



ZCS WEEKLY

January 13, 2017

Urgent News

It's A Girl!

Congratulations to Mike and Chrissi VanBeek, who welcomed Theodora Katheryn this morning. She was 8 lbs, 10 oz. Mother and baby are doing well!

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.

BCPS Hot Lunch

On Thursday, **January 19**, there is no BCPS Hot Lunch. Please be sure to pack a lunch for your child on that day!

Spelling Bee

Congratulations and thank you to all who participated in the school spelling bee today. A special congratulations to first place winner, Alayna Leestma, and runner-up, Zoe Dykstra. Both students will proceed to the Regional Spelling Bee, which will be at Zion on **February 16**, at 4:00, in the commons. Please come out and support our students.

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 27**.

Bus Drivers Needed

Zion is seeking two qualified CDL drivers to drive afternoon routes. Qualifications include: CDL class B or higher license with Passenger, School Bus, and Air Brake Endorsements, and a clean driving record.

Elementary Mileage Club

Dust off your jogging shoes: it's time for the elementary mileage club to begin again! From **January 24** to **February 28**, elementary students will log miles by running or walking in the gym during designated times. Again this year: students can collect financial pledges for each mile traveled. These funds will go toward upgrading the classroom computers. Last year, the students raised more than \$4,000! Pledge forms will be sent home with students next week.

To make this a safe and successful event, we need volunteers to help supervise the running in the gym. Contact the office if you can help in this way.

Computer Teacher Needed

Zion is seeking a teacher for the spring high school computer class. This class will focus on Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. Students in this class work at their own pace, similar to an independent study. However, an instructor is needed to set the schedule, grade assignments, and guide students who have questions. If you are interested in this position, please contact Todd Hoekstra at thoekstra@zionchristian.net.

Ski Outing

Zion students plan to meet for a ski outing at Bittersweet on Monday, **January 23**. Interested students should arrive at Bittersweet at 10:00am. 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 lunches, 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

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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 3**. 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.

Rental House Available

The rental house next to Zion is available now. If you have questions or would like to view the property, please contact Eric Wierenga at (616) 550-0845.

College Applications & Scholarships

Deadlines for many college applications and scholarships will be here soon! Be sure to send in any outstanding applications as soon as possible. Families of

seniors: be sure to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as your 2016 tax information is available.

Mountaineer Pi Run

Sign up for the Mountaineer Pi Run/Walk! This 5K event will be on Saturday, **April 15**, and will raise money for Zion's Athletic Boosters Club. Until **January 31**, you can get the "Resolution Keepers" rate of \$20. Visit www.zionchristian.net/athletics/mountaineer-pi-run for more details and online registration.

Friday Hot Lunch

Remember that orders for Friday Hot Lunch may be placed online using ParentsWeb. When you log in to ParentsWeb:

- Click on "student information"
- Click on "lunch"
- Click "create web order" button
- Type in the quantity that you want to order for each date
- Click on the "order items" button
- Enter your payment information on the payment screen
- Click "submit" and wait for the confirmation screen

You may order in advance and check ParentsWeb to verify which weeks your child will receive pizza. Check the color of the text in the calendar to see if you have ordered and paid for hot lunch.

- **Blue**—you have ordered and paid
- **Red**—you have ordered, but not paid yet (the order will not go through until you pay)
- **Black**—you have not ordered.

Friday Hot Lunch is \$3.50 and includes a slice of pizza, chips, dessert, and a beverage. **We ask that you place a minimum order of \$15 in each transaction to keep processing costs at a minimum.** Please note that all orders are due by 3:30pm on Wednesday of the week prior to the hot lunch date. No orders will be accepted after this time.

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.

Mountaineer Pi Run/Walk Saturday, April 15, 2017

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 2017,
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.

This Week in Zion Sports

Support the Mountaineers! In the coming week, Zion athletic teams will play in the following games:

TONIGHT:

4:30—G JH vs. Libertas Christian
 5:30—G V vs. WMAA
 5:30—B JV @ WMAES
 6:00—B V @ HCA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20:

4:30—B JV vs. Barry County Chr.
 5:30—G JH @ TUC
 6:00—G V vs. WML
 6:30—B V @ TUC

Finance & Board Districts

If you have questions relating to your tuition statement, please email Cathy Diemer at cdiemer@zionchristian.net. If you anticipate difficulty in remaining current on your account, please contact your finance committee representative or board member.

Finance Districts

A—G Paul Diemer (616) 875-8260
 H—K Brad Steenberg (616) 498-5055
 L—R Steve Johnson (616) 443-3479
 S—U Dave Deboer (509) 305-0527
 V—Z Dan Jipping (616) 822-4123

Board Districts

A—F Rick Wierenga (616) 877-0406
 G—J Jim VanBeek (616) 891-8102
 K—O Bruce Sterk (616) 291-0107
 P—S Tom Kaptein (616) 890-5950
 T—Vincent Mike Vos (616) 293-5497
 Vos—Z Jim VanBeek (616) 891-8102

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	9	10 Vision/Hearing Rescreening	11	12 Spelling Bee 1:00	13 Chapel: Rev. Greg Lubbers	14
15	16	17 Exams	18 Exams	19 Exams	20 Exams All-school half day	21
22	23 No school—Records Day	24 Third Quarter Begins	25	26	27 Chapel: Rev. Ron VanOverloop	28

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	1	2	3 Chapel: Rev. Joel Beeke Homecoming	4

**Zion Christian School
First Semester Exam Schedule**

Tuesday, January 17		
Time	Class	If no ride home, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 405, Rev. Johnson
8:30 - 10:30	Period 3	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 205, Mrs. Hanenburg
11:00 - 1:00	Period 4	
1:00 - 3:15	Study Hall	Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes

Wednesday, January 18		
Time	Exam Class	If no exam, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 203, Mrs. Nelson
8:30 - 10:30	Period 1	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 207, Mr. Van Middlekoop
11:00 - 1:00	Period 5	
1:00 - 3:15	Study Hall	Room 215, Mr. Van Middlekoop

Thursday, January 19		
Time	Exam Class	If no exam, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 213, Mr. Carlson
8:30 - 10:30	Period 2	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 215, Mr. Van Middlekoop
11:00 - 1:00	Period 6	
1:00 - 3:15	Study Hall	Room 215, Mr. Van Middlekoop

Friday, January 20		
Time	Exam Class	If no exam, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 215, Mr. Van Middlekoop
8:30 - 10:30	Period 7	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	
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 22. 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 20, 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.