



ZCS WEEKLY

March 2, 2018

Urgent News

Blood Drive

Zion Christian School will host a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Thursday, **March 8**, from 12–5:45pm. We are still seeking more donors. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or email justinegroenink@gmail.com.

Kindergarten Testing

Zion will hold kindergarten testing for the 2018-2019 school year on **March 15**, from 8:30am to 3:00pm. This testing will help parents determine placement for their children for next fall. Contact the office to schedule an appointment.

Social Studies Expo

Come to school **tonight**, to meet important historical figures like Julius Caesar and Abraham Lincoln. They will tell you all about themselves in the 5th and 6th grade Living Wax Museum. You will learn all about the products that our state of Michigan produces with the 4th grade projects. The 3rd graders will quiz you on US History and Geography with games in their classroom. The 2nd grade classrooms will be bursting with wonderful displays from around the world. It will be an exciting night of learning and exploration! The Expo will start at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy!

General News

Job Openings

There are several job openings at Zion that we look to fill in the coming months.

Donna Wagner plans to transition out of working in Zion's office this spring. We hope to hire a new **office receptionist** and begin training before the end of March. Please contact Mr. Hoekstra if you are aware of someone who would be a good fit at our front desk. Also, thank you to Mrs. Wagner for her selfless work here at Zion for the past 3 1/2 years.

Additionally, don't forget Zion is still seeking applicants for the following positions: **Elementary Art, Latin, and Director of Development**. Applicants should contact Mr. Hoekstra.

Soup Supper

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **March 20**. The junior class will host a Soup Supper in Zion's gym on that evening, from 5:00-7:00pm, with all proceeds benefiting the Junior-Senior Banquet. You don't want to miss this evening of fellowship and delicious soups! See the flyer on page 4 for the full menu.

American & Me Essay Contest

Three Zion 8th grade students were selected as local winners in the America & Me Essay Contest. Olivia

Verduin, Addy Jipping, and Zoe Dykstra earned first, second, and third place, respectively. Olivia's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. Congratulations and well done, girls!

Business Idea Competition

Congratulations to Zion junior Kenzi Hesselink, whose business idea has been selected for the final round of the Kuyper College Triple Bottom Line Business Idea Contest. The contest will be held at Kuyper College on **March 27**. At the contest, Kenzi will have an opportunity to give a 5-minute presentation on her business idea to a panel of 5 judges for a chance to win cash prizes for herself and her school.

Class Trip Funding Needs

Each year, we are blessed to send our 8th, 10th, and 12th graders on class trips. Due to the growing sizes of these classes, the funding necessary for these trips is ever increasing. These trips have always been covered by private donation and are not a part of our operating budget, in order to help keep tuition costs down. This year, we need more help in raising these funds through private donations. That's where you can help. The loss of senior hot lunch for the remainder of the year was a big blow. In sum, we need to raise

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approximately \$10,000 yet for the three trips combined. If you are able to help contribute ANY amount toward these trips, please contact Todd Hoekstra.

Paper Gator

Did you know the large green dumpster at the top of the parking lot is actually one of the ways the Parents Guild raises money? We earn funds based on the volume of paper recycled. Help us increase our payouts by following these directions:

YES: Newsprint, Catalogs, Magazines, Junk Mail, Phone Books, Office/School paper, hard and soft cover books

NO: Plastic, Metal, Trash, Glass, Cardboard,

Host Family Needed

Are you interested in hosting an exchange student this summer? Mr. Hausler knows a family from Alsace, France, that would like to send their 17-year-old daughter to the United States for a month, within the dates of **July 7 to September 1**. The family is willing to have a student from the host family stay with them in France, if that is desired. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mr. Hausler.

Mileage Club

Mileage Club set records this year! It's the first time that any students have "traveled" over 50 miles! The total number of miles this year is 3,180, which is an all-time high. The children had a ton of fun, and we thank Mrs. Lenting who helped supervise our gym time. The students received a certificate which includes their total mileage. They are now able to collect their pledges. All money that the children collect for Mileage Club should be brought to the office. This year, our

pledges will be used to purchase equipment for our gym! Also, we will tithe a portion to Samaritan's Purse, which will be used to buy water filters for developing countries. Thank you for supporting our Mileage Club event!

March is Reading Month!

Be an Olympic Reader! March is reading month at Zion and all elementary students are participating in a month-long reading challenge. Please look for the special reading log packet that will be sent home next week. Remember: reading is an activity that can benefit your child's education in many ways. Let's work together to encourage our students to read for at least 15 minutes each day for the whole month of March. Read together as a family, visit your local library, read before bed, read in the car, and read God's Word.

Students can earn an individual prize and can help their class earn "team medals." The elementary class that earns the most medals will earn a special class treat. Let's set our goals high and strive to do our best. Get ready, get set, and read for the gold! Plan ahead: Students reading 465 minutes or more will earn two tickets to a Whitecaps game.

Yearbook

Students may order yearbooks from now until **May 4**. Yearbooks will be delivered in the fall. **Before spring break**, each yearbook can be ordered for the special price of \$30. Yearbooks ordered after that date, until **May 4**, will cost \$35. An order form is attached to the Weekly and is available on ParentsWeb. Payment must be turned in with the order form. Please pay by check only. All paid orders will be accompanied by an autograph supplement, which can be signed this spring and inserted in the yearbook in the fall.

Play Tickets

Tickets for Zion's school play, *Charlotte's Web*, are now available. Tickets are general admission and are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students.

To purchase tickets, stop by the office, call (616) 878-9472, or email tickets@zionchristian.net. *Charlotte's Web* will be performed at Jenison High School on **March 15-16**, at 7:00pm, and **March 17**, at 2:00pm and 7:00pm.

Katie De Jong Garage Sale

This winter, you have the opportunity to donate to a spring garage sale to benefit the ministry work Zion alumna Katie DeJong is doing in Guinea, West Africa. As you start your clean-up projects, please consider donating to this sale. The Garage Sale will be held **April 19-21**. They will accept donations until **April 14**. For details, please call Beth De Jong at (616) 644-2438.

Spring Dinner

Zion is excited to welcome The Baker Bros. as the featured performers at the Spring Dinner this year. The Baker Bros. is an up-and-coming vocal group consisting of Zion alumni Jordan (2012) and Seth (2015) Baker. This duo will perform a combination of their own music and covers of familiar songs. This is sure to be a wonderful night celebrating God's faithfulness to Zion Christian School. Opportunity will also be given this night for attendees to make a contribution to further the work being done at Zion Christian School. The Dinner will be at 6:00pm on Tuesday, **April 24**, at the Postma Center at Pine Rest. This date is a change from what was published earlier in the year. Contact the office to reserve a seat at this exciting event.

Mountaineer Sports

MHSAA Tournament

The Boys Varsity team will play in the MHSAA District tournament at Tri-Unity Christian on Wednesday, **March 7**, at 7:00pm. Come out to support the Mountaineers!

Spring Sports

The spring sports season is almost here! This spring, Zion will offer Boys Varsity and Junior High Baseball teams, as well as Girls Varsity and Junior High Soccer teams. Weather permitting, the varsity teams will begin practice on Monday, **March 12** and the junior high teams will start meeting on

March 22. If your son or daughter plans to participate in a spring sport, be sure that he or she has a sports physical on file with the school. If you have questions about the spring sports season, contact Athletic Director Joel Bont.

Summer Sports Camps

In June, Zion will hold Mountaineer Base Camps for four sports: Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, and Volleyball.

Soccer camp is for boys and girls going into grades 3-8 and will be held **June 4-7**. Basketball camp is for boys and girls going into grades

2-9 and will be held **June 11-14**. Volleyball camp is for girls going into grades 3-8 and will be held **June 18-21**. Baseball camp is for boys going into grades 3-9 and will be held **June 25-28**.

For more information, see the attached registration form. Cost is \$35 per camp if payment is received by **May 8** or \$40 if received after that date. Regardless of when you pay, please turn in the registration form by **May 8**.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb. 25	Feb. 26 Sub Sale orders due	Feb. 27 Regional Spelling Bee	Feb. 28	1	2 Chapel: Rev. Travis Huseby Social Studies Expo 7:00	3
4	5	6 Field Trip: Journalism	7	8 Blood Drive	9 Chapel: Rev. Greg Lubbers Sub Sale Pick-up	10
11 Daylight Savings time begins	12	13	14	15 Charlotte's Web 7:00 Kindergarten Testing	16 Chapel: Singing Charlotte's Web 7:00	17 Charlotte's Web 2:00 & 7:00 Science Olympiad
18	19 Coin War starts	20 Soup Supper 5:00-7:00	21	22	23 Chapel: Miss Katie De Jong Coin War ends	24
25	26 4th Quarter begins Grace Bible College visit	27	28	29	30 Spring Break—No School	31

SOUP SUPPER



Tuesday, March 20

5:00-7:00pm

Zion Gymnasium

Proceeds benefit the Junior-Senior Banquet

SOUPS:

Cheesy Broccoli
Chicken Noodle
Split Pea
Beef Chili
White Chicken Chili
Vegetable Beef

OTHER MENU ITEMS:

Salad
Rolls
Jello
Dessert
Coffee
Lemonade

**THE JUNIOR CLASS AT
ZION CHRISTIAN IS
WILLING AND EAGER TO
WAIT ON YOU!**

They will not only serve
you warm and delicious
soups – they will even clean
up after you!

Questions?

Contact Jesse Aukeman at
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DON'T MISS THIS EVENING OF DELICIOUS SOUPS!