



HOME BULLETIN

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Board News:

- We're excited and pleased that the Lord has led Gin Bosman to the Kindergarten teaching position and Katie Snyder to the full-time middle school teaching position at ECS. The Board thanks the Education Committee for its diligent work over the past several months in filling these important places on our teaching staff.
- Summer work volunteers: There are projects of all shapes and sizes that will come up around campus during the summer months. If you would be willing to put your name on a list and be available to help with some of them, please call Josh Basart our Facilities Board Representative or talk to Mr. Buss.
- We are also interviewing and welcoming many new families, with other families still in the application process. We are thankful for these new members of our ECS family and look forward to their children attending in the fall. New families will be welcomed at our Society Meeting, July 19. A list of new families will be printed in the Summer Home Bulletin, published in August.
- Enrollment Packets: All current/returning and new families will be receiving their Enrollment Packets the first part of June. This allows tuition accounts to be more up-to-date so the pre-filled tuition contract will be more accurate. Look for this important packet to be mailed home in June!

Jog-A-Thon: We are looking forward to a great time this Friday, May 12, beginning at 2:00p.m. Please take note of the information sheet that is coming home with your child today with important information about this fun afternoon.

Moms-In-Prayer: Make an impact with your prayers - Moms-In-Prayer will be meeting for the last time this school year on Monday, May 15 in the Art Room at 8:45a.m. - we pray for the students, the teachers and the staff of Ebenezer. Join us, it's a great way to start the week!

School Cleaning: This month's cleaning is being organized by the VanBeek family and is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16. All parents should review the schedule in the back of the directory for the months they are assigned to help clean the school. If you have any questions or concerns about your time and service on these dates, please contact Mr. Buss. Thanks!

Summer Bridge Activity Books: Looking for something for the summer months to help your student retain and practice the skills they learned this year? Order forms for the very popular Summer Bridge Activity Books were sent home with every student. The deadline to return the form to your child's teacher is May 19, with the books coming home a couple weeks later. The cost is \$16.30 (including tax) and each book ordered results in \$2 given to the school for teacher needs. Please remember that it is only one order per form, but one check is able to be used to pay for multiple orders.

Reminder: **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, May 29, in honor of Memorial Day.

End of the Year Chapel: Our annual end of the year chapel to give praise and thanksgiving to God at the conclusion of another wonderful school year is scheduled for Friday, June 2 at 1:30p.m., in the school's gym. School will dismiss afterwards at approximately 2:30pm. We encourage all parents, grandparents, and friends to attend this last time of singing, praying, and praising together before the year ends. The Eagle Boosters will have refreshments to enjoy during our time of fellowship afterwards.

Note: **NO bus service after chapel!** Parents, please make arrangements for your students if you cannot attend our service.

Field Day: We are praying for good weather for Monday, June 5, at 2:00p.m., for Field Day!!

Bring your lawn chairs, invite the grandparents, and come cheer the teams on. Afterwards, the students will be treated to an ice cream treat compliments of the school board. Let the games begin!!!

Note: **There will be NO bus service after Field Day.** Please make arrangements for your students if you cannot attend Field Day.

Last day of school: Wednesday, June 7 marks the last day of school for the year. We will be dismissing at **noon** with normal bus routes right after school. **Reminder:** report cards will be mailed to parents instead of going home with the students.

8th Grade Graduation: Our 8th grade graduating class will be honored on **Wednesday evening, June 7 at 7:00p.m.** at Second Christian Reformed Church. The board as well as the families of these students would like to extend an invitation to all parents of Ebenezer to come and help celebrate this important milestone in these young people's lives. The graduating students of the class of 2017 are: Kylie Bratt, Katie Buist, Samantha Buist, Zachary Eisenberg, Tyler Hill, Levi Mussard, Allison Ruhl, Luthien Tamminga and Levi Van Beek.

Preschool Playground: If you or someone you know has a gently used playhouse that could be donated for use in the Preschool playground please talk to Mrs. Brouwer, Mr. Buss or Josh Basart the Facilities Board Representative.

Lost and Found: As the school year comes to an end and you're wondering what may have happened to a few coats or sweatshirts over the year. Stop by the 'Lost and Found' box in the hallway by the office to see if something of your child's might be there. Anything left at the end of the year will be donated to Second Chance.

SCRIP: The May SCRIP payout has just been made. Over \$6100 was applied to current families May tuition statements. Additionally, nearly \$3600 was applied to families with "Eagle Future" Accounts. These families with future ECS students have already started banking tuition dollars. If you, or an interested family that you know, would like to get a SCRIP account started, email scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org or pick up the program forms in the school office. SCRIP is available throughout the school year and during the summer months. With over \$9700 earned toward tuition from December to May, our SCRIP program is working for families. Be sure it is working for you!

SCRIP: SAFEWAY UPDATE / ALERT If you have not heard there was a national internet breach with the white \$100 Safeway gift cards we were selling through the SCRIP program. If you have a \$100 white card in your possession, please return it to Ebenezer for a swap just to be safe. If you have a card for which you expected a higher balance, it may have been partially depleted and our supplier will stand behind it and permits us to give you another \$100 card. We are currently selling an interim card for Safeway (blue in color with Albertsons & Super Valu logo) which is gladly accepted at the Lynden location. To pay for gas, present your gift card inside to the fuel station attendant. In the unlikely event that the blue card does not swipe for grocery purchases (some magnetic strips may be finicky), the clerks have been instructed to suspend your transaction temporarily and the Customer Service staff member will gladly trade out the card for you and give you a \$5 shopping credit for your trouble. A huge thank you to Manager Derry Blankers for helping us through the transition as we await the launch of the new, dedicated Safeway gift cards!

NEW PARTNERS:

-*De Wagen Wasserij* accepts Community Cash certificates for car washes and punch cards at 119 Grover Street.

-Local AirBnB! *Oostema Farmstead Inn* (8402 Northwood Road, Lynden) accepts Community Cash. For reservations call [\(360\) 815-1494](tel:3608151494) or visit www.oostemafarmsteadinn.com

Box Tops: With the year coming to an end take a minute to check your cupboards for any Box Top labels that can be turned in for the school year. Be sure to check the expiration date. Thanks!

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

- May 12 - Jog-A-Thon begins at 2:15p.m.
- May 15 - Moms-In-Prayer, 8:45a.m. in the Art Room
- May 16 - School Cleaning
- May 29 - Memorial Day, No School
- June 2 - End of the year chapel, 1:30p.m. in the gym
- June 5 - Field Day, begins at 2:00p.m.
- June 7 - Last day of school, noon dismissal
 - 8th Grade Graduation, 7:00p.m. at Second Christian Reformed Church