



HOME BULLETIN

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### Board News:

- Re-Enrollment forms went home last week. **Every family** should plan to have one filled out and returned to school by next **Friday, December 18**. This is to assure adequate preparation for next school year, and is especially important for families with preschool or kindergarten students next year.
- Additions have been made to the Health & Safety Handbook which was shared at the Summer Society meeting. It reflects the most current guidelines from the local health department. If any family would like a copy, please contact the office.

**Food Drive:** On behalf of the Project Hope Food Bank, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the recent food drive sponsored by Ebenezer Christian School. The food bank received approximately 620 pounds of food from the 2020 Ebenezer Christian School Thanksgiving Food Drive. That food will bless the 400 plus individuals who benefit from the food bank on a weekly basis. Thank you, also, for helping me load the food, and always for the wonderful fellowship. Appreciate you good folks!  
~Don Kok, Director~

**Ebenezer Coupon Books:** This great fundraiser is well underway and we are thankful to you for the many books already sold! Just a reminder to have the money and any unsold books returned to school by December 15. Remember, these coupon books will continue to be for sale here at school for throughout the year while supplies last. Any questions please contact Jenn Apps at 360-510-8274, Laura Bouma at 206-307-1010 or Kara Boyd at 360-305-1742.

**Wreath Sale:** Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered or purchased one of our wreaths or other items on Saturday! We still have several of each left, so if you or someone you know is interested in buying one, come to school. Wreaths: \$30; Swags: \$15; Poinsettias: \$10. As of this morning, we are grateful to say that around \$4500 was raised for the school. Thank you, Eagle Boosters, for your wonderful work on behalf of the school!

**School Cleaning:** This month's cleaning is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 15, organized by the Jeremy DeJong 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.

**Christmas Break:** School will be dismissed at **12:00p.m.** on Friday, December 18 for Christmas break. Buses will be running their normal routes. Classes will resume again on **Monday, January 4, 2021.**

**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 the Agape House this year. A detailed information sheet is attached to this Home Bulletin. Donations will be collected at school, with the last day being Friday, December 18. Contact Mr. Buss if you would like to help deliver the gifts on the 18<sup>th</sup> or soon after.

**Christmas Chapel:** There are plans to once again share our Christmas Chapel via an emailed link to our families. Even though we have not been able to meet altogether at this time in the way that we are used to; we hope that you have felt part of the worship that has been happening here in our classrooms. Be watching closer to Christmas Break for that link.

**"Christmas Spirit" Week:** The junior high leadership team invites our students to have a little fun and participate in Christmas Spirit Week, Dec. 14-18. Here are the themes for the days:

**Monday, December 14** -- PJ's (Christmas PJ's if you have them)

**Tuesday, December 15** -- White Out (all white - like snow)

**Wednesday, December 16** --Character Day (shepherd, wisemen, tree, grinch, elf, be creative)

**Thursday, December 17** -- Silly Sweater (Ugly Christmas Sweater, Tacky Sweater...)

**Friday, December 18** -- Red and/or Green (Christmas Colors)

Beyond the fun, the leadership team hopes that each and every student and their families has a blessed Christmas, remembering the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**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 Swandel Ekema at [scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org](mailto:scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org).

**SCRIP Semi-Annual:** About \$5700.00 will be credited to participating families' 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, just over \$4228.00 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](mailto:SCRIP@ebenezerchristianschool.org) for more information. With holiday shopping and entertaining, now is a great time to get started!

**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](mailto:onlinescrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org).

**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 (can be set up using the Amazon App)
- Office Depot
- Box Tops (using the APP)
- Coke Products
- Target Red Card
- Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Detailed information on these programs are in the back of your Directory and on the ECS website on the 'Parents Page'.

**Eagle Boosters:** The next Eagle Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4, after Christmas Break at 8:45a.m. in the gym. We extend a warm welcome and invitation to all parents. There is no nursery provided at this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Eagle Boosters president Karla Roorda a call at 360-815-2019.

**Inclement Weather:** If weather dictates we close school, please listen to local radio station KWPZ (106.5 FM) or go to [www.kgmi.com](http://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](http://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!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Store. Parents, please label your children's clothing with your last name; we'll do our best to get it back to you.

**Advance Notice:** Plan now to attend the upcoming Society Meeting. It is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00p.m. It will be held here in the school gym, if allowed.

**Upcoming Calendar Reminders:**

**December 15:** School Cleaning

**December 18:** Noon dismissal; Christmas Break begins

**January 4:** School Resumes

**January 4:** Eagle Boosters, 8:45a.m., in the gym

*The staff and faculty wish all of our families a very blessed and joyous Christmas season!  
May the peace and hope of the season remain with you throughout the coming year.*

