



Board News:

- Thanks to those who were instrumental in the creation of the Sport Court, and Eagle Boosters for the additional funding to make it happen! That project should be completed very soon!
- Look for information from the Education Committee that clarifies expectations according to the Attendance Policy when students are absent whether for sickness or planned absences.

Hot Lunch: The November Hot Lunch forms are coming home with your child today. Please have forms returned to the office by **this Friday, October 27** so the correct amount of food can be ordered.

SCRIP News: Safeway gift cards are temporarily unavailable. Work is being done to have cards available again in a few weeks. Unfortunately, it is uncertain when new gift cards will be available for purchase. For now, the gift cards you currently have in your possession are valid and can be used at your convenience.

Chapel: Our next chapel will be, **this Wednesday, October 25**, at 9:00a.m., hosted by the 4th & 6th grade classes. We will focus on the school theme "To God Be The Glory". Come sing and worship with us!

Soccer: Our soccer season has been a good one and our last game is this week! We encourage any of you who are able to come on out and root for our team! Remember, bring a lawn chair if you'd like one.

Game information:

Thursday, October 26, Ebenezer v. Skagit at Bender Fields at 3:30p.m.

Sports Update: Our soccer season is finishing up this week. We thank coach Tanya Thalen for her wonderful work with the team. We appreciate her time and talents for leading the team this season. Archery and Basketball practices will begin soon. Bill Stinson will be our Archery coach and Dan Bailey (boys) and Tanya Thalen (girls) will be our Basketball coaches. More information will be coming very soon. We once again thank all our coaches for volunteering to work with the kids again this year.

Report Cards: This Friday, October 27, will mark the end of our first quarter of school. Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, November 1. It's important to keep the lines of communication open, so please address any questions or concerns immediately.

Book Fair: Book Fair is coming **NEXT WEEK!!!** Books are available for ANYONE to purchase here at school during these times:

Monday, October 30 - 11:30a.m. - 12:45p.m., 1:45p.m. - 2:30p.m.,
3:15p.m.-3:45p.m.

Tuesday, October 31 - 11:30a.m. - 12:45p.m.

Wednesday, November 1 - 11:30a.m. - 3:45p.m.

Thursday, November 2, during conferences - Noon - 3:00p.m., 5:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

The ONLINE BOOK FAIR.....is available from October 25 - November 7.

The link for the online fair is <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/ebenezerchristianschool1>.

Remember ANYONE can purchase! Invite your friends, family and neighbors! These can make great Christmas gifts. All the books sold help us get more books in the classrooms! Questions - Karla Roorda 815-2019

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences: A reminder that conferences for grades K-8 will be held on Thursday, November 2, from 12:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. **(A reminder there is NO school on Thursday).** A schedule with your assigned time will be sent home with your student as soon as it is made. We will do our best to accommodate your family's need, but if your assigned time does not work, or you feel 10 minutes with your child's teacher is not enough, please contact the teacher. Again let us stress: **NO children** at conferences!

No School: There will be no school on Thursday, November 2 for Parent/Teacher Conferences or the following day, Friday, November 3. Enjoy that planned long weekend with your family!

Eagle Boosters: The next Eagle Booster meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, at 8:45a.m., shortly after school begins. The invitation to come is to all moms, dads and supporters. Childcare is provided for those with younger children. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Eagle Boosters president Jenn Apps a call at 510-8274

No School on Friday, November 10, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Vision and Hearing Screening: Friday morning, November 17, school nurse Kelly Tolsma will be providing vision and hearing screening to all K-8 students. If there is a reason to contact you with concerns about your student, you will be notified by letter after the screening is finished. We are looking for one more mom to help that morning, beginning at 10:00a.m. Call the office if you would be available to help.

Moms-In-Prayer: Moms can make the difference as they reach out to God in prayer - moms just like you! Begin the school week with Ebenezer's own Moms-In-Prayer group as we pray for the staff, students, and families at Ebenezer. We plan to meet on select Mondays each month beginning at 8:45a.m. in the school kitchen. Remaining October Monday will be October 30. No experience is necessary and younger siblings are welcome to join us even if there is no child care; though, child care can be arranged, if desired. Interested in stepping out in faith but need more details? Feel free to email Julie Falcone at falconemomma@gmail.com or visit <http://momsinprayer.org/> We look forward to praying with you for our school.

Barnabas Foundation: Do you need help with your Will and Estate Planning? Did you know you can get free confidential estate planning advice? As a member of the Barnabas Foundation, families at Ebenezer Christian have access to some of the best Christian stewardship advice and planning services. Mr. Bob Zeilenga, an estate attorney from the Barnabas Foundation, has returned to Lynden this week, October 23-26 to provide for you his knowledge and help. Over the past years, he has helped hundreds of families set up wise estate plans that make sure your estate is distributed to the people and charities you desire. If you have not yet met with him, now is the time to take advantage of this valuable service. We are partnering with Lynden Christian for this service, so please call LC's Central Office at 318-9525 and ask for Kim Powell or email her at kpowell@lynchs.org to see what appointments are still available. If you have any questions beforehand, please feel free to call and talk to Mr. Buss, or you can go to their website at www.barnabasfoundation.com.

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

October 25: Chapel hosted by the 4th & 6th grade classes, in the gym at 9:00a.m.

October 26: Last soccer game at Bender Fields at 3:30p.m.

October 30: Moms-In-Prayer, 8:45a.m. in the Art Room

October 30: Book Fair begins

November 2: Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 3: No School

November 6: Eagle Boosters, 8:45a.m., in the Teachers' Lounge

November 10: No School/Veteran's Day

Dear ECS Parents and Guardians,

We hope your family is off to a healthy start this school year. As we start to head into the fall and winter seasons and begin to see a rise in illness, here is a good reminder of Sick Day Guidelines for schools. This has circulated through other schools recently and we would like to make you aware of this good information as well:

Good to Go!

If your child has any of the following symptoms, they can *probably* go to school:

- Sniffles, runny nose and/or mild cough **without a fever**. This could be an allergic response to dust, pollen or seasonal changes.
- **Vague complaints** of aches, pains or fatigue
- **Single episode** of diarrhea or vomiting without any other symptoms

Stay Home!

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep them at home or make appropriate child care arrangements:

- **Fever** - 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Remember that a child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Eyes** - thick with mucus, pus draining, pink eye. With pink eye you may see white or yellow discharge, matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain and/or redness.
- **Chronic Cough and/or green nasal discharge** - These conditions may be contagious and require treatment.
- **Sore throat with fever or swollen glands in the neck**- With Strep throat, the child may return to school after 24 hours on antibiotics.
- **Diarrhea** - three or more watery stools in a 24 hour period
- **Vomiting** - two or more times in a 24 hour period

24 Hour Rule:

FEVER- Keep your child home until his/her fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine for **24 hours**.

VOMITING or DIARRHEA- Keep your child home for **24 hours** after the **LAST** time he/she vomited or had diarrhea.

Antibiotics: Keep your child home until **24 hours** after the **FIRST** dose of antibiotics for anything like strep throat, conjunctivitis (pink eye) etc.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow.
- Remember frequent hand washing with warm, soapy water.
- We also recommend that you get your FLU SHOTS!! It is officially cold & flu season. You can protect your child by getting the annual flu vaccine, and we recommend this for all household members. Flu shots are available at your doctor's office, walk-in clinics or your local pharmacy. Contact me for more information.

Please help us keep everyone as healthy as possible this school year!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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School Nurse

Ebenezer Christian School