



HOME BULLETIN

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New Year: Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We look forward to working with you and your children as we train them to advance God's Kingdom in the world. Our theme for the school year is "To God be the Glory". We ask that you please pray regularly for our students, for other parents, and for the faculty and staff.

Convocation: Thanks to all the numerous parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends who attended our convocation service. A special thank you to Pastor Ryan Bajema for encouraging and challenging us in the upcoming school year to give God all the glory in all the areas in our lives. What a great way to begin the new school year...with prayer and praise! Thank you, Pastor Ryan!

Home Bulletins: You can expect Home Bulletins to come home every other Monday throughout the school year with the youngest child of each family. The Home Bulletins will be emailed to each household as well. If a holiday falls on a scheduled Monday, then look for it to come home the following Wednesday. If you have any school-related information you would like to have included in the HB, please contact Mr. Buss or Susan VanBeek in the school office at 354-2632 or email the school at office@ebenezerchristianschool.org. We greatly appreciate any feedback to make this bulletin a more valuable form of communication.

Note: Our Home Bulletins and our bi-monthly newsletter, *The Eagle Edition*, will be posted on our school website after they've been published. You can download a copy from there.

Soccer: Our soccer season is under way with practices as of today. We encourage any of you who are able to come on out and root for our team! (Bring a lawn chair) Our home games will be played at Bender Fields. We'd like to thank Tanya Thalen for coaching our kids this year. Our first game is set for Tuesday, September 19 Ebenezer vs. Cornerstone at Bender Fields at 3:30p.m. Go Eagles!

2018 'God's Creation' Calendars: It's that time again...the Long-Range Fundraising Committee has begun our annual sale of inspirational calendars. Your help is vitally important! **Calendar packets came home with an informational sheet and order form last week Friday to our Kindergarten through eighth grade families.** Preschool families that wish to participate may request a packet from the office. Sales go through Friday, September 22. If you have any questions please call Gene or Lillian VanBeek, 354-2292.

New Parents Breakfast! Please join us! On Monday, September 18 at 9:00a.m., there will be an informational breakfast for new parents. We would love to get a chance to meet you and answer any questions you may have! This will be an informal time to have some breakfast, meet some new and veteran ECS moms. During this time we will highlight topics such as hot lunch, SCRIP, school cleaning, and answer any questions that you might have about ECS. You are invited to the home of Jenn Apps at 915 E. Grover St., to RSVP or if you have any questions, please call Jenn Apps at 510-8274. Younger children are welcome!

School Cleaning: School cleaning night is set for Tuesday, September 19. The Apps family is organizing the night. You will receive a phone call if that is your scheduled night. When you receive the new directory please check the school cleaning schedule for your designated time. Thank you to all our parents who come to these cleanings! We appreciate your service to the school!

Chapel: Our first chapel of the year will be, Wednesday, September 27, at 9:00a.m., hosted by the 7th and 8th grade classes in the gym. We will focus on the theme "To God be the Glory". Come sing and worship with us!

Back to School BBQ!! You are invited, Friday, September 29, from 5:30-7:30p.m. to come to school for a hot dog bbq. This will be a time to kick off the year together as Ebenezer families. Come for food and fellowship. Dinner will be by donation with proceeds going to the 8th grade class. Rain or shine! More details to come.

Toy Show: Mark your calendar and attend the 32nd annual Puget Sound Toy Show at the Fairgrounds Expo Building on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00-3:00p.m. A wide range of toys will be on display. Admission is \$4 for adults, children 6-12 are \$2. Children 5 and under are free. Net proceeds go to our school. For more information contact Gene and Lillian Van Beek at 354-2292.

Ebenezer School Directory: The 2017-2018 school directory will be coming home soon. This lists the names, phone numbers and addresses of each student and their parents plus faculty, staff, board members, various committees, etc. **Reminder: The information in our directory is for school use only and should not be given to sources outside the school.**

Permission to Post Reminder: All parents who send their children to ECS automatically give permission for the school to use pictures of their children for promotional purposes (Eagle Edition, our website and Facebook, promotional flyers, etc.). Parents who *wish not* to have pictures of their children used by the school need to sign a 'Photo/Media Non Release' form. **If you have done so last year, please renew for the new school year.** See Mr. Buss, Mrs. Tjoelker or Mrs. VanBeek in the school office if you have any questions or need a form.

Medication Policy Status Reminder: Please be reminded that we have a policy for dispensing medicine at school. Medication may not be sent to school with your child. All medications (prescription or non-prescription) must be brought in by parents in the original container. For prescription medication the physician authorization form must be filled out and for over the counter medication a parental authorization must be turned in. These forms are available at the office or online on our website.

Bus and School Safety: In the upcoming weeks we will be going through bus safety drills as well as other general evacuation drills for school campus. Check with your child to see how it goes!.

Other bus news:

- No child will be dropped off or transported to another location other than their normal drop off without written parental permission. Please send notes with clear details to the bus drivers and the classroom teacher.
- If you have a last-minute change in the travel plans of your child who rides the bus, please notify the bus driver directly. Their phone numbers are listed in the directory or you can call the school office for their phone numbers. We will do our best, but understand that last minute changes may not be accomplished in time. It's a good idea as well to call the school and notify your child's teacher, especially for lower grade children. The more adults who know about changes, the less stressful it is on kids and adults!
- As the bus routes settle in to a pattern there may be slight adjustment to times, your bus drivers will contact you if this happens.

Thank you all for your gracious help and understanding as we begin the year!

Recess Duty Helpers: Thanks to those who have already signed up to help out in this area. We are still in need of moms or dads or grandmas or grandpas to help out with recess duties. This service is very much appreciated by the teachers as it frees them up to prepare for upcoming classes, or makes them available to students that need extra help.

Available time slots are as follows: Tuesdays, 12:00-12:40 and 1:45-2:15, Wednesdays, 1:45-2:30, Thursdays, 10:00-10:30, 12:00-12:40, 1:45-2:15 and Fridays, 12:00-12:40 and 1:45-2:30.

If any of these times work for you call the office to sign up. Thanks!

SCRIP: All families received a SCRIP information packet the first week of school detailing the SCRIP program. It's a great program that benefits your family's tuition. Orders should be turned in to the office by Wednesday at noon. Please complete both sides of the order form - the receipt portion will be returned in your order with a receipt number added. Also, don't forget to sign and turn in your SCRIP disclaimer if you wish to have your child take the order home. Additional order forms/disclaimers can be found on the school's website on the parent's page or in the office. Questions contact Jayleen Corkill at scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org.

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

September 18: New Family Breakfast

September 19: Soccer game, Ebenezer vs. Cornerstone at Bender Fields, 3:30p.m.

September 19: School Cleaning

September 22: Calendar sales end...

September 27: Chapel, hosted by 7th and 8th grade, 9:00a.m., in the gym

September 29: Back to School BBQ, 5:30-7:30p.m. at school

October 5&6: No School, Teacher Convention

October 9: No School, Curriculum Day

October 18: Individual Pictures Day

“Thus far has the Lord helped us”

1 Samuel 7:12