



ZCS WEEKLY

January 5, 2018

Urgent News

Geography Bee

The Zion Geography Bee is scheduled for today, at 2:30pm, in the gym. Select students in grades 4-8 will participate. Parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome to attend.

Exam Schedule

Be sure to look at the first semester exam schedule, which is on page 4. **Please note that exams will only be moved back if there is a snow day on one of the actual exam days** (see page 5 for full policy on school closings during exams). If school is canceled on the Monday of exam week, exams will still begin as scheduled on Tuesday. Students with questions should contact their teachers.

Hot Lunch—Exam Week

If you ordered BCPS hot lunch for your junior high or high school student during exam week, please ensure your child will be at school during lunch and plans to eat. There is a list of hot lunch orders on the bulletin board by the serving kitchen. Please cross off the names of any students who need to cancel an order. You will be charged for non-canceled orders, whether or not they are eaten.

Pizza Hot Lunch

You may now place orders for Pizza Hot Lunch for January 26 and the month of February. Orders can be placed on ParentsWeb.

General News

ParentsWeb Announcements

Second semester schedules for students in grades 7-12 can be viewed on ParentsWeb. Please contact Mr. Aukeman if a change needs to be discussed. Printed schedules will be distributed to students next week.

School Closings

We hope to announce school closings between 5:30AM and 6:00AM. As per school policy, Zion is closed or delayed any time Byron Center Public Schools is closed or delayed, as well as on occasions where the Board of Directors and administration find it prudent given road and weather conditions. As for evening events, the school will continue to monitor the weather throughout the morning and submit an updated announcement around the noon hour. Although all media outlets have access to our releases, we have found WOOD TV8 to be one of the timeliest in posting our announcements.

Spelling Bee

In the weeks before Christmas, students in grades 4 through 8 were busy preparing for the Spelling Bee. The following representatives from each grade will compete at Zion's Bee on Wednesday, **January 10**, at 2:20: Brinley Boyd, Mya Dykstra, Connor Vannette, Garrett DeBoer, Ashton Steenbergen, Leo Wilhelm, Silas

Moes, Clara Parks, Joshua Zylstra, Alayna Leestma, Micah Maartense, Morgan Schipper, Teegan Boyd, Zoe Dykstra, and Addy Jipping. The winner and runner-up will proceed to the Regional Spelling Bee. The Zion Spelling Bee coordinators are excited about the opportunity to host the Regionals on **February 27**. Please, come out and support our students.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Support Zion by dining at Chick-fil-A! On Monday, **January 8**, if you dine at the Chick-fil-A on Kalamazoo Ave. (off of M-6), a portion of your sale will be donated to Zion. This applies to all sales between 6:30-10:30am and 5-7pm. Please bring the attached flier with you or mention that you'd like your purchase to support Zion.

Lyme Disease Awareness

There will be a Lyme Disease Awareness Night at the Zion basketball game on Friday, **January 12**. Come out and support the cause by wearing lime green. At the game, there will be information on Lyme Disease and people available to answer questions about the condition.

Special Needs Week Donations

Zion student Caleb Maartense is collecting donations for special needs week at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds.

General News Continued

During special needs week, families with children with special needs camp for the entire week and the special needs campers get a high school friend to hang out with. Last year there were about sixty special needs campers. This week is loved by all involved. The campers' parents get a time of respite, the children get a friend to do crafts, activities, and hang out with, and the volunteers get to spend time with some amazing people who are a joy to be around. Caleb hopes to collect needed items to ensure that the campers have a great time this summer. Suggested items are washable markers, colored pencils, crayons, coloring books, craft paint, water balloons, Dawn dish soap (for bubbles), bubble wands, C batteries, card or board games, books with tapes/CDs, maracas, shakers, tambourines or other rhythm instruments, sound cancelling headphones, and storage totes. Items may be brought to school before **January 19** and placed on the table by Miss VanderJagt's room. Thank you for helping Caleb in his support of special needs week!

Ski Outing

Zion students plan to meet for ski outings at Bittersweet the remaining Wednesdays in January. Interested students should arrive at Bittersweet after school.

Chaperones will be present, so parents can either drop off their kids and leave, or stay to enjoy some time on the slopes or the lodge. Students should bring sack dinners, snacks, drinks, etc. If you have questions, please contact Kim Kleyn.

Recess

Winter has arrived! We just want to remind you, parents, to be sure your child has a coat, hat, boots, and mittens everyday. You might also want to supply some dry socks and mittens in your child's backpack for those especially damp days. If your child does not wear snow pants, be aware that his or her pants will get wet from playing in the snow. You might want to pack a dry pair of jeans or sweats for your child to change into in the afternoon. It's no fun to sit in class with damp pants! God blesses us with such wonderful snow each winter; let's enjoy it in the best way that we can.

Homecoming

All students, alumni, parents, fans, friends—EVERYONE—is invited to the Homecoming basketball games on Friday, **February 2**. The Boys JV and the Girls & Boys Varsity basketball teams will play at 4:00, 5:30, and 7:00, respectively. Zion alumni receive free admission to the game and a free popcorn.

Mountaineer Pi Run

Are you looking for a reason to keep your New Year's resolution of getting in shape in 2018? The Mountaineer Athletics Boosters will once again sponsor the Mountaineer Pi Run. The race will be on Saturday, **April 14**, at 9:00am. This is a 5K race with a twist: after triumphantly crossing the finish line, participants can enjoy a delicious piece of pie!

Why is it called a Pi Run? A 5K is 3.1 miles and pi is the number 3.14. That's almost the same thing. Basically, we're looking for any reason to combine running and dessert!

Register early and save! Through **January 31**, the entry fee is just \$20. For more information and online registration, visit www.zionchristian.net/athletics/mountaineer-pi-run. You can also register by using a paper form, which is attached to this email. If you're interested in being one of the race sponsors, see the attached sponsorship form.

ZCS Weekly

If you have an announcement for the ZCS Weekly, please send it to jaukeman@zionchristian.net by Wednesday at noon.

Mountaineer Pi Run/Walk Saturday, April 18, 2018

Resolve to run the Mountaineer Pi Run this spring! This is a 5K race with a twist: after triumphantly crossing the finish line, participants can enjoy a delicious piece of pie!

For more information on the race, and to register, visit www.zionchristian.net/athletics/mountaineer-pi-run. Until January 31, the cost is only \$20.

In 2018,
I will run.
Also, I'll
eat pie.



Mountaineer Sports

Inclement Weather

When it comes to Zion sports, the school does not have a policy regarding inclement weather. If school is closed due to a snow day, the athletic contest scheduled for that evening might still take place. A coach or player will inform you by noon, letting you know whether or not we will cancel the game(s) that evening. Game cancellations will be announced on WOOD TV and will be updated on Zion's Facebook page. Players should contact their coach with questions, not the athletic director.

Coach Needed

Zion is seeking a coach for its boys junior high baseball team for the spring season. If you are interested in this position, please contact Joel Bont at jbont@zionchristian.net.

This Week in Zion Sports

Support the Mountaineers! In the coming week, Zion's basketball teams will compete on the following days:

TODAY:

4:00—B JV @ CSH
5:30—B V @ CSH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9:

4:15—G JH vs. CSH
5:15—B JV vs. CSH
5:30—G V @ CSH
7:00—B V @ CSH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11:

5:30—G JH vs. CCF
6:30—G JV vs. CCF

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12:

4:00—G JH @ TUC
4:30—B JV vs. CCF
6:00—G V vs. CCF
7:30—B V vs. CCF

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	1 No school—New Year's Day	2 No school—Christmas break	3 School resumes	4	5 Chapel: Rev. Steve Postma	6
7	8	9	10 Spelling Bee 2:00	11	12 Chapel: Rev. Casey Freswick	13
14	15	16 Exams	17 Exams	18 Exams	19 Exams All School Half Day	20
21	22 No School—Records Day	23 Third Quarter begins	24	25	26 Chapel: Felipa Silva	27
28	29	30	31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2 Chapel: Rev. Mitchell Dick Homecoming	Feb. 3

**Zion Christian School
First Semester Exam Schedule**

Tuesday, January 16		
Time	Class	If no ride home, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 207, Miss VanderJagt
8:30 - 10:30	Period 3	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 204, Mr. Bosma
11:00 - 1:00	Period 4	
1:00 - 3:15	Study Hall	Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes

Wednesday, January 17		
Time	Exam Class	If no exam, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 213, Mrs. Edouard
8:30 - 10:30	Period 1	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 204, Rev. Johnson
11:00 - 1:00	Period 5	
1:00 - 3:15	Study Hall	Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes

Thursday, January 18		
Time	Exam Class	If no exam, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 213, Mrs. VanBeek
8:30 - 10:30	Period 2	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 201, Mr. Hughes
11:00 - 1:00	Period 6	
1:00 - 3:15	Study Hall	Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes

Friday, January 19		
Time	Exam Class	If no exam, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 215, Mr. Bosma
8:30 - 10:30	Period 7	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes
11:00 - 1:00**	Period 8**	

Note: All junior high or high school students who ride the bus in the afternoon or provide rides to elementary students, must wait in the study hall room until the end of the school day. The elementary will also have a half day on Friday, January 19. Dismissal will be at 12:00. Buses will leave at 3:30 every day except Friday, when they will leave at 12:15. Please plan your transportation accordingly.

**The 8th hour exam slot (Friday, January 19, from 11:00-1:00) extends past the end of that school day. Students who need to wait for a ride with a student testing during this slot will be supervised by the elementary teachers.

Exam Rules:

1. Students will take exams in the room in which the class meets.
2. No student will be excused from exams.
3. If a student cannot take an exam at the scheduled time because of an emergency, the student must have the absence excused by the teacher and the principal. The exam must then be taken at the earliest possible time.
4. Students that have an exam scheduled during the first and second time slot of the day, must stay for the entire first exam time.
5. Students are required to be present at school only during their scheduled exam times. Students who are on campus and do not have a scheduled exam should report to the study hall room listed above. Students are not to be in the hallways during exam times or between the last exam of the day and their ride home.
6. Once the exam has been handed out, no one is allowed to leave the classroom until he or she has handed in his or her finished exam and one hour has elapsed.
7. When a student has finished his or her exam, he or she may spend the remaining time in the exam room studying or if that is their last exam of the day, he or she may leave campus immediately.
8. Students who are staying at school until 3:15 should report to their study hall room to eat their lunch.
9. All school rules, including dress code and food in the classrooms, are in effect during exams.



Exam Week School Closing Policy

Following are a number of scenarios for school delays and closings during scheduled exam days and how such variances would affect the school and exam schedules. **Please note that if school is closed on Monday, exams will still begin as scheduled on Tuesday.**

Grade 7—12

- A school closing on an exam day would move the scheduled exams to the next scheduled school day, with the final exam day moved to Records Day. In turn, Records Day would be pushed back.
- Regardless of the number of exam day cancellations, the entire school will be closed for a Records Day the day after the final exam date.
- If school were to be closed for more than one scheduled exam day, all exams would be postponed accordingly; however, the scheduled exam days would always remain in order.
- A delayed opening on an exam day will delay the start of exams as follows:
 - 10:15 – 10:30 Devotions and Study
 - 10:30 – 12:30 Exam
 - 12:30 – 1:00 Break and Study
 - 1:00 – 3:15 Exam

Grades K—6

- A school closing on an exam day would move Records Day to the day after the final exam date.