

"Thus far the Lord has helped us..." 1 Sam 7:12

Eben-Ezer  Christian School

PENCIL SHAVINGS

October 2024

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TRAIN A CHILD in the way he should go and when he is old he will not NOT DEPART FROM IT

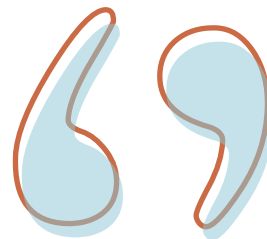


Proverbs 22:6

This year, our staff has been diving into behavior management concepts from Ronald G. Morrish's book, *With All Due Respect*. We are thrilled to be engaging with these ideas and applying them in our interactions with students. We are hoping to cultivate an environment that will foster growth in understanding respectful conduct and responsibility.

These concepts are in line with our growth as God's children and as staff we are excited about the reminder to keep a perspective that honours God when we are guiding and at times disciplining behaviour. It is a very easy and practical read and staff recommend it to you as a good addition to your home library. As we journey through the school year together, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support and partnership. Mutual involvement makes a significant difference in our student's learning and development.

From your Principal,
Nafasha Vanderveen



Behavior is now the only major area of child development where we tolerate deterioration over time.

Well-trained students obey rules. Well-taught students understand why we need rules and why teachers are given the authority to enforce them. They also know the skills and attitudes associated with responsible, respectful conduct.

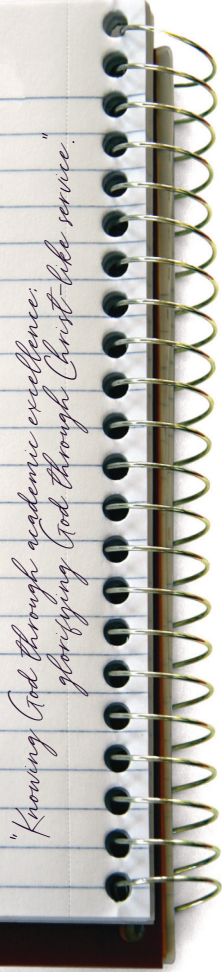
Ronald G. Morrish

Think Penalties are negative?

Think again!! In hockey, taking a two-minute tripping penalty to stop a breakaway is called: "taking a **good penalty.**"



Penalties and consequences aren't always negative. Whether they are good or bad depends upon the alternative. Hence, many students think, "If I hit him, I'll be sent to the Principal's office. Hmmm. Okay, it's worth it."



With thankfulness to the Lord a new school year could start last September 3. Staff and students were able to enter the school, some with new teachers and classmates. May the Lord continue to be with them as this year progresses and their Christian education continues in the coming months.

The Board could also continue its work in a limited capacity of which you have been able to read reports. Following the membership meeting in September, even after reducing the size of the board, was still short two members. It is with thankfulness that Kristen Koomans has offered to serve on the board for one year and also as Education Committee liaison. Thank you and welcome Kristen, we look forward to your contributions to the board and the school. This still leaves us short one member. Please consider offering your time for this important task in the work in educating God's Covenant children.

Everyone is reminded of the membership meeting on October 17 to discuss the new budget and receive various reports from the committees.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Friesen on her up coming marriage and wish you and Roy the Lord's blessing in this new stage of your life.

Thank You also to John Veenema and Ted Schouten of London for the beautiful job they have done on renewing the sign in front of the school.

Continue to remember the school in your prayers for the continued education of His children.

From your Board Chairperson,
Rob Vanderveen

BOARD MEMBERS:



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TRIP!

Gift cards
are available.

REMEMBER:
GIFT CARDS MAKE
great gifts!

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10-11
FROM KAREN

or MON-FRI
before and after
SCHOOL HOURS

Thank you to those who use this program faithfully! You are helping to keep tuition down for everyone!

With Christmas approaching...remember that gift cards make wonderful gifts!

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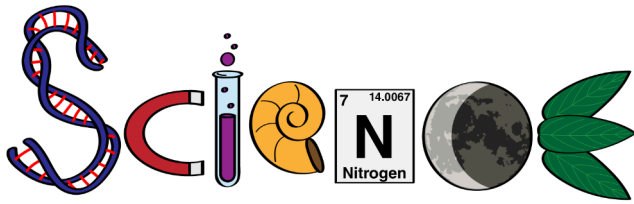
- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9am – 12pm at the school from Karen Beintema, and every other school day before and after school hours.

In order to ensure that you receive the cards you would like, or if you would like to place a bulk order, you are encouraged to place an order directly with me by Monday at noon in order to receive before the weekend. Email info@eecsatham.com or text 519-809-4576.

If you have trouble remembering to order cards, please feel free to create a standing monthly order with me...if you'd like a form, please ask!

Thank you very much for your continued support of this amazing program!

Karen Beintema
EECS Gift Card Co-ordinator



A Grade 4 student took initiative to help a Grade 1 student. He is using dotted lines to show how to form letters and not doing it for him! There is nothing better than having learning reinforced by a friend!

In Grade 1-4 we have been learned that scientists are people that are curious or look for creative ways to solve problems/needs! Scientists learn from their mistakes and keep trying. Scientists record their data so they can share the things they learn with others.

We can be scientists too!

Our Problem:
Harry needs height

Our Solution:
Use provided materials to help solve his problem.

You're Invited to an Evening of:

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

Eph. 5: 19

with **Wayne, Karen and Friends**
supporting the mission and ministry of Eben-Ezer Christian School



Friday, October 25, 2024

St. Paul's Discover Life
450 Park Ave W,
Chatham, ON

Doors open @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner being served @ 6:00 p.m.
Program will start @ 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person
(\$10.00 for children under 12)
and can be purchased at:

Eben-Ezer Christian School,
485 McNaughton Ave E,
Chatham, ON
(519) 354-1142

Thrifiers' Nest,
80 William St S unit 2,
Chatham, ON
(519) 351-5638

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs!

Friday October 25th

Dinner at 6, concert at 7.

Location: St Pauls Discover Life Church
Tickets (\$35/adult, \$10/child) are available
at the school and Thrifters' Nest

JK-2 Visited Zekveld Farm



Golf Tournament



EECS Golf Tournament

Thank you! The EECS golf committee would like to extend our sincere thanks to the school membership community for the support towards our recent golf tournament fundraiser. To the volunteers, donors, golfers and those who prayed for a successful event, we are so appreciative of each and everyone! The total amount raised was \$26,000!! Praise be to God!! Keep Sept 27, 2025 d.v open to come and join us at our next golf tournament.



TOY DRIVE CHALLENGE!

The PR committee will be hosting a toy drive challenge in November to benefit not just our local community but also our Thrift Store. We will be collecting gently used toys, games, and books for the month of November.

Stay tuned for more details!

Mark your Calendars...

October:

- 24 :: PD Day (no school)
- 25 :: PD Day (no school)
- 25 :: Music Fundraiser
- 31 :: Reformation Day Assembly

November:

- 2 :: Apple Pie Making Day
- 6-7 :: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 8 :: Soup Day
- 14 :: Book Character Day
- 15 :: PA Day
- 22 :: Pizza Day
- 23 :: Volleyball Tournament

December:

- 13 :: Pizza Day
- 20 :: Christmas Assembly
- 23-Jan 3 :: Christmas Break

Please save the date! Apple Pie Making Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2024 d.v. If you would like to order pies, you may find an order form at the front desk at the school, in the foyer of the church and at the Thrifters Nest. You may also place your orders by contacting Virginia VanMiddelkoop at (519)359-3619 or by emailing davvirg02@gmail.com. Pies are \$15.00 each and orders are limited so place your order soon! Please consider helping as "many hands make light work" and the joy of wonderful company can never be measured! We always have a wonderful time and anyone 12 years or older can put their talents to great use! We look forward to seeing you all there for yet another successful event!

Your Eben-Ezer PTA



Contact Information

If you have general inquires or comments, please feel free to contact the school via phone or email:

519-354-1142 OR info@eecschatam.com

Need to contact the board? Please email us: board@eecschatam.com

Interested in membership? Contact Jen: 519-359-1698 or pr@eecschatam.com

MEMBERSHIP FEES

CATEGORY		
1: Families with children in school	\$939.00	\$11,268.00
2: Families with children a) no longer in school b) with SK student only	\$561.00	\$6,732.00
3: Families a) with JK student only b) who also support Christian High School	\$457.00	\$5,484.00
4: Members who a) Are retired b) Are single c) Have no children in school yet	\$260.00	\$3,120.00
5: Any person 30 years and under	\$ 51.00	\$ 612.00

Mission Statement: 
Eben-Ezer Christian School provides Bible-based, academic excellence through the instruction of a covenant foundation to nurture and cultivate ambassadors for Christ.