



HOME BULLETIN

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If you have any questions about any of the items listed below, please contact the person indicated or the school office. Our office number is 360-354-2632; email is [office@ebenezerchristianschool.org](mailto:office@ebenezerchristianschool.org).

**Home Bulletin:** Our first of many Home Bulletins will be sent home Monday, September 13 and at least twice per month throughout the school year. The Home Bulletins will be emailed to each household as well. This is to keep you informed of activities, meetings, and any general information important for you. The Home Bulletin and other important information will be sent home with the youngest child in each family. Families with only a preschooler will receive information from their classroom; other preschool families' information will be sent with their next oldest sibling. If you have any school-related information you would like to have included in the "the green sheet", please contact Mr. Buss or Susan Van Beek in the school office. We greatly appreciate any feedback to make this bulletin a more valuable form of communication.

**Convocation:** Families will be receiving an emailed link to view our Convocation, one will be sent out when it is ready. We look forward to incorporating this year's school theme, "All Creation, Praise God!", into our classrooms and monthly chapels.

\*Monthly chapels will be held in the gym and parents of the students hosting the chapel will be invited to attend.

**Water Bottles:** Remember to send water bottles with your students to school. At this time the drinking fountains are not in use.

**Individual Picture Day:** Please note that student pictures will be taken here at school on Friday, September 10. All picture ordering will be done online through an email link you will receive about 1 week prior to pictures. More details to come....

**Ebenezer Directory:** Attention parents...the Ebenezer directory will be published soon. Information for your family is taken from the Family Information Sheet that each family filled out at Enrollment. We publish contact numbers and emails based on how these information sheets are filled out. If that information has changed since July (new phone number, new family email, etc.) please be sure to call the office ASAP. Also, some of our families have no land-line at home, only cell phones. In those cases, the primary number listed will be published in the directory. If you would like something other than that, please contact the office soon. When you receive the directory, please do not give out any information without the express consent of the person(s) involved as well as the permission of the principal or School Board.

**Handbook:** The new Handbook with information regarding day-to-day policies and procedures will be sent home as soon as possible with your youngest attending child. Families with only a preschooler in attendance will receive this material from their classroom. The Handbook is an important document all parents should be familiar with. Policies and procedures are updated and added each year; please read through it carefully.

**Immunizations:** If your child is starting Preschool or is new to Ebenezer, and we have not received their immunization records yet, we **MUST** have these **ASAP**.

Also, if your child received vaccines since the start of school last year, we would need updated immunization records for those students as well.

If you didn't hand these forms in at the enrollment night in July, you may mail them directly to the school or hand them in to the office. If you have any questions, please contact school nurse Kelly Tolsma at 360-927-4438.

**Medication at school policy:** If your child needs medication in **ANY** form, including simple over the counter medication (ibuprofen, cough drops, etc.) during the school year, you will need to have a 'Parents Authorization for Medication' **AND** a 'Physician's Authorization for Medication' form filled out and given to the office. Both of these forms can be found on the 'Parents' page on the school's website.

Students required to use inhalers or carry emergency injectable medications (i.e. epinephrine), will be considered on an individual basis by the principal and school nurse. A current permission request will be required to be on record.

Medications must be delivered to the school by the parent. Medications must be properly labeled with student's name, medication and dosage instructions and be handed to a school staff member and counted if necessary.

**Late Arrivals/Tardies:** We encourage all our families to arrive on time, allowing our teachers to start each day smoothly without unnecessary interruptions. Most of our classrooms begin right away with devotions; late arrivals disrupt that important worship time. Children arriving after the 8:48a.m. tardy bell must stop by the office with their parents and check in prior to going to the classroom. We'll give you a little slip that children can give to their teacher. Thanks!

**Milk Program:** Both white and chocolate milk will once again be available to students during the school year. **Order forms are coming home with the youngest child of each family today.** We hope to begin milk on Monday, September 13. Forms are due back next Wednesday, September 8.

**SCRIP:** Ebenezer's SCRIP program is ready to continue again this year and give families a great opportunity to save money on their tuition. Orders can begin today, with a return of your order tomorrow. Detailed information and new order forms will go home to families this week and are already available on the website. Thanks to Swandel Ekema for all her work over the summer!

**Parking Lot and Drop-off Zone:** Just a reminder to slow down when driving through the parking lot. Parents can use the 'Drop-off Zone', which is the sidewalk area north of the bus lane, when dropping off or picking up their children - assuming the parent(s) remain in the vehicle. **NO parking there, please.** If parents wish to bring their children in or get them from the building please park in the parking lot and escort your child(ren) to and from your vehicle (please leave your dogs in the car ☺). This is to make sure that children are safe. Let's not risk any accidents with our kids! Don't let your hurry get in the way of safety. If you have further questions, please contact the office.

**Parking lot accommodations! In the afternoon...no one is allowed to park along the sidewalk of the middle island on the north side of the bus lane where the curb has been painted. That is the area for our third bus to use in the afternoons.**

**Campus Safety and Health:** A reminder for existing parents and information for new parents, we are asking all visitors to refrain from entering the buildings as much as possible. If you do need to come into the building, check in at the office when coming on campus. This includes those times when you are picking up or dropping off your child for doctor's appointments or bringing a forgotten lunch etc. If you must enter the building, wear your mask and come directly to the office and we will assist you from there. Just dropping something off and leaving? Drop off your item in the office; we will deliver to your child. Please note that before and after school routines with parents on campus will not change and parents do not need to sign in as a visitor, and we encourage parents to social distance outside or wait in their vehicle while waiting for their student. Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions.

**Campus Safety:** If you have any questions or would like to hear more about what we are doing to keep our children as safe as possible while they are at school, talk with Mr. Buss. An updated copy of the "Parent Procedures Plan: Emergencies at School" and the current "Parents Guide to School Emergency Planning" brochure will be coming home soon with your students.

**Eagle Boosters:** The first Eagle Booster Meeting of the new school year will be held on Monday, September 13, at 8:45a.m. here at school in the gym. We extend a warm welcome and invitation to all the new moms and dads to come. This is a great way to get acquainted with other supporters and help the school out at the same time! A nursery is provided for those of you with little ones. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Eagle Boosters president Liz Dykstra a call at 360-220-0802.

#### Ways you can volunteer:

**Recess Duty:** We are in need of moms or dads or grammas or grampas to help out with recess duties. This service is very much appreciated by the teachers as it frees them up to prepare for upcoming classes or to be available to students that need extra help. Besides, it's just fun to play with the kids at recess! If this is something you feel you could volunteer to do, please contact Mr. Buss at school for more information. If you helped out last year and would like to keep your same time slot, contact Mr. Buss as well. Come and see what it's like to play like a kid again! Free training, free coffee, free hugs from kids and a free mask if you need one!

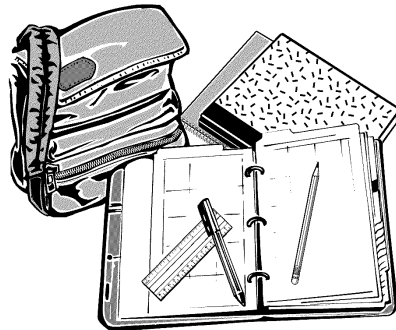
**Yearbooks:** If you ordered a yearbook last year and haven't picked yours up yet, they are available in the office. Any yearbooks that are still will be sent home with your student this week.

**Calendar Sales:** Beginning soon, on September 13, our students will begin selling the wonderful calendars that have become such a great tradition here at Ebenezer! Each month has a beautiful picture of God's creation with appropriate scripture. Each calendar only costs \$8, and they sell quickly! Students will receive information packets from the Long Range Fundraising Committee with all the instructions. Sales will go for 2 weeks, ending on September 24. Prizes for sales this year are: 1<sup>st</sup> place- \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$20; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$15. For more information you can contact this year's calendar sales coordinators Gene and Lillian Van Beek at 360-354-2292.

**Golf Tournament:** We are pleased to announce that the hard work of the Long Range Finance Committee is continuing and they will be hosting the Annual Ebenezer Golf Tournament at Homestead Farms golf course on Friday, September 24. A registration form and information will be on the school's website. (Please note that because of Covid-19 there will be no sack lunch available at registration. Homestead's "Snack Shop" will be open and there will be snacks provided along the course from the committee.)

**Board News:**

- Thanks to all the ECS families who came last week to help get our classrooms and campus cleaned up and ready for our students. Your time and energy towards this was appreciated!
- The Board again would like to thank you for your prayers and support this summer as many details needed to be worked out for the planning of this new school year, especially as we navigated the many requirements to have our students attend school in person. We appreciate your continued prayers as we seek the Lord's wisdom for future school needs.
- The Board is having ongoing discussions in regards to masking for preschoolers.



*“Thus far has the Lord helped us”*

*1 Samuel 7:12*