

# The Eagle Edition

A publication for the Ebenezer Christian School Society

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January/February 2024

## Society Meeting: February 27

The next ECS Society meeting will be Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm in the gym. All of the ECS Society is welcome and encouraged to attend. At the meeting we will hear from committees on the work they are doing for our school, including an update from the New Gym Committee. We will get a look at the proposed draft budget for next school year and elect new Board members. If you're a society member in good standing, you are invited and encouraged to come!

## EAGLES SOCCER

This year our soccer team was made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. We had several players graduate out of Ebenezer last year and made up the difference by opening up the team to include our 6th grade as well. Tanya Thalen and assistant coach James Ellis (Ebenezer Alumnus) coached the kids using Matthew 16:24-26 as their verses with a team theme of “Denying Yourself.”

“We centered our focus this year on what it looks like to deny yourself. Both Coach Ellis and I came in with the mindset that we were not raising athletes. Not everyone will grow to be an athlete, but every one of us would (continue to) grow as sons and daughters in Christ. That answered the why we were coaching and we used our verses to answer, how we do that - how we deny ourselves to serve Him.” -Coach Thalen



## 2024 Auction News!

See you on the trail as we are “Moving Mountains” this year with our bi-annual auction. Join us Friday, March 8, 2024 at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds Expo building.

All proceeds from the auction will go towards the continued fundraising for our proposed new gym project. We will have a draft design concept at the auction for you to see.

Silent auction will open at 5:30p.m. with dinner and live auction to follow. We have had a very generous donor come forward and offer a \$50,000 match during the “Raise the Paddle” portion of the live auction! Please prayerfully consider how or what you can contribute to this important school fundraiser— together we can “Move Mountains”!

If you have anything you would like to donate or contribute, please contact one of our Auction Committee Leads: Kelsey Groen 360-815-7201 or Swandel Ekema 360-815-7715 or email [ebenezerauction@gmail.com](mailto:ebenezerauction@gmail.com).

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### 2023-2024 Board of Directors

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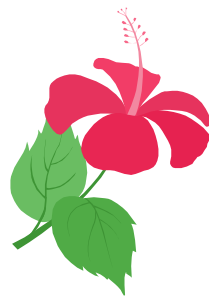
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If you would like more information on these services, please contact the school office or contact Barnabas directly. You can access this information at their website: [www.barnabasfoundation.com](http://www.barnabasfoundation.com).

### Rachel Vekved Memorial Scholarship



The Rachel Vekved Memorial Scholarship was established to provide our community with a lasting memorial of Rachel Vekved, she was a bright and God-gifted student, who was called home to be with Jesus on January 27, 2009 following a tragic automobile accident. Rachel was on her way to Ebenezer Christian School where she was attending second grade.

This memorial scholarship provides community, friends and family an opportunity to remember Rachel through contributions into the memorial fund. The memorial fund receipts are prudently invested with the annual investment proceeds being equally distributed to each second grade student's family.

The Ebenezer Christian School Endowment Foundation Board of Directors manages the memorial fund account.

Those who desire to give towards this Memorial Scholarship should make checks payable to ECSEF-Rachel Vekved Memorial Scholarship account at 9390 Guide Meridian Rd., Lynden, WA 98264.

## Wreath & Bake Sale

Ebenezer's Wreath & Bake Sale was back in full swing! There were Almond Sticks, Breads, Pies Baked Goods, Centerpieces, Swags & Wreaths. This year we added Olie Bollen to the items being sold and it was a hit! This year about \$12,000.00 was raised for our school! We would like to thank our community of supporters and NCCTK Lynden for the use of their facility.



## Annual Sub Sandwich Sale!

Ebenezer's Sub Sandwich Sale is back again this year! The sale of these handy, filling sandwiches is a long-standing tradition that began many years ago by our Granny's Club, and now continues through Eagle Boosters.

This year the funds raised from this event are being allocated to remodeling the kitchen as a part of the larger gym project.

Each individually wrapped buttered roll will be filled with ham, turkey, two kinds of 100% cheese slices, and sells for only \$3.50 each. These are great for lunches and meals on-the-go and are convenient to keep on hand in your freezer. They're delicious toasted in the oven and served as melts!

The subs will be made on Saturday, February 24. We need 100+ adult volunteers for our assembly line, and Eagle Boosters would like to invite YOU to join us at school that Saturday morning. We begin at 8:30 a.m. and are usually done by 12:30. Refreshments are included! If you are willing to help on Saturday, February 24 for a few hours a signup.com notice will be emailed, or please call or text Ashton Beanblossom @ 360-815-2961 or email her at [ashtonbeanblossom@hotmail.com](mailto:ashtonbeanblossom@hotmail.com).

If you would like to order subs and have not been contacted by an ECS student, please call or email Tonya Lane your order by **Monday, January 29 @ 360-318-5091** or email her at [tkaylane@gmail.com](mailto:tkaylane@gmail.com).

On behalf of Eagle Boosters, THANK YOU for supporting our Ebenezer kids. With your support, we look forward to another successful Sub Day!

The Sub Sandwich Committee



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## *The Final Note:*

### **ECS Coupon Books**

We are excited to let people know about the next edition of the Shop Local Coupon Book! Filled with fabulous deals from over 40 local Lynden businesses, this coupon book sells for \$15 with all proceeds going to Ebenezer Christian School. These coupons are valid until December 31, 2024. In December our students sold 1886 coupon books and raised about **\$26,600.00** for our school! Our sincere hope is that this fundraiser is as big of a blessing to our local shops as it is to our school. Pick up a book at the ECS office, Cheeks, Eastside Hair Salon or Surroundings in Lynden.



Jacquelyn Voss, Age 11, Grade 5  
 Ebenezer Christian School Teacher: Mrs. McDowell  
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 Tillie Tullison, Age 10, Grade 4  
 Ebenezer Christian School Teacher: Ms. Voss  
 Sponsor: The Little Red Wagon  
  
 Aryana Gusterson, Age 8, Grade 3  
 Ebenezer Christian School Teacher: Ms. Morris  
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### **Design An Ad Winners!**

Congratulations to Jacquelyn, Tillie and Aryana for having their artwork win the Design An Ad Contest!



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***“Thus far has the LORD helped us”***

***1 Samuel 7:12***