



**Board News:**

- Teachers now have their contracts for next year. Be in prayer for them as they seek the Lord's will for the coming school year.
- Society Meeting news:
  - The vote from the society meeting affirmed two new board members.
    - Josh Dyck and Courtney Polinder are our new board members. Thank you for your willingness to serve and guide our school.
    - Outgoing board members are Aaron Apps and Marc Tinklenberg. Thank you for your time, effort and commitment these past 3 years.
- The draft budget for 2023-2024 was presented at this meeting with a 3.5% tuition increase to cover the operating costs of next year. This budget will be finalized over the next few months.
- The new gym committee gave an encouraging report; looking toward the next steps of site layout and draft designs.
- Volunteers are still requested for the following committees. No experience or particular expertise is needed, just a heart for serving our school.
  - Long Range Fundraising- responsible for Golf Tournament and Calendar Sales; our entire committee retired this past fall. These fundraisers directly affect projects like the new gym.
  - Endowment Committee-meets once or twice a year to review that our long range funds are in the best accounts possible to allow for sustainability.
  - Eagle Boosters-many key volunteers have their last student graduating out of ECS this year. Eagle Boosters are looking for a Vice President and a Secretary. This group of volunteers does many things for the benefit of our students and classrooms to help keep the cost of tuition down.
  - For more information or to volunteer please contact Mr. Buss, the Board or Eagle Boosters.

**Sub Sandwiches:**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! See the last page for detailed information about how successful this fundraiser was!

\*\*If you have empty stackable produce boxes please bring them back to the office. We have a family who is willing to store them until next year.

**Health at school:**

Thank you for being vigilant and cautious with your sick kiddos. Please continue to keep them home until they are completely better and over their symptoms for 24 hours. We aren't done with this bout of gastrointestinal problems yet. If the kids complain of a sore stomach, more than likely you will be called to come pick them up as a precaution.

**ITBS:**

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills for grades 3-8 is this week. We encourage you to help your kids prepare for the tests by getting good rest and a healthy breakfast.

**Eagle Boosters:**

Our next meeting is tomorrow, March 7 at 8:50 am in the teachers' room. Did you have fun at the Sub Making Day? Are you curious as to what other fundraising the Eagle Boosters facilitate? Are you willing and able to volunteer more? Then this meeting is for you! All parents are welcome to attend. Child care is available with upon request, please contact Liz Dykstra to make arrangements.

**"Where in the World is Mr. Buss?"**

The K - 4 Musical "*Where in the World is Mr. Buss*" is coming on **Friday, March 17 at 7pm** at the Lynden Christian High School Worship and Fine Arts Center. You're not going to want to miss this special performance, including special appearance by Mr. Buss! Admission by donation will be accepted to help cover the cost. Invite your friends and family to see where Mr. Buss is!

**Archery:**

Ebenezer's archery team has been practicing since November and are gearing up for the state tournament, known as the Wolf Cup, this Saturday, March 11, in Darrington, WA. We are thankful for the opportunity to continue this event for our kids! We appreciate Coaches Bill Stinson and Alan Scott for all their time and work with the team. Go Eagles!

**Recess Duty:**

We are a little over half way through the school year and we know schedules change. We have had a couple volunteer spots open up. If you are able to fill either of these spots or would like to be added to our recess substitute list please contact the office. Thank you in advance!

Thursday noon recess 12:00pm to 12:40pm.

Thursday afternoon recess 1:45pm to 2:15pm.

**School Cleaning:** The next school cleaning is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 21, organized by the Dykstra 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.

**Chapel:** This month's Chapel is our Easter Chapel on Wednesday, March 29 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and worship with us.

**End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:** Friday, March 24 marks the end of our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of school. Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, March 29. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's report card, talk with your student's teacher at conferences which will be on Thursday, March 30.

**Spring Conferences:** Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences for grades K-8<sup>th</sup> are scheduled for **Thursday, March 30 from 12:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.**

A schedule will be sent home with your child as soon as it is made. If your appointed time does not work, please call your child's teacher to make other arrangements. **NOTE: There will be NO school on, Thursday, March 30 or Friday, March 31.**

**\*\*Conference Sign Up forms are due back this Wednesday, March 8.**

**Spring Break:** There will be no school April 3-7 for Spring Break. ☺ We pray that you and your children will have a safe, enjoyable week off from school!

**Online SCRIP:**

**IMPORTANT: \$25 SAFEWAY RELOAD CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**

To order, please fill out a SCRIP order form, found on the school website or outside the office in the hallway. As a reminder, SCRIP orders and payment need to be turned into the office by end of day on Wednesdays and they will be ready for pick up in the office by noon on Thursdays or sent home with your child.

**Lynden Youth Sports:**

Registration is now open for LYS Spring Baseball (1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>grades) and also girls Softball (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>grades). Register online at [www.lyndenyouthsports.com](http://www.lyndenyouthsports.com)

**Summer Theater Camps:**

Parents, please mark your calendars! Summer 2023 The Claire will once again host children's theatre camp for grades kindergarten-8th, presented by MCT. (Missoula CHILDRENS Theater) This year we are hosting TWO separate camps. Each week features a different show! How awesome is that!? Every child in the camp will get a part. For more information check out their website: <https://theclaire.org/kidsummertheatrecamp>

- Week 1: June 26-July 1 Black Beard
- Week 2: July 3-July 8 Princess and the Pea

**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 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](http://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!

**Upcoming Calendar Reminders:**

- **March 6-10:** ITBS testing for grades 3-8
- **March 11:** Archery State Tournament (Wolf Cup) in Darrington
- **March 17:** K-4 Musical, 7:00 pm @ LC
- **March 24:** No school, Teacher Prep Day, End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- **March 29:** Easter Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
- **March 30:** No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
- **March 31:** No School
- **April 3-7:** No School, Spring Break

*“Thus far has the Lord helped us”*

*1 Samuel 7:12*

## Sub Sandwich Report:

Saturday, February 25, was our big assembly day! What a fantastic experience to work together with approximately 150 adult and student volunteers to make 14,576 sub sandwiches in 5 hours! God is so faithful and continues to provide for our school. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who bought, sold, prayed, set up, assembled, and delivered the subs! With all your support, an incredible **\$29,854** profit was raised, all while building community and relationships amongst each other! We hope you were blessed to be a blessing through your service.

### Fun facts:

\*924 lbs. of turkey, 924 lbs. of ham, 693 lbs. of cheddar, 693 lbs. of swiss, & 340 lbs. of whipped butter!

\* Approximately 150 hardworking students, parents, grandparents, and friends including (13) 8th graders, (18) high school alumni. As well as 2 faithful bun butterers Elsie Dykman & Ruth Tiersma who have been helping for MANY, MANY years!

\*4 efficient assembly lines producing 2,915 subs per hour, 729 per assembly line per hour, and 48.59 per minute! WOW!

\*This fundraiser was started by the Granny's club back in the mid 1990's making 1,000 subs in Jean Kortus' basement!

\*After 2 years off, the previous record of just over 10,000 subs in 2020 was crushed by a 45% increase!

A special thanks to Renee DeYoung for several years of coordinating this fundraiser!

Thanks to the sub sandwich committee: Tonya Lane, Amanda Roberts, Becky Henry, Ashton Beanblossom and Tiffany Huartson for stepping up to take this over next year.

Praising the Lord for his abundant blessings!

Thank you!

-Renee DeYoung, Tonya Lane, Amanda Roberts, Becky Henry, Ashton Beanblossom & Tiffany Huartson