



Board News:

- The Board is now accepting applications for a long-term sub for Mrs. Laverman's position as she goes on maternity leave. This position would start sometime in early March and go through the remainder of the school year. Please contact Mr. Buss with any questions or to ask for an application. You can also download one off the home page of our website.
- Thank you to everyone who took advantage of the shuttle service for the Thanksgiving Chapel morning. We have appreciated the positive feedback. It is such a blessing to have so many parents, grandparents and supporters come to be part of our holiday chapels. We anticipate arranging the shuttle for our Christmas Chapel as well. Details to come!

Wreath & Bake Sale: Our holiday "Wreath & Bake Sale" was once again a huge success! A big thank you for the combined efforts of all who helped with almond sticks, extra baking or Saturday shifts. Thanks to all your baking we had a total of 177 cookie trays!! We thank all who were able to come out to make wreaths. A total of 75 wreaths were made! Thanks to Simon Petree for cutting all the wood rounds and to those who donated greens. A special thanks to our committee heads Tricia Heeringa (wreaths) and Kara Boyd (baked goods) for all the hard work and energy they put into organizing this annual event. Praise God for His continued provision for Ebenezer. May God be glorified as we continue to work together in His name.

Congratulations to Esther Boyd (3rd grade), Lucille Decker (4th grade) and Lance Van Berkum (5th grade) who won in the 'Design an Ad' contest for the Lynden Tribune. Their pictures were published in the newspaper. Great job, kids!!

Christmas Giving: Every year Ebenezer families have the opportunity to join together and give to others who are less fortunate during the Christmas season. This year we are partnering with Starfish Ministries, a local ministry that provides a variety of needed materials, support, and the Gospel to the neediest people in Haiti. We are collecting money in order for Starfish Ministries to purchase needed items to complete a new school they are working on in Belaire, Haiti. Here is some detailed information that we have received about our giving.

- \$300 to supply classrooms with bulletin board material/misc. teacher resources
- \$700 for French Creole Bibles
- \$1000 for French Creole songbooks
- \$400 for recorders

Any money gifts need to be turned in by Wednesday, December 13.

ECS Families: We are thankful for the many inquiries we are receiving from families in the community about our Preschool and Kindergarten classes for next year. With that being said, we are requesting enrollment intentions for next year from our existing families who have children entering Preschool and Kindergarten next year, even if currently enrolled in Preschool. Thank you to those who have already contacted the office, please do so if you have not.

Shop for Schools: Reminder!!! If you shop at the Launching Success store in Bellingham or from them online **this week** until Saturday, December 9 - 10% of the value of all your purchases will be donated to Ebenezer!! Be sure to let them know at the counter at the time of purchase and if you're ordering online write Ebenezer in the 'special instruction' area when placing the order. Invite friends and family to shop too!!

Franklin G. Bake Sale: The next 6th grade Bake Sale to support Franklin through World Vision is set for Friday, December 8. The sale will be at the noon recess and prices run between \$0.25 and \$1.00. Thank you for your continued support.

Needed: We are looking to collect white, plastic lids such as the ones off of cool whip/sour cream containers for an art project. Various sizes can be used, they just need to be white. These can be dropped off in the office. Any questions talk with Mrs. Swier. Thanks!

Christmas Chapel: The students will be presenting their Christmas Chapel on Wednesday morning, **December 13, beginning at 9:00a.m.** in the gym. Be sure and mark your calendars and extend an invitation to the grandparents and special friends of ECS to join us for this time of worship and praise to our newborn King.

Notice for Christmas Break: School will be dismissed at **12:00p.m.** on Friday, December 15 for Christmas break. Buses will be running their normal routes. Classes will resume again on **Wednesday, January 3, 2017.**

SCRIP Bi-Annual: Over \$10,000.00 will be credited to participating family's December tuition accounts for SCRIP/Community Cash purchased from May-November. Families who have utilized this money-saving program will see their credit applied on the December tuition statement. Wondering how you can get in on all that tuition savings? Discover how the program can work for you! Stop by the office for a SCRIP packet or email SCRIP@ebenezerchristianschool.org for more information. With holiday shopping and entertaining, now is a great time to get started!

SCRIP Orders: With Christmas and Christmas break approaching please plan ahead with your SCRIP purchasing. There will be **NO** SCRIP orders filled during our Christmas Break.

School Cleaning: This month's cleaning is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, organized by the Briscoe and Van Dalen families. 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 Mr. Buss. Thanks!

Need a Christmas Gift Idea?: Hats Off in Lynden is where you can go to get your ECS Wear! Purchase any apparel in the store and then choose from the several approved Ebenezer logos to have added to the clothing. Show your school spirit, Go Eagles!

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. **The December gathering is next Monday, December 11.** 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.

Basketball News: Our girls' and boys' basketball season is in full swing with practices. Thanks to Tanya Thalen as the girls' coach and Dan Bailey as the boys' coach for the time and commitment to these teams. Our games begin in January and a schedule will be published as soon as it is confirmed. We hope many of you will be able to attend some games and help root for our Eagles!

Ways to save for ECS: During this holiday season as you do your holiday baking, cooking and Christmas shopping remember the ways you can help our school:

- Amazon Smile
- Office Depot
- Box Tops
- Coke Products
- Target Red Card

Lost and Found: While you think about Christmas vacation, take a moment and rummage through the Lost and Found box in the hallway by the office. There are several items of really nice clothing that will be missed if the weather gets snowy! Clothing left in the Lost and Found box during vacation will be donated to the Lynden Christian's 2nd Chance Store. Parents, please label your children's clothing with your last name; we'll do our best to get it back to you.

Geography Bee: We will be having our 4th-8th grade Geography Bee on Friday, January 12 in the school gym at 9:00a.m. We welcome any parents to come and watch.

Inclement Weather: If weather dictates we close school, please listen to local radio station KWPZ (106.5 FM) or go to www.kgmi.com for listings of school closures. KGMI no longer broadcasts 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 prior to any announcements made over the radio. 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:

- December 11: Moms-In-Prayer, 8:45a.m. in the Art Room
- December 12: School cleaning
- December 13: Christmas Chapel, 9:00a.m. in the gym
- December 15: School dismisses at noon for Christmas break
- January 3: School resumes
- January 12: Geography Bee, 9:00a.m. in the gym

*The staff and faculty wish all of our families a very blessed and joyous Christmas season!
May the peace and hope of the season remain with you throughout the coming year.*

