



ZCS WEEKLY

January 11, 2019

Urgent News

Exam Schedule

Be sure to look at the first semester exam schedule, which is on page 3. **Please note that exams will only be moved back if there is a snow day on one of the actual exam days** (see page 4 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

Several junior high and high school students have ordered Zion hot lunch on one or two exam days. If your student does not plan to stay at Zion for lunch, he or she can grab his or her lunch from the kitchen on the way out of school.

Homecoming shirts

Zion's homecoming is **February 1**, and the homecoming t-shirt order form is now available. Return the attached order form, with payment, by Thursday, **January 17**.

Ski Outings

A group of Zion parents and students plan to ski at Bittersweet on various dates this winter. All are welcome to join! The group plans go to Bittersweet on **January 12, 19, and 26**. Contact Kim Kleyn with any questions.

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 were distributed to students earlier this week.

Grades, report cards, and transcript viewing on ParentsWeb are unavailable until first semester report cards are issued. We anticipate this will happen no later than 4:00pm on **January 25**.

Tall Cop Presentation

East Grand Rapids Public Schools invites parents and community members to attend an informative presentation by Officer Jermaine Galloway, also known as "Tall Cop," regarding the risks and dangers of youth substance abuse. This 2-hour presentation will be held on Monday, **January 14**, from 7:00-9:00pm in the East Grand Rapids High School Performing Arts Center, 2211 Lake Drive SE. See the attached flyer for more information.

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.

Homecoming

All students, alumni, parents, fans, friends—EVERYONE—is invited to the Homecoming basketball games on Friday, **February 1**. 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.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations and thank you to all who participated in the school spelling bee this week. A special congratulations to first place winner, Alayna Leestma, and runner-up, Morgan Schipper. Both students will proceed to the Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held later this winter. Congratulations, girls!

Mountaineer Pi Run

Are you looking for a reason to keep your New Year's resolution of getting in shape in 2019? The Mountaineer Athletics Boosters will once again sponsor the Mountaineer Pi Run. The race will be on Saturday, **April 20**, at 9:00am. This is a 5K race with a twist: after triumphantly crossing the finish line, participants can

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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.

Zion 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.

Volunteers Needed

Calling all Zion families! The Mountaineer Athletic Boosters are looking for help to fill several open spots for admissions and concessions for the remaining winter basketball season. New this year, all Zion students get free admission to home games at Zion. Any adult working a shift gets in free, too! This is a great way to support athletics at Zion while

having a fun and affordable family night out. The shifts are split up into fairly short time slots, so the adult working can still enjoy the games. The sign up form is online and very quick and easy; just visit <http://signup.com/go/qGCDtMX>.

Thanks for supporting Mountaineer Athletic Boosters in this way! If you have questions, please contact Kelli Doezeema at kdoez@att.net (616) 318-1736.

This Week in Zion Sports

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

TODAY:

4:15—G V vs. Wellsprings Prep
5:45—B JV vs. CSH
7:15—B V vs. CSH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18:

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

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--|-----|
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Spelling Bee | 11 Chapel: Rev. Joel Beeke | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Exams | 16 Exams | 17 Exams | 18 Exams All school half day | 19 |
| 20 | 21 No school—Records Day | 22 Third Quarter Begins | 23 | 24 Geography Bee | 25 Chapel: Rev. Talman Wagonmaker | 26 |

**Zion Christian School
First Semester Exam Schedule**

| Tuesday, January 15 | | |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Time | Class | If no ride home, report to Study Hall |
| 8:15 - 8:30 | Devotions | Room 209, Rev. Johnson |
| 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 16 | | |
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| Time | Exam Class | If no exam, report to Study Hall |
| 8:15 - 8:30 | Devotions | Room 209, Mr. Vos |
| 8:30 - 10:30 | Period 1 | |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Break | Room 204, Mr. Bosma |
| 11:00 - 1:00 | Period 5 | |
| 1:00 - 3:15 | Study Hall | Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes |

| Thursday, January 17 | | |
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| Time | Exam Class | If no exam, report to Study Hall |
| 8:15 - 8:30 | Devotions | Room 213, Mrs. Edouard |
| 8:30 - 10:30 | Period 2 | |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Break | Room 207, Miss VanderJagt |
| 11:00 - 1:00 | Period 6 | |
| 1:00 - 3:15 | Study Hall | Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes |

| Friday, January 18 | | |
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| 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 18. 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 18, 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, 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.