

# EBENEZER SCRIP PROGRAM INFORMATION: 2018-2019 School Year

## ***An Introduction to SCRIP***

The SCRIP program is a great opportunity to reduce tuition costs through your everyday shopping. SCRIP is a word for a certificate issued in place of money. When you purchase a Lynden Chamber of Commerce Community Cash Check/Certificate, or a gift card through Ebenezer's SCRIP program, you pay the face value. When you use the Certificate or gift card, the business only gets a certain percentage of the face value. The difference in value is retained by Ebenezer, where it is placed in an account that can apply a credit to your future tuition.

Twice a year, in May and November, we run a report of all your check and gift cards purchased through our SCRIP program. If you have accumulated credit from purchases, it will be applied to your upcoming tuition statement.

Some people like to look to the future, and start using our SCRIP program even before they have a student at Ebenezer. The money accumulates and will be applied to their first tuition statement in the future.

Sometimes circumstances change. A family may not enroll, or decide to leave Ebenezer. Also, sometimes a balance is left in the account when a student graduates. In those cases, their SCRIP money remains in the school's account. The family may decide whether to designate a family to receive their upcoming credit, OR leave it as a general donation for the Board to apply to a needy family's account.

## ***About Community Cash Certificates***

Community Cash dollars come in booklets of 10 certificates (\$10 each); or \$100 certificates; or you can order a specific amount to be written as a check to a vendor. Four percent of the face value will be added to your account. Please see the current order form for a list of vendors accepting Community Cash Certificates (also known as Lynden Dollars). Note that some have restrictions on these types of purchases.

If you are negotiating a price with a merchant (for flooring, furniture, etc.) please inform the business up front that you intend to pay with Community Cash. Local merchants have already given up a portion of their profit by accepting Community Cash Certificates. That is also why you must use the full \$10 or \$100 of each certificate; no change will be given. For larger purchases, you can request a check for a specific merchant, for a specific amount.

**Ordering Community Cash often takes advance planning on your part.** We may have booklets or certificates on hand, but not in large numbers. Large orders may take a week to fill. Checks written for specific amounts to a vendor always take a week to process, and will be ready for pickup with the next week's orders.

## ***About Gift Cards***

**We encourage you to place orders in the first couple weeks of the month whenever possible.** We purchase cards from Lynden Christian schools, and their supply dwindles as the month goes on. As a courtesy to them, we should try to order the largest number of cards early in the month.

Businesses that participate in our program:

- Safeway \$100 (4 percent credit)
- Fred Meyer \$50 or \$100 cards (4 percent)
- Haggen \$50 or \$100 cards (10 percent)
- The Markets \$50 or \$100 cards (10 percent)
- The Woods \$20 cards (10 percent)

## ***How to Participate***

If you are enrolled at Ebenezer, or are planning to enroll in the future, you may create a SCRIP account with us. Contact the SCRIP coordinators at [scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org](mailto:scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org) to get started. Anyone participating in the SCRIP program must have a **SCRIP Disclaimer for ECS on file**, if your child will be bringing home their order. A new disclaimer must be signed each academic year.

**Additional order forms and disclaimer forms are located in the hallway right outside the school office, and on the school website.**

When placing an order, **please fill out both halves of the order form** (one is kept for our records; the other will be your receipt, after we fill the order). Make sure your name and phone number are on the form, and tell us which account will get the benefit of your order. This is important especially for your friends or relatives who are placing orders to benefit your account; it helps us make sure the credit goes to the right place.

**Attach your payment to the full page order form.** Place it in the red folder in the school office **by noon on Wednesday**. Orders will be ready for pick up after the start of school on Thursday, unless Community Cash Certificates need to be ordered. You can expect to receive that portion of your order the following Thursday.

### **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ECS SCRIP**

If the unforeseen happens, and a check bounces, we will need you to be responsible for the associated bank fees.

## ***Holidays and Vacations***

Occasionally the SCRIP program takes a break. Families will be notified as far in advance as possible if the SCRIP coordinators will be unavailable in a given week. Also, based on our school calendar for 2018-2019, **orders will not be filled on the following Wednesdays and Thursdays:**

- October 3 and 4 (school conference/no school Thursday or Friday)
- October 31 and Nov. 1 (parent/teacher conferences, no school Thursday or Friday)
- November 21 and 22 (Thanksgiving Week)
- December 26 and 27 (Christmas break)
- January 2 and 3 (Christmas break)
- February 27 and 28 (Mid-Winter Break week)
- March 27 and 28 (parent/teacher conferences, no school Thursday and Friday)
- April 3 and 4 (Spring Break)
- May 1 and 2 (SCRIP Coordinator personal holiday)
- June 5 and 6 (End of School Year)
- Summer Schedule 2019 TBA

## **Questions about the Program?**

Please contact the SCRIP Program Coordinators, Paul and Ramona Stumpf, [scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org](mailto:scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org). Thank you, and we look forward to serving you in the coming school year!