



HOME BULLETIN

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Board News:

- The School Board is currently taking nominations for the upcoming Board elections in February. The ECS Board is specifically looking to fill the Asst. Treasurer position as well as one other opening on the Board. If you or someone you know is a member in good standing of the Ebenezer Christian School Society and have qualities that would benefit the school, please contact any Board member or Mr. Buss before their next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 1.
- Interested in helping guide the school finances? The Finance committee is looking for new members to help with the financial guidance of the school. Contact Tim Tabert, Board Treasurer, or Rob Dykstra, Asst. Treasurer for details.
- 4th grade swimming: We are hoping to schedule our annual 4th grade swimming classes yet this school year, despite the YMCA closing and other challenges. 4th grade parents should look for further communication about this as it develops, including a per-student cost estimate. Anyone in our ECS family of supporters who would like to make a donation to help these families defray the cost of swimming, should contact Tim Tabert, Rob Dykstra, or Mr. Buss.
- Surplus item: the aging airplane on the preschool playground needs a new home. If you're interested in making a donation to the school and taking it home, talk to Mr. Buss.

Book Fair: We had a fantastic Book Fair! Thanks to everyone for supporting our school and the teacher's classrooms. A thank you goes to the volunteers who helped run the Book Fair over those several days. Sales were \$4000! Our classrooms and students will benefit from this great event.

Wreath Sale: Today your student will be bringing home an important information sheet and order form. One is a request for greenery (Douglas Fir, Noble Fir and any specialty greens) and helpers and the other a detailed order form for pre-ordering wreaths, centerpieces and garland. Please look at them to get the detailed information. Order forms are due back next Monday, November 16.

No School: There will be **NO SCHOOL** this **Wednesday, November 11**, in observance of Veteran's Day. School will also not be in session on **Thursday & Friday, November 12 & 13**, so our teachers may virtually attend the NWCSI convention. Teachers and administrators from Washington, Alaska and British Columbia will be attending. Pray for the staff that they will be blessed with encouragement and new information that enables them to enrich our children's lives and education here at Ebenezer. Take time to enjoy this long weekend with your family.

School Cleaning: This month's cleaning is scheduled for next Tuesday, November 17, organized by the Dean VanderHoek 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 Brenda Sprague.

Vision and Hearing Screening: Thursday, November 19 and Friday, November 20, school nurse Kelly Tolsma will be providing vision and hearing screening to all K-8 students. If there is a reason to contact you with concerns about your student, you will be notified by letter after the screening is finished. We are looking for helpers to assist during the screening times. Please contact Kelly Tolsma for details, 360-927-4438.

Thanksgiving Chapel & Break: Our Thanksgiving chapel will be handled similarly to our previous chapel in October. We are not inviting visitors on campus and we will share the link of the taped chapel with our families as soon as one is ready.

School will still be dismissed at noon on Wednesday, November 25 and there will be no school on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy this special weekend with your family!

Thanksgiving Food Drive: 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: canned fruit, canned meat, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes or tomato paste, pasta, peanut butter, canned vegetables, cereal, flour, mac n cheese, soups and ramen. Some non-food items would be paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, aluminum foil and Ziploc bags. Because of the buying power they have any money gift would be appreciated as well. Please send food to school with your student by Wednesday, November 25.

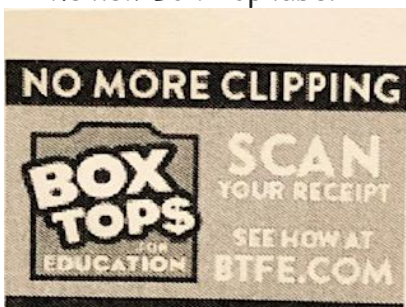
Moms-In-Prayer: Due to schedule conflicts, Moms-In-Prayer will be changing the day they meet. Please be watching the Home Bulletins for the times and dates. Our school is thankful for the many prayers lifted to God during these times. Please contact Malia Frerichs at 360-319-7598 or maliafrerichs4@gmail.com with any questions.

Scrip Now: Interested in the online version of SCRIP?! ScripNow is the electronic side of ECS's rebate program. It provides savings from national retailers and restaurants through an online program. Request via email the step by step signup process. After getting properly signed up you will be able to take full advantage of the website and do some SHOPPING! If you'd like to receive the tutorial document, **please sign up in the office by phone (providing us your name, email address, and phone number) or by email to Kaeli DeVries at onlinescrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org**. Thanks to Kaeli DeVries and Tessa Garcia on heading up this program!

BOX TOPS: Box Tops is transitioning online. Get the new Box Tops app and simply scan your store receipt each time you purchase groceries and household products (within 14 days of purchase). The app will find any participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings.

**Please continue to clip & turn into the office any unexpired box tops clippings as there are still some out there as they transition online. Any questions please contact Amy Petree.

The new Box Top label



The App



Holiday Travels: In advance of the holidays, we offer this guidance for families and celebrations. This material and information comes as shared info from our sister NWCSI schools. In general, please be cautious when celebrating with family and friends this holiday season. We're all acutely aware of the increases in the COVID-19 cases, and we all need to do our part to make sure our holidays are enjoyable, but also don't put ourselves (and hence our school and loved ones) at unnecessary risk. If you're traveling, this link to Joffe Emergency Services, a company that assists schools and other organizations, may be helpful. As the holiday season approaches, please make sure you understand travel restrictions and guidelines. If you travel to certain areas you may be required to quarantine or get your children tested before they are allowed to return to school. Currently the State of Washington does not have restrictions within the US, however, there are some restrictions on international travel, including to Mexico. Here is a link to [holiday and travel information](#).

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 11:** No School, Veteran's Day
- November 12&13:** Teacher's Convention, No School
- November 16:** Wreath Order Forms Due
- November 17:** School Cleaning
- November 25:** Noon Dismissal
- November 26 & 27:** Thanksgiving Break

