



Board News:

- Re-Enrollment forms went home last Friday. 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 for budgeting purposes, but also to determine classroom enrollment availability.
- 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 their next meeting tomorrow night, December 4.
- Advance notice: School will be dismissing at noon **next Friday**, December 14, please note following article.
- Janitor Position Opening: Michell Regnerus is stepping down from our janitor position due to an anticipated move soon. We are actively seeking her replacement. Talk with Mr. Buss for more information or to pick up an application.

Leftover Wreath & Bake Sale items for sale: You still have the opportunity to shop at the Wreath & Bake Sale! We have assorted cookie trays as well as a few poinsettias left from Saturday's sale. Both are being sold for \$5 apiece. The cookie trays are in the kitchen freezer and the poinsettias are on the counter in the kitchen. First come first served and just bring your money into the office. Thanks!

Wreath & Bake Sale: Our holiday "Wreath & Bake Sale" was once again a huge success! A big thank you for the combined efforts of all who helped with almond sticks, extra baking or Saturday shifts. Thanks to all your baking we had a total of 249 cookie trays! We thank all who were able to come out to make wreaths. A total of 82 wreaths were made! Thanks to Harvey Bajema for cutting all the wood rounds and to those who donated greens. A special thanks to our committee heads Tricia Heeringa (wreaths) and Kara Boyd (baked goods) for all the hard work and energy they put into organizing this annual event. Praise God for His continued provision for Ebenezer. May God be glorified as we continue to work together in His name.

Food Drive Wrap-up: On behalf of the Project Hope Food Bank and especially members of our local community who use the food bank, I wish to express our deep appreciation for the recent food drive facilitated by your students, parents and staff. Almost 700 pounds of food was collected. About 140 families representing approximately 550 individuals receive food from the food bank on a weekly basis. We are a food "bridge" to help provide a portion of the food needs of our local community in any given week. The generous assistance of your school community will help Project Hope Food Bank meet the needs of our neighbors throughout the year - in a sustainable basis. Thank you for sharing in the name and love of Christ Jesus. It is my hope we can seek your help again in the future. ~Don Kok, Executive Director~

Hot Lunch Reminder: This week begins the month of burritos. Since the hot lunch ordering schedule is every 4 months, and you've already turned in your forms, there is nothing new needs to be done by you. This is just a courtesy reminder.

SCRIP: With Christmas and Christmas break approaching please plan ahead with your SCRIP purchasing. There will be **NO** SCRIP orders filled during our Christmas Break. Any questions about the ordering schedule, please contact Paul or Ramona Stumpf at scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org.

SCRIP Bi-Annual: Just over \$8,000.00 will be credited to participating family's December tuition accounts for SCRIP/Community Cash purchased from May-November. Families who have utilized this money-saving program will see their credit applied on the December tuition statement. Additionally, nearly \$3500.00 was applied to families with "Eagle Future" Accounts. These families with future ECS students have already started banking tuition dollars. Wondering how you can get in on all that tuition savings? Discover how the program can work for you! Stop by the office for a SCRIP packet or email SCRIP@ebenezerchristianschool.org for more information. With holiday shopping and entertaining, now is a great time to get started!

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. A detailed information sheet went home with your child last week and is also attached to this Home Bulletin. Please have any donations to the school by Wednesday, December 19. Contact Mr. Buss if you would like to help deliver the gifts.

Franklin G. Bake Sale: The next 6th grade Bake Sale to support Luis, through World Vision is set for this Friday, December 7. The sale will be at the noon recess and prices run between \$0.25 and \$1.00. Thank you for your continued support.

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 art room. **The December gathering is next 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.

8th Grade Hot Lunch Fundraiser: There will be three Fridays in January that the 8th grade class will be putting together a hot lunch fundraiser. This will raise money for their end-of-the-year class trip. Order form coming next week!

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.

School Cleaning: This month's cleaning is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, organized by the Tim Broersma 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 Michell Regnerus, our school janitor. Thanks!

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.

Christmas Chapel Parking: We are looking forward to a large turn-out for our Christmas 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 8:30a.m. and will begin making return trips after chapel is over. Thanks for your help in this matter and thanks to the Barn Youth Center for making this possible for us during these special events.

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.**

Basketball News: Our girls' and boys' basketball season has begun, thanks to the time and commitment of our coaches. Tanya Thalen is our girls' coach. Tanya was our middle school soccer coach and we appreciate her return for basketball again this year. John Tolsma joins us as our boys' basketball coach. John is one of our Ebenezer dads with son Quinn in 5th grade. Our games begin in January and we'll have a more complete schedule available as soon as it's made.

Need a Christmas Gift Idea?: Hats Off in Lynden is where you can go to get your ECS Wear! Purchase any apparel in the store and then choose from the several approved Ebenezer logos to have added to the clothing. Show your school spirit, Go Eagles!

Ways to save for ECS: During this holiday season as you do your holiday baking, cooking and Christmas shopping remember the ways you can help our school:

- Amazon Smile
- Office Depot
- Box Tops
- Coke Products
- Target Red Card

Lynden's Winter Ride: The snow is beginning to fall and the ski season at Mt Baker is getting closer. It's now time to get your paperwork turned in for Lynden's Winter Ride program. Our first trip to Mt. Baker is planned for January 5 and you need to reserve your seat on the bus now. Copies of the required paperwork and further information about our program is available at: www.lyndenwinterride.org. Completed paperwork may be turned in to the school secretaries at Isom Elementary, LMS, LHS, and LCHS. Please put them in a sealed envelope and address it to "Lynden Winter Ride - Mitch Kornelis - Isom Elementary"

School Need: Our supply of paper grocery bags is getting smaller. These are used in the various classrooms for paper recycling. If you are able to help out in this area, your extra paper bags can be brought to the office any time. Thanks!

Lost and Found: While you think about Christmas vacation, take a moment and rummage through the Lost and Found box in the hallway by the office. There are several items of really nice clothing that will be missed if the weather gets snowy! Clothing left in the Lost and Found box during vacation will be donated to the Lynden Christian's 2nd Chance Store. Parents, please label your children's clothing with your last name; we'll do our best to get it back to you.

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:

- December 10: Moms-In-Prayer, 8:45a.m., in the Art Room
- December 14: Noon dismissal: Teacher Safety meeting
- December 18: School cleaning
- December 19: Christmas Chapel; 9:00a.m. in the gym
- December 21: Noon Dismissal; Christmas Break begins
- January 7: School Resumes