50 cans per item	10 items per class (500)
Tampons (less than .25 a piece)	3 cans per tampon	1000 Tampons (3000)
Diapers (all sizes) (.25 to .50 a piece)	3 cans per diaper	1750 diapers (5250)

Home Items (3500 Cans)

Item	"Can" Value	Max amount each class can collect
Disinfectant wipes (\$4 a bottle)	25 cans per bottle	10 bottles per class (250)
Paper towels (\$1 a roll)	20 cans per roll	50 rolls per class (1000)

Pillows	150 cans per pillow	10 pillows per class (1500)
Plug-in night lights (\$7 a light)	75 cans per light	10 lights per class (750)

Food (8300+ Cans)

Item	“Can” Value	Max amount each class can collect
Canned Chicken	20 cans per can	10 cans per class (200)
Canned Chili	15 cans per can	20 cans per class (300)
Canned Soup	10 cans per can	50 cans per class (500)
Canned Spaghetti-0's/Ravioli (easy open cans preferred)	10 cans per can	100 cans per class (1000)
Canned Tuna	15 cans per can	20 can per class (300)
Cheese Cracker Packs	2 cans per pack	200 packs per class (400)
Chips-small individual bags	5 cans per bag	50 bags per class (250)
Kool-Aid Mix	20 cans per mix of 8 quarts	5 containers per class (100)
Cookies-small individual bags	5 cans per bag	50 bags per class (250)
Canned Vegetables	10 cans per can	unlimited
Granola Bars	20 cans per box	10 boxes per class (200)
Hearty soup	20 cans per can	10 per class (200)
Individual Crackers (cheese and crackers/peanut butter and crackers)	2 cans per pack	300 packs per class (600)
Instant mashed potatoes	10 cans per pack	20 packs per class (200)
Instant Oatmeal	15 cans per box	10 boxes per class (150)
Microwave Macaroni & Cheese	10 cans per box	100 per class (1000)
PopTarts	25 cans per box	30 boxes per class (750)
Saltine crackers	10 cans per box	10 boxes per class (100)
Spaghetti noodles	10 cans per box	30 16 oz boxes per class (300)
Spaghetti pasta sauce	10 cans per bottle	30 bottles per class (300)

Rice-a-roni/pasta-roni	30 cans per box	20 boxes per class (600)
Boxed pasta meals (tuna helper, hamburger helper, etc)	30 cans per box	20 boxes per class (600)

Items of note:

1. Traditional canned food items after Thanksgiving will still be collected and have a value of 1 can.
2. Donations of \$1 will have a value of 3 cans.
3. Items from the chart must be brought in by the students, teachers will not collect money and purchase items for students.

The goals for the class competition this year:

- **Seniors: 20,000 Cans**
- **Juniors: 20,000 Cans**
- **Sophomores: 20,000 Cans**
- **Freshmen: 20,000 Cans**

The goal for the entire Honors Academy is 80,000 cans.

Incentives:

1. If we reach the Honors Academy goal of 80,000, we will be going to the movies on December 16th as a reward.
2. The class with the highest total, as long as they reach their set class-level goal, will be given the opportunity to go on a field trip on a date to be determined.
3. All semester-long courses have to take their finals. Seniors must take all finals unless they are exempt. Sophomores have to take Spanish I and Geometry. Juniors have to take Spanish III, DE Math, and Economics. However, all other midterms will not be taken. Juniors will not have to take their English Research Paper of 12 pages.

All freshmen bring their donations to Mrs. Hawk and Miss Dean. All sophomores bring their donations to Mrs. Jackson and Dr. Crutcher. All juniors bring their donations to Mrs. Jagger and Mrs. Bunn. All seniors bring their donations to Mrs. Weathers and Dr. Keum.

This is a time that we all enjoy, and the competition plays a big role in that; however, try to keep in mind that the reason for our Holiday Drive is to help others in our community.

We look forward to making this food drive another record-setting event!