



HOME BULLETIN

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May 3, 2023

**Board News:**

- The 2023-2024 Calendar has been approved and is available on the website on the parents page.
- Extra Bus Drivers: Anyone willing to learn to be a substitute Bus Driver? Please talk to Mr. Buss.
- The last day for Pre-School will be Friday, June 2.

**Jog-A-Thon:**

We are getting so close! Our Jog A Thon is next week Friday, May 12! Keep getting those sponsors & pledges so we can get some fun PE, Art, recess, and music equipment and bless Kidstown International with our tithe.

A big thank you to all who have offered to volunteer their time. **Volunteers, please plan on being at school by 1:20 pm for instructions.**

**A HUGE thank you to our business sponsors:**

Len Honcoop Gravel

Northwest Liquid Transport

JVD Construction

Dekoster Excavating

Lynden Sheet Metal

DeJong Heating & Refrigeration

Bode's Precast

Enfield Farms

Curt Maberry Farms

Vander Giessen Nursery

Maple Leaf Autobody

K9 & Handler Dynamics

Westside Building Supply

Come cheer on your favorite Jogger! Invite family and friends to come and celebrate with us starting at 2:00 in the afternoon! We still will finish our "official" day at 3:15 (especially important for Preschool parents!).

Starting at 1:30 p.m., we will once again be having shuttle service for parents from the parking lot of Trinity Bible Church lot to school for the Jog-A-Thon. **Please do not park in the bus lanes here at school.**

**Note: There will be NO bus service after Field Day.** Please make arrangements for your students if you cannot attend Field Day. Our day will end at 3:15p.m.

**School Cleaning:**

The next school cleaning is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, organized by the Petree 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.

### **8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip:**

Please remember our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, along with Mrs. Van Staalduinen and parent chaperones, who will be on their class trip this week, Wednesday - Friday, May 3-5 to Black Diamond Camp in Auburn. Please be praying for safe travel, good camaraderie between the kids and chaperones, and an awesome time of fun.

### **Yearbook Order Forms:**

Order forms were sent home yesterday, today for the Pre-K and Kindergarten. They are due back to the office, with full payment, by Wednesday, May 24. Cost per book is \$15 if paid by May 24, \$20 if paid for after the deadline.

\*Anyone wanting to place their business advertisement in the yearbook may send in your business card with \$25.

\* Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who want to submit a personal message may do so, free of charge, by emailing [yearbook@ebenezerchristianschool.org](mailto:yearbook@ebenezerchristianschool.org) by May 24.

Thanks to Holli Kooiman and Amy Tjoelker for producing this memorable book this year and also to the various photographers who came on campus to take pictures.

### **No School:**

A reminder that there will be no school on Friday, May 26 for Teacher Prep Day. Enjoy the long Memorial Day weekend!

### **Yearbook Pictures:**

**We need your help!** If you are around kids at school and take pictures, please send them to the office and the yearbook. We love having pictures from a variety of sources and a variety of events; recess, field trips, classroom parties, chapels, sporting events etc. Thank you for your help! [yearbook@ebenezerchristianschool.org](mailto:yearbook@ebenezerchristianschool.org)

### **Daddy/Daughter Dance:**

Saturday, May 20 6:30 - 8:00pm. The Eagle Boosters will be hosting our first school-wide Daddy/Daughter Dance. Invites will be coming home soon!

\*\*The Eagle Boosters are looking for some additional help with the daddy daughter dance. If you would like to help out, please attend their next meeting: Tuesday, May 9th at 9am in the preschool classroom

### **Ebenezer Coupon Books:**

Start thinking about stocking up for summer! These coupon books directly benefit Ebenezer and support many local businesses are still available for sale. If you or someone you know would like one they can be purchased in the office. Cost is \$15 per book. Any questions call the office

### **End of the Year Chapel:**

Our annual end of the year chapel to give praise and thanksgiving to God at the conclusion of another school year is scheduled for Friday, June 2 at 1:30p.m., in the school's gym. Chapel will end approximately at 2:30p.m. The Eagle Boosters will have refreshments to enjoy during our time of fellowship afterwards. School officially ends at 3:15 as normal, which is important for the afternoon preschool parents to be aware. We encourage all parents, grandparents, and friends to attend this last time of singing, praying, and praising together before the year ends. Starting at 12:45p.m., we will once again be having shuttle service for parents from the parking lot of Trinity Bible Church lot to school for chapel. Please do not park in the bus lanes here at school.

**Note:** **NO bus service for students after chapel!** Parents, please make arrangements for your students if you cannot attend our service. (The shuttle will run, but no bus routes after chapel)

### **Field Day:**

We are praying for good weather for Monday, June 5, at 1:30p.m., for this year's theme is "Our Outdoor Adventure"!! Bring your lawn chairs, invite the grandparents, and come cheer the teams on. Afterwards, the students will be treated to an ice cream treat compliments of the school board. Let the games begin!!!

**Please note: We are in need of some items to borrow: bucket hats, tiki torches, backpacks, flashlights (doesn't have to work), feathers, brown towels, sleeping bags in sacks & laundry baskets.**

**If you are willing to be a parent helper that day, please contact Mrs. Schouten at [aschouten@ebenezerchristianschool.org](mailto:aschouten@ebenezerchristianschool.org)**

**Note:** **There will be NO bus service after Field Day.** Please make arrangements for your students if you cannot attend Field Day.

### **Last day of school:**

Friday, June 2 will be the last day of school for preschool.

Wednesday, June 7 marks the last day of school for the year. We will be dismissing at **noon** with normal bus routes right after school. **Reminder:** report cards will be mailed to parents instead of going home with the students.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class will be honored on Wednesday evening, June 7 at Grace Baptist Fellowship in Lynden. The Board on behalf of all the Ebenezer families extend our congratulations to these young people as they celebrate this milestone. The graduating students of the class of 2022 are: Aubrey Basart, Samantha Bosman, Esther Boyd, Alyssa Bright, Luke Bright, Philip (PJ) Briscoe, Chase DeJong, Benjamin Dykstra, Bailey Heutink, Taryn McDowell, Hunter Moon, Oliver Petree, Ryan Small, Fiona Thorpe and Luke Van Berkum.

**Summer SCRIP: No scrip orders the last week of school.**

We will do scrip orders on the 1st, 3rd weeks of each month. Orders must be received via email by noon on Wednesdays. They will be available for pick-up the next day, Thursday between 4:00p.m. and 5:00p.m., in the LC High School parking lot by the sign. Please, be conscientious of the pickup times as a courtesy to LC and to me. If you do not make it to the allotted pick up times, it is your responsibility to reach out to arrange a time to meet.

Vendor check requests will take a week to return to you and I will arrange a specific time and place to meet with you. SCRIP payments should be brought when you pick up your order or done via Venmo. If you need to pick up during a different time, please make arrangements with me. Now that we have a new order form, it is preferred that you fill out the order form and email it to me when placing your order, if that is not an option, please make sure you are very clear on what cards, how many and what denomination you would like.

**\*Dates that Scrip will be available:**

June 21-22

July 5-6

July 19-20

August 2-3,

August 16-17 (This one will be porch pick up at my house on Birch Bay Lynden Rd due to the fair).

**\*If you have a specific vendor check request that is time sensitive or an urgent order need, please reach out and we will work something out.**

Questions? Contact Swandel at [scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org](mailto:scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org) or 360-815-7715.

**SCRIP News:**

The next SCRIP payout will be posted in May and show up on your May tuition statement. Your last week for funds going to this payout will be May 17. Orders after that will be applied to your November payout.

**\*SCRIP needs your help!**

We have come to realize that there is no one who is a "back up" for Swandel. In the case of an emergency we would like to have a back up person for SCRIP. If you are willing to learn how things are done, please contact the office or email [scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org](mailto:scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org). Again, you would only need to do it for a couple weeks in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

**RaiseRight—formerly E-Scrip NEWS:**

Yes, we are changing the name of E-Scrip to RaiseRight. This makes sense as the name of the App is RaiseRight and you will receive emails from that name as well.

**\*Your next RaiseRight payout will be posted in May and show up on your May tuition statement.** The closing date for funds going towards this payout was April 30. Orders made in May and beyond will go toward the November payout.

**\*\*Another change;** Kaeli DeVries will be taking a step back from being the administrator in order to focus on their family. Thank you Kaeli for starting this program and your years of being in charge. We appreciate you!

Swandel Ekema will be adding the responsibilities of RaiseRight to her SCRIP duties.

## **GIFT CARD UPDATES:**

>> **BOURBON GRILL:** Everson's **Bourbon Grill** has changed their gift card platform. If you possess full \$25 gift card(s) for the Bourbon, please exchange it at LC for a replacement gift certificate. This can be done at the LC office on Thursday mornings between 8am-9am. If you have questions, please contact Swandel. [Cards with partial balances can still be tendered toward a meal in the restaurant, but please alert the server as they will need to handle it with special attention.] New plastic gift cards will be available soon for purchase as well.

>> **KOHL'S:** Kohl's eGift cards are temporarily unavailable from RaiseRight due to a supplier change. You can continue to use any eGift cards previously purchased in Kohl's stores and on Kohls.com. However, the new version of physical & eGift cards [available soon] will not be able to be applied to Kohl's charge accounts balances.

>> **JAKE'S RESTAURANT/UNDERGROUND BURGER** is under new ownership and is currently closed. When it reopens (as a different dining concept) existing gift cards will be honored. Underground Burger will be located elsewhere in Lynden in the near future.

## **Lost and Found:**

As the school year comes to an end and you're wondering what may have happened to a few coats or sweatshirts over the year. Stop by the 'Lost and Found' box in the hallway by the office to see if something of your child's might be there. Anything left at the end of the year will be donated.

## **Upcoming Calendar Reminders:**

- **May 12:** Jog-A-Thon 2:00 pm
- **May 20:** Daddy-Daughter Dance 6:30pm
- **May 26:** No School, Teacher Prep Day
- **May 29:** No School, Memorial Day
- **June 2:** End of year chapel 1:30 (NO PM BUS SERVICE)
- **June 5:** Field Day (NO PM BUS SERVICE)
- **June 7:** Last day of school, Noon Dismissal
- **June 7:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00 pm