



HOME BULLETIN

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Thank you!!!: A BIG thank you to all who have been able to be on campus over these last several weeks to help with clean up after the flooding. We are so thankful for your time and energy and hearts of service to the school.

Board News:

- Re-Enrollment forms are coming home today. **Every family** should plan to have one filled out and returned to school by next **Friday, December 17**. This is to assure adequate preparation for next school year, and is especially important for families with preschool students next year.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: 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 935 pounds of food from the 2021 Ebenezer Christian School Thanksgiving Food Drive. Each week about 120 families representing about 480 children and adults use the Project Hope Food Bank. At this time of the year the storehouse gets low and this food drive comes at a very important time. Your generosity is helping to make a major difference in the lives of those who visit us at the food bank!

With deep appreciation,
~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 **Monday, December 15**. Remember, these coupon books will continue to be for sale here at school 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.

Vision & Hearing Screening: The screening that was supposed to take place last week for our K-8th grade students needed to be rescheduled. Tentatively this will now be happening in February. Information will be given again as the date gets closer.

School Cleaning: This month's cleaning is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 14, organized by the Decker and Van Dalen families. 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 17 for Christmas break. Buses will be running their normal routes. Classes will resume again on **Monday, January 3, 2022**.

Christmas Giving: A letter about Christmas giving went home with your student last week. We are asking our families to be looking for ways to support flooding victims in the county. This can be done in a variety of ways: help someone you know personally, working through your church's relief efforts, or contacting a local organization. Some suggestions were on the back of the letter, however, you may support whatever organization you want. Families will then fill out the slip on the back of the letter with what you've done, prayer, donated goods dollar value, number of service hours, donated money amount etc. When your student turns this in to their teacher they will be given an ornament to hang on the Christmas tree on the bulletin board in the hallway. We will take parent emails, voicemails, handwritten notes as well. We hope to cover our tree with ornaments of kindness and generosity. Let's all help these families as they approach what could be dismal Christmas and shine the light of Christ through your efforts.

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.

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.

SCRIP Semi-Annual: About \$6200.00 will be credited to participating families' 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. 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!

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.

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'.

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!

New! Snow Day Learning! In an attempt to minimize further loss of school days, the teachers are putting together "Snow Day Packets" in various forms (paper, digital, etc.) that contain learning activities for their students. They will be sent home soon, some even today, and we ask that you do NOT use them until directed by your student's teacher. When in doubt, contact your child's teacher for directions and to answer particular questions.

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.

The Lynden School District's Winter Ride program is gearing up for a new season of snow and fun at the Mt. Baker Ski Area. Open to all 6th through 12th graders in the Lynden School District's boundaries, Winter Ride is a multi-week ski or snowboard experience for beginners to advanced. Sign-ups begin in early January. The program runs for four Saturdays in March. Details are available at www.lyndenwinterride.org.

Upcoming calendar Reminders:

December 14: School Cleaning

December 17: Noon dismissal; Christmas Break begins

January 3: School Resumes

January 3: 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.*

