



Healthy Kids? There's a few...

Time to pat yourself on the back. Thanks for keeping sick and possibly sick kids home! However, so many absences forces some scheduling changes:

1. Thanksgiving Chapel: Postponed to next Wednesday, Nov. 30, and starting at 9:00 (not 11). Hopefully we'll be back to mostly healthy by then!
2. School is closed for the remainder of this week. Sigh. Stay home and get healthy.

Board News:

- Re-Enrollment process for next school year: this is an overview of what to expect.
 - Next week, Re-Enrollment Intention Forms will be sent home. This will be a physical paper form asking what your family's intentions are for next year's enrollment. These help the Board prepare the budget and determine classroom capacities as well as staffing needs. They are due by Dec. 16.
 - Families who have students returning next year will **NOT** have to fill out any forms for re-enrollment; the office staff will be pre-enrolling your students, based on your responses to the Re-Enrollment Intention Form.
 - For Families with incoming Preschoolers: In January (3rd-13th), the portal in FACTS will open for existing parents to fill out admissions packets online (through FACTS) for you to get your preschooler enrolled in school for next year.
 - Be on the lookout for these communications. We will be over communicating about this as we get closer. We want to see our current families taken care of first, before we open enrollment up to new families.
- The newly formed Gym Committee is as follows: Tim Tabert (Chair), Kevin Roberts (Board Liaison), Mr. Buss, Amy Schouten (PE/AD), Kelsey Groen (Eagle Boosters Liaison), Dustin Honcoop, Larry Tjoelker, Kyle Ekema, and Matthew Nelson (parent/society representatives). This committee will begin meeting shortly to initiate the design process for the new gym.
- The School Board is taking 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 next month's Board meeting, December 6.

Thanksgiving Chapel: Join us **NEXT Wednesday, November 30 at 9:00am** as we give thanks for the many blessings we have been given. This is a favorite chapel for many. During this chapel we will be honoring the outgoing members of our Long-range Fundraising Committee. We invite you to join us for some cake, coffee and fellowship after chapel as we honor these volunteers.

Shuttle service will be provided before and after the service. We encourage you to park in the Trinity Bible Church parking lot (formerly The Barn Youth Center). Thank you, Pastor Phil Bovenkamp, for allowing us to utilize this parking lot.

*Parking for chapel: We know it is easier to park at school, but our parking lot does NOT accommodate all of our parents and guests. The cool parents use the shuttle, so please be a cool parent. There will be more cones set up to block off creative parkers; the buses need certain clearances, and we all need to be able to see both lanes of traffic as we exit the parking lot.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: We have been richly blessed so we can be a blessing to others. We will once again be collecting 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 (Tuna, Chicken, Ham), cooking oil, sugar, peanut butter, canned chili, canned fruit, canned vegetables, flour, soups and ramen. Some non-food items would be paper towels, toilet paper, diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 & 6) and Pull-Ups, wipes, dish soap and laundry soap. Because of the buying power they have, any monetary gift will be appreciated as well. Please send food to school with your student today thru Wednesday, November 30.

Congratulations to Lila Apps (5th grade, Jansen Art Center), Abby Feenstra (4th grade, Village Books) and Diego Garcia (3rd grade, Curt Maberry Farm) who won in the 'Design an Ad' contest for the Lynden Tribune. Congratulations also to Ms. Morris and her 3rd grade class for turning in the most design submissions. Look for their pictures in Lynden Tribune this month! Great job, kids!!

Visiting campus? We love seeing parents, grandparents and friends of students around campus and having them help out in classrooms. Please remember to check in at the office to let us know you are around and we will issue you a super nifty visitor's badge. Our students look for visitor badges on adults that they do not know. Help us keep our campus secure!

Tardy Bell: The tardy bell rings at 8:43am. If your student is late to school, please have them check in at the office before heading to class. Thank you!

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 just over \$4000. Our classrooms and students will benefit from this great event.

Wreath Making: Mark your calendars! It's time to start thinking about the annual Wreath & Bake Sale! We will be making wreaths at Jodi Tinklenberg's house next **Monday, November 28**—shifts will be between 9am-3pm, and an evening shift from 6-9. Come for an hour or stay all day, anything helps! Lunch, goodies, and drinks will be provided. No problem if you've never done it before, we will teach you how it's done, or we can always use people to help clip greens!

Do you have evergreens to spare around your property or yard? Or a tree you are thinking of taking down? (Cedar, Noble fir, Douglas fir, Laurel, Holly, etc). Contact Jodi Tinklenberg if you would be willing to clip/transport greens to her house Thanksgiving week!

Please contact Jodi Tinklenberg 360-815-0083 or Katie Ryks 360-815-3523 to sign up for a wreath making shift (even an hour or 2 helps!), or if you have greens you can transport.

The Wreath and Bake sale will be Saturday, Dec 3rd at North County Christ the King Church. Put it on your calendar!

Ebenezer Wreath & Bake Sale:

Saturday, December 3 10am-2pm at NCCTK Church

Volunteers Needed!!!

*2 shifts available - 9:30am-12pm (7 volunteers needed) and 12pm-2:30pm (4 volunteers needed).

****Every ECS family** is asked to bake **5 dozen** cookies, bars or provide pies, breads, fudge ect. to sell at our sale. Please deliver to the school kitchen on Friday, December 2 no later than 3pm.

***Kara Boyd is looking for 12-15 Moms or Grandmas to help assemble cookie trays on Friday, December 2 from 3:15pm-5pm. Please NO children during this time as the kitchen gets very busy!

Coupon Books: Ebenezer Coupon Books are still available! **They are selling at a discounted price of \$5 and are good through the end of the year.** Stop in the office to purchase yours!

*2023 Coupon books are in the works; more information to come on that fundraiser.

Eagle Boosters: The next Eagle Boosters meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 at 9:00a.m. in the teachers' lounge. We extend a warm welcome and invitation to all parents. This is a great way to get acquainted with other supporters and help the school out at the same time! There is child care provided, please contact Liz Dykstra to reserve a spot for your little. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Eagle Boosters president Liz Dykstra a call at 360-220-0802.

Picture Retakes: If you had your child's picture retaken, the pictures are accessible via the original email that was sent to you. Any questions, please contact the photographer at sales@professionalschoolimaging.com

SCRIP: Please note that there will be no SCRIP orders this week. Plan accordingly. Questions? Contact Swandel Ekema at scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org.

****SCRIP** payout will be this month and will be reflected on your November tuition statement.

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 email Kaeli Devries** at onlinescrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org.

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 does not consistently broadcast 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. Emails will also be sent to ECS families. 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!

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 we are teaming up with New Way Ministries to support their mission of helping young moms and women get back on their feet. There will be information coming next week as to what and how Ebenezer families can contribute.

Advance Notice for Christmas Break: School will be dismissed at **3:15p.m.** on Friday, December 16 for Christmas break. Buses will be running their normal routes. Classes will resume again on **Tuesday, January 3, 2021.**

Yearbook Pictures: Are you helping out in a classroom, going on a field trip, attending a game, helping with recess duty? Please take pictures when you are around the kids and submit them to office@ebenezerchristianschool.org and yearbook@ebenezerchristianschool.org. We need your help to gather pictures throughout the year for our yearbook and Eagle Edition publications. Thank you!

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

- **November 24 & 25:** NO School, Thanksgiving Break
- **November 30:** Thanksgiving Chapel, 9:00am (note change of date and time!)
- **December 16:** 9:00 am Christmas Chapel & **Full Day!** (3:15 Dismissal)
- **December 19-Jan 2:** Christmas Break, No School
- **January 3:** School Resumes
- ****** Christmas break dates are incorrect in the directory, but correct on the school calendar. (check it out on the school website as well)