

IT'S BACKPACK TIME AGAIN! For quite a few years, we have provided supply-filled backpacks to Baltimore City schoolchildren who otherwise would not start school with the items they need to begin the school year. The children's names come to us via 40 West Assistance and Referral Center and Hope Harbor. New this year: we will be donating new underwear and socks to the clothes closet at Green Street Academy; see below for more information about that.



We will start collecting school supplies for grades preK-12 on Sunday, 7/11, continuing through Sunday, 8/8. Below is a list of what we need. We are hoping to supply backpacks to 50 children.

If you would like to help, but can't get out to shop, please consider sending a check made out to St Bartholomew's with "backpacks" on the memo line.

In addition to LOTS of supplies, we will also need 6-8 volunteers in the late afternoon/early evening on Tuesday, 8/10, for sorting and counting the supplies, and again in the late afternoon/early evening on Thursday, 8/12, for packing the backpacks.

New, full-size backpacks

Composition books

Spiral notebooks

Pencils

Pens

Crayons (24-count)

Colored markers (8-16 count)

Colored pencils (8-16 count)

Notebook paper

Dividers

Glue sticks—regular and jumbo sizes

White glue

Pink erasers

Eraser caps

3-ring binders

Rulers

Pocket folders with brackets

Pencil pouches and boxes

Highlighters

Dry erase markers

Small, dry-erase boards (in the 8"x10" range)

Scissors

Sticky/post-it notes

Index cards

Hand sanitizer

Ear buds/headphones (not expensive,
not wireless)

****For new underwear and socks for Green Street Academy's clothes closet, we need a wide range of sizes for boys and girls, as the students are ages 11-18.****

For any questions, please feel free to call, text, or email Amanda Harris: 443-812-1341 or aharris1968@hotmail.com. Please also let Amanda know if/when you are able to volunteer for sorting supplies and/or packing the backpacks.