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MOVING MOUNTAINS!

There are times when you can just feel God’s hand in something. This year’s auction was blessed beyond measure! We definitely started to “Move Mountains” with the proceeds from this auction. The proceeds will go directly towards the funding needed for the new gym project, which includes removing the portables, adding classrooms on to the middle school, remodeling the current kitchen and ultimately the new gym. Overflow parking is also planned. This is a massive “mountain to move”. One rock at a time is how we will accomplish our goal! The proceeds from the auction totaled over \$260,000.00! This is over double the amount that we made in 2022!

We extend our deepest thanks to: Our corporate sponsors, businesses and families who donated monetarily or with items to sell, and those who called and collected donations. To those who came and helped set up, helped out the night of and stayed for clean up; your time, muscles and energy were greatly appreciated. Of course, to our student helpers and their fearless leaders: Trisha Card and Emily Laverman, thank you! The list of Thank You’s is endless. But a special THANKS to Dennis “DL” Lautenbach and his team and Andrew Bright for keeping the entertainment going even when a few surprises come on stage!



We had all kinds of donations from services and gift cards, to a pedal tractor, to a live Springer (pregnant) Jersey cow, and even a trip to Costa Rica!

We want to give a heartfelt thank you to our anonymous generous donor who initially gave a match of \$50,000.00. Then, before the auction, contacted us and increased the match to \$70,000.00. After the Raise The Paddle portion of the auction we were over \$78,000.00 and our donor matched the rest! Thank you for using your resources to further the work we are doing at Ebenezer! Glory be to God!

As we have planned this auction over the last 8 months, we have truly felt the presence of our Lord guiding us and building us as challenges arose and as we worked together to overcome them. We truly are grateful for each and everyone who has generously donated their time, talents and monies to Ebenezer. With grateful hearts,

The Ebenezer Auction Committee,

Jenn Apps, Swandel Ekema, Kelsey Groen, Aliceca Postma, Kirsten Postma and
Tory Tjoelker.

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School Board & Society Meeting News

Our winter society meeting was on February 27. Here are some highlights:

- The society voted in two new board members, Casey Anker and Zach Blok. Thank you gentlemen for your willingness to serve our school.
- Outgoing board members are Andrew Bright and Nathan Smit. Thank you for your time, effort and leadership over the last 3 years.
- The gym committee is to the point of starting to apply for permits. More information will be coming as permits are approved. Fundraising will be the key topic over the next several years.
- We are looking for volunteers to head up the fundraising committee for this project. If you or someone you know would like to help us out, please contact the office.

Boys & Girls Basketball!

Our boys and girls basketball teams had a fun season this year. Thank you to our fearless coaches, Tanya Thalen, Rob Dykstra and Ryan LaBrooy for your time, talents and patience leading our teams! This year we will graduate out Addison Blok, Jillian Bovenkamp, Seana O'Donnell, Caleb Friedrichs and Phoenix LaBrooy.

We will miss you!



Sub Sandwich Fundraiser Blows By Last Year's Success!

The Lord truly blessed our annual sub sandwich sale again this year, and we are extremely grateful for his ongoing faithfulness and provision. A heartfelt THANK YOU to our top sellers this year!

1. **Brant, Paisley & Ivy Groen with 876 sold!**
2. **Carla & Henry Lagerway with 797 sold!**
3. **Madden & Mila Bosch with 436 sold!**

We had 72 students with honorable mention with over 250 subs sold which earned them a DQ lunch and a limousine ride! This limo ride has been an huge incentive for the kids. We had so many qualifiers that we had to have a second limo and a second day. Thank you to Casey Anker and his friend Russ for providing the limo rides!



So, how many subs did we make? **16,030** subs in 5 hours! That is 1,454 more subs than last year within the 5 hour timeframe! WOW! This fundraiser, that started with the Granny's club in 1990, earned **\$33,055.00** this year, going towards our Gym Project! Thank you families for selling subs, thank you society for buying our delicious subs and thank you to the 170+ volunteers who helped assemble the subs! God continues to bless Ebenezer year after year!



Without the following people and items we would not have had the success we did. Thank you to: Berry Acres (Frank & Marilyn DeVries) for the use of their refer truck, Fairway Café and Rose De Groot for helping us get the cheese and butter, R&L Packaging (Monte & Chrissy Brim) for the cardboard boxes and Terrebonne for supplies at cost. We had a village of volunteers putting this fundraiser on. We are truly blessed to be a part of this Ebenezer family.

Thank you!

The Sub Sandwich Committee

Amanda Roberts, Ashton Beanblossom, Chrissy Brim, Becky Henry, Tiffany Huartson, Tonya Lane, Emily Laverman and Heidi Roberts.



How much was used?	
Butter:	400 lbs
Turkey:	1008 lbs
Ham:	1008 lbs
Swiss :	756 lbs
Cheddar:	756 lbs
Buns:	16,128



Ever wonder what is involved in the success of our fundraisers? It is the generosity of time and talents of our parents who volunteer. From those who serve on the committees and organize these fundraisers to the volunteers who help out with set up, day of and tear down. Please be sure to thank the committee members for their time that has been dedicated to these events. And THANK YOU to ALL our volunteers who pitch in to get the job done!

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The Final Note:

Grandparents Night!

Calling all Grandparents and Special Friends of our students. We will be once again hosting this fun night on April 25 starting at 6:30pm. Come and bring your grandchild(ren) and see all the work they have been doing this year at school!

Live at a distance or can't make it and would still like to encourage your grandchild? Email us a note of encouragement and include a picture or two and we will print them off for your grandchild to see. Send your note to:

Office@ebenezerchristianschool.org



Teacher Opening:

Mrs. Laverman, our 7/8 Math Teacher, will not be returning to us next school year. She will be focusing on raising her family which we completely support. We will be glad to have her on our substitute list!

We are in need of a part time 7/8 grade math teacher. Know of someone? Please send them our way. An application is on our website at the bottom of the homepage. Contact Mr. Buss for more information.

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“Thus far has the LORD helped us”

1 Samuel 7:12