



Board News:

- Re-Enrollment forms are coming home soon. Every family should plan to have one filled out and returned to school by December 14. This is to assure adequate preparation for next school year.
- The School Board is continuing to take nominations for the upcoming Board elections in February. If you or someone you know is a member in good standing of the Ebenezer Christian School Society (parents are automatically members), and you feel they have qualities that would benefit the school, please contact any Board member prior to next month's Board meeting, December 4.
- Advance notice that school will be dismissing at noon on December 14, please note following article.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the local chapter of the VFW's essay contest. There was an awards afternoon, earlier in November, in which several ECS students were recognized. The 3rd grade students were: Jillian Bovenkamp, received 1st place, Courtney Small, 2nd place and Lane Smit, 3rd place. Our 4th grade students were: 1st place: Allison Dalrymple, 2nd place: Luke Bright and 3rd place Oliver Petree. Our 7th grade student was Katelyn Bright who won 1st place. These student's essays were chosen from all the 3rd and 4th and 7th graders in the Whatcom County who entered. Way to go kids!

Congratulations to Jillian Bovenkamp (3rd grade), Allison Dalrymple (4th grade) and James Ellis (5th grade) who won in the 'Design an Ad' contest for the Lynden Tribune. Special congratulations to James Ellis who won overall for 5th grade entries and to Allison Dalrymple who was the overall winner from all the entries!! Look for their pictures in this week's newspaper! Great job, kids!!

School Cleaning: This month's cleaning is scheduled for tomorrow evening, Tuesday, November 20, organized by the Boyd family. Check the schedule in the back of the Directory for the entire year's schedule. If you have any questions or concerns about your time and service please contact our janitor, Michell Regnerus.

Thanksgiving Chapel: Ebenezer students will be hosting a Thanksgiving chapel this Wednesday, November 21 at 11:00a.m. We'd like to invite all parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of Ebenezer to come and help participate in this time of worship and praise to our faithful God.

School will be dismissed for the day after chapel at 12:00p.m. Buses will be running their normal routes, once they are done shuttling guests back to the Barn (see below).

One reason we have been blessed is to be a blessing to others. We will once again be bringing items for our local food bank (Project Hope). Any gift is appreciated, but some of their top needs at this time are: tuna, Top Ramen, canned fruit, chili, sugar, cold cereal, tomato sauce, dish detergent and small bottles/jars oil.

Thanksgiving Chapel Parking: As we anticipate a large turn-out for our Thanksgiving Chapel and having parking lot congestion, we are asking any parents or guests who are willing and able to park at the Barn Youth Center and be shuttled by our buses to school. The shuttle will begin at 10:30a.m. and will begin making return trips after chapel. Parents who use the shuttle service can retrieve their kids from their classrooms and take them on the return shuttle trip. Thanks for your help in this matter and thanks to the Barn Youth Center for making this possible for us during these special events.

No School: School will not be in session this Thursday or Friday, November 22 and 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy this special weekend with your family!

Christmas Giving: Every year Ebenezer families have the opportunity to join together and give to others who are less fortunate during the Christmas season. This year Ebenezer families will be supporting Lighthouse Mission Ministries and New Way Ministries this year. Specific details will be coming soon!!!

Wreath & Bake Sale: Ebenezer's annual Wreath & Bake Sale is set for Saturday, December 1.

- If you have wooden wreath rings from your last year's wreath, we can reuse them! Please return to the office as soon as you can.

~Please look over the back page for all the important information and the help needed from you for this great event!~

Eagle Boosters: The next Eagle Booster meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, at 8:45a.m., shortly after school begins. The invitation is for all moms, dads and supporters. A nursery is provided for those with little ones. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Eagle Boosters president Tricia Heeringa a call at 360-318-4490.

6th grade Bake Sale: The next 6th grade Bake Sale will be held on Friday, December 7. This is done to support World Vision, specifically a 7 year old boy from Ecuador, named Luis. The Bake Sale will be held at the noon recess. Prices run between \$0.25 and \$1.00. Please help us continue our support.

-Mrs. Swier

Moms-In-Prayer: Moms can make the difference as they reach out to God in prayer - moms just like you! Begin the school week with Ebenezer's own Moms-In-Prayer group as we pray for the staff, students, and families at Ebenezer. We plan to meet on select Mondays each month beginning at 8:45a.m. in the school kitchen. The December gathering is Monday, December 10. No experience is necessary and younger siblings are welcome to join us even if there is no child care; though, child care can be arranged, if desired. Feel free to email Julie Falcone at falconemomma@gmail.com or visit <http://momsinprayer.org/> We look forward to praying with you for our school.

School Schedule Change: Students will be dismissed at noon on Friday, December 14. Teachers and staff will be spending the afternoon in safety meetings. Buses will be running their normal routes. Please make necessary arrangements for your kids.

Christmas Chapel: The students will be presenting their Christmas Chapel on Wednesday morning, December 19, beginning at 9:00a.m. in the gym. Be sure and mark your calendars and extend an invitation to the grandparents and special friends of ECS to join us for this time of worship and praise to our newborn King.

Advance Notice for Christmas Break: School will be dismissed at **12:00p.m.** on Friday, December 21 for Christmas break. Buses will be running their normal routes. Classes will resume again on **Monday, January 7, 2017.**

School Yearbook: If you have an interest in photography, digital layout and design, and preserving precious memories, the school yearbook may be an area to use those gifts. We are looking for one or two people to help preserve memories for our students to enjoy. If you might be interested or have any questions, please talk to Mr. Buss.

Inclement Weather: If weather dictates we close school, please listen to local radio station KWPZ (106.5 FM) or go to www.kgmi.com for listings of school closures. KGMI no longer broadcasts school closures for smaller private schools in the county due to the sheer number of them. We will also have updates posted on our school website's home page, www.ebenezerchristianschool.org prior to any announcements made over the radio. If you check our webpage often, don't forget to hit the "refresh" button on your browser to make sure you're getting the most updated information!

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

November 20: School Cleaning

November 21: Thanksgiving Chapel at 11:00a.m., in the gym; school dismissal at noon

November 22 & 23: No School, Thanksgiving Break

December 1: Wreath & Bake Sale

December 3: Eagle Booster meeting; 8:45a.m., in the teacher's lounge

December 14: Noon dismissal: Teacher Safety meeting

December 19: Christmas Chapel; 9:00a.m. in the gym

December 21: Noon Dismissal; Christmas Break begins

January 7: School Resumes



Wreath & Bake Sale

Saturday, December 1, 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Located at the North County Christ the King Kid's Place Commons in the Fairway Shopping Center next to WFC

Get a jump on your holiday decorating and baking! Pick out the perfect wreath for your home and fabulous homemade baked goods including cookie trays, pies, our famous almond sticks, ollie bollen, cinnamon rolls and more! Call Shilo Taylor at 360-420-7616 if you have any questions or are interested in helping.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

Cashier, Restocker, or Greeter: for December 1 at the sale.

2 shifts are available 9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m. or 12:00p.m. – 2:30p.m.

Contact Shilo Taylor at 360-420-7616 or amazingtaylor5@gmail.com if you can help.

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Wreaths: Plans are being made for a fun day of wreath making.

Specific greens that are needed: Variegated Cedar, Noble Fir, Pine, Spruce and Holly. We would be glad to come trim your tree or if you would like to clip and bring them to the wreath making site that would be great as well. If you have any of the wooden wreath rings at home; we would love to have them back to re-use. They can be brought to the school office.

Volunteers are also needed to help make wreaths. No experience necessary! Just bring a pair of hand clippers if you have them and some garden gloves. Lunch is provided. We will be making wreaths at the home of Karla Roorda (9206 Axling Rd.) on Monday, November 26, from 9a.m.-3:00p.m. and then again from 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. This is a great way to get to know some moms from school and also help to make our wreath and bake sale a success! Please call/text Tricia Heeringa (360-318-4490) if you have trees to trim or would like to volunteer for a shift of wreath making!

Baked Goods: Again this year, we are asking **every** Ebenezer family to contribute at least 5 dozen, freshly baked, same-variety bars or cookies for the assorted cookie trays. These are always a big hit and last year we sold 160 trays! Besides the cookie trays, we need LOTS of other freshly baked items as well: homemade breads & rolls, turnovers, fudge, and holiday cookies & candy. There is always a high demand for ollie bollen, homemade pies and cinnamon rolls, so if you can help in that area it would be greatly appreciated! We encourage you to ask others to bake for our sale as well: moms, mothers-in-law, aunts, anyone is welcome to donate baked goods! We so appreciate the support from our greater Ebenezer family, including the wonderful goodies baked by our Granny Club members.

A few reminders:

*Mark your bar/cookie containers with your name if it's not disposable.

*Non-refrigerated items only.

*Label your 'additional baked items' with the flavor or particular ingredient if not already obvious.

ALL BAKED GOODS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL KITCHEN ON FRIDAY,

November 30 BY 3:15p.m. Call Kara Boyd at 360-305-1742 with questions.

Thanks in advance for your help with this important, favorite fundraiser!