



Announcements

Reminder: We dismiss at 2:00 today. ☺

If you have any questions about any of the items listed below, please contact the person indicated or the school office. Our office number is 354-2632; email is office@ebenezerchristianschool.org.

Home Bulletin: Our first of many Home Bulletins will be sent home Monday, September 11 and at least twice per month throughout the school year. The Home Bulletins will be emailed to each household as well. This is to keep you informed of activities, meetings, and any general information important for you. The Home Bulletin and other important information will be sent home with the youngest child in each family. Families with only a preschooler will receive information from their classroom; other preschool families' information will be sent with their next oldest sibling. If you have any school-related information you would like to have included in the "the green sheet", please contact Mr. Buss or Susan Van Beek in the school office. We greatly appreciate any feedback to make this bulletin a more valuable form of communication.

Immunization/Report of Physical Examination Reminders: Washington State Law requires that all children have a completed certificate of immunization status on file at school. Preschoolers must show proof of having had a physical examination signed by their physician indicating they are healthy and ready for school activities. **If your child is starting Preschool or is new to Ebenezer, and we have not received them yet, we MUST have these ASAP.**

Also, if your child received vaccines since the start of school last year, we would need updated immunization records for those students as well.

If you didn't hand these forms in at the enrollment night in July, you may mail them directly to the school or hand them in to the office. If you have any questions please contact school nurse Kelly Tolsma at 927-4438.

Student Medication at School: All students receiving medications at school must have current permission forms, available in the office or on the school's website, one signed by the physician and another signed by the student's parents. Students required to use inhalers or carry emergency injectable medications (i.e. epinephrine), will be considered on an individual basis by the principal and school nurse. A current permission request will be required to be on record.

Medications must be delivered to the school by the parent. Medications must be properly labeled with student's name, medication and dosage instructions and be handed to a school staff member and counted if necessary.

Ebenezer Directory: Attention parents...the Ebenezer directory will be published soon. Information for your family is taken from the Family Information Sheet that each family filled out at Enrollment. If that information has changed since then (new phone number, new family email, etc.) please be sure to call the office ASAP. Also, some of our families have no land-line at home, only cell phones. In those cases, both parents' cell phone numbers will be listed. If you would like something other than both cell phones listed, please contact the office soon.

Handbook: The new Handbook with information regarding day-to-day policies and procedures will be sent home as soon as possible with your youngest attending child. Families with only a preschooler in attendance will receive this material from their classroom. The Handbook is an important document all parents should be familiar with. Policies and procedures are updated and added each year; please read through it carefully. **Of particular note:** Dress code stipulates that our "unders" be kept under and that modesty be the overarching, guiding principle. Leggings, stretchy-pants, yoga pants...all would necessitate a covering over the hips/rear area. We appreciate your understanding and the desire to keep hidden what should be hidden!

Late Arrivals/Tardies: We encourage all our families to arrive on time, allowing our teachers to start each day smoothly without unnecessary interruptions. Most of our classrooms begin right away with devotions; late arrivals can disrupt that important worship time. Children arriving after the 8:48 tardy bell must stop by the office with their parents and check in prior to going to the classroom. We'll give you a little slip that children can give to their teacher. Thanks!

Milk Program: Both white and chocolate milk will once again be available to students during the school year. Details are still being finalized, but we hope to begin on Wednesday, September 6. Order forms will be sent home with the youngest child of each family today with all the updated information.

Needs: Recess Duty Helpers! 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. If this is something you feel you could volunteer to do, please contact Mr. Buss for more information. Come and see what it's like to play like a kid again! Free training, free coffee, free hugs from kids!

Shopping for school supplies? Want to know a way you can benefit Ebenezer? By shopping at Office Depot, a percentage of your purchase will be credited to our school. What a great way to support your school while buying supplies needed anyway! ☺

Amazon Smile: Amazon Smile is an easy way, if you already shop on Amazon, to donate a portion of your purchase to Ebenezer Christian School. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and choose Ebenezer as your non-profit organization to support. Tens of millions of products are eligible for donations. You will see "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on the product detail page if it qualifies. You are also able to use your existing Amazon.com account to do this. Anybody with an Amazon account can link their purchases to support the school! Tell your family and friends about it! If you would like a detailed information sheet stop by the office.

Hot Lunch Update: Thanks to Karla Bright and Kristin Hoekstra who will be organizing our Hot Lunches on Wednesdays beginning in October. Thank you to these ladies for serving our school! Look for an information sheet regarding Hot Lunch soon!

Parking Lot and Drop-off Zone: Just a reminder to slow down when driving through the parking lot. Parents can use the 'Drop-off Zone', which is the sidewalk area north of the bus lane, when dropping off or picking up their children - assuming the parent(s) remain in the vehicle. **NO parking there, please.** If parents wish to bring their children in or get them from the building please park in the parking lot and escort your child(ren) to and from your vehicle (please leave your dogs in the car ☺). This is to make sure that children are safe. Let's not risk any accidents with our kids! Don't let your hurry get in the way of safety. If you have further questions, please contact the office.

New Parking lot accommodations! In the afternoon...no one is allowed to park along the side walk of the middle island on the north side of the bus lane. That will now be the area for our third bus to use in the afternoons.

*Also, all parents and visitors coming to campus during school hours for an extended amount of time must first come to the office and sign in. A clipboard is just inside the office door for you. Thanks for your cooperation!

Campus Safety: As part of our Campus Safety Plan, the Main Entrance by the office will be the only entrance open to the building during school hours. If you have any questions or would like to hear more about what we are doing to keep our children as safe as possible while they are at school, talk with Mr. Buss. An updated copy of the "Parent Procedures Plan: Emergencies at School" and the current "Parents Guide to School Emergency Planning" brochure will be coming home today with your students.

Eagle Boosters News: The first Eagle Boosters meeting of the 2017-2018 school year is due to be held Monday, September 11 at 8:45a.m., shortly after the school day begins. Eagle Boosters will meet the first Monday of every month. We hope that as many parents and supporters as possible can attend. We'd like to extend an invitation to all moms, dads, and supporters to attend these monthly meetings. This is a great way to get acquainted with other supporters and help the school out at the same time! A nursery is provided for those of you with little ones. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Eagle Boosters president Jen Apps a call at 510-8274.

Moms-In-Prayer: Moms, grandmas, and aunts just like you are the backbone of Ebenezer's prayer ministry. Come join us as we pray for our students, the school, and the amazing teachers and staff that minister at Ebenezer each day! No special prayer experience is necessary and all denominations are welcome. MIP meets a few days each month beginning mid September in the school art room. Times will be announced as well as meeting days. Younger siblings or grand babies are welcome to join us to color or play while we seek God on behalf of our school. This is a great way to get involved and step out in faith. Need more details, feel free to call or email Julie Falcone [360-510-8293](tel:360-510-8293) or falconemomma@gmail.com or visit <http://momsinprayer.org/> We can't wait to meet you!

Fair Parking: A huge "thank you" to all of you who helped to make this the best year yet with Fair Parking! Your generosity of time and graciousness to our patrons helped the school raise \$11,700! That's \$2200 more than last year! Special thanks to Chris and Kara Boyd and Ron and Julie Falcone for coordinating this effort! Well done!

Toy Show Coming! Plan now to attend the 31st annual Puget Sound Toy Show at the Fairgrounds Expo Building on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00a.m.-3:30p.m. Toys range from farm and construction to cars and trucks, and NASCAR! Admission is \$4 for adults, children 6-12 are only \$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.

Calendar Sales: Beginning soon, on September 11, our students will begin selling the wonderful calendars that have become such a great tradition here at Ebenezer! Each month has a beautiful picture of God's creation with appropriate scripture. Each calendar only costs \$8, and they sell quickly! Students will receive information packets from the Long Range Fundraising Committee with all the instructions. Sales will go for 2 weeks (September 22). Prizes for sales this year are: 1st place- \$25; 2nd place- \$20; and 3rd place- \$15. For more information you can contact this year's calendar sales coordinators Gene and Lillian Van Beek at 354-2292.

Board News:

- We want to warmly welcome our new staff members joining our teaching team this year. Gin Bosman will be our new Kindergarten Teacher, and Katie Snyder will be our new middle school teacher. We are pleased to welcome Melissa Tabert as our new Preschool Aid. We are equally excited that Mr. Jim Vanden Berg will be our third bus driver this year. When you get a chance, say hello and welcome them to our ECS family!
- We are grateful that we are able to provide three bus routes for our families this year. We ask for your graciousness as things get worked out as the year gets under way. If you have any questions in regards to the bus routes, please contact your bus driver.
- Thanks to the ECS families who came last week to get our classrooms and campus cleaned up ready for our students.



“Thus far has the Lord helped us”
1 Samuel 7:12