



ZCS WEEKLY

March 23, 2018

Urgent News

Pi Run Volunteers Needed

The 6th Annual Mountaineer Pi Run is less than a month away and the planning committee needs volunteers to help us serve pie, direct runners, and make the race even better than last year. The race will be held on **April 14**. If you are not running in it, please consider volunteering for this fun opportunity to support Zion Christian School. Contact Kim R o b e r t s a t andrew.kim.roberts@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

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.

Zion Math Team

The Zion Math Team will compete **tomorrow** at Grand Rapids Community College in the 9th and 10th grade Math Challenge. Please support them with your words of encouragement and your prayers!

General News

Zion Choir Performance

On Saturday, **April 14**, Zion's high school choir will sing at the PCRT conference at First CRC of Byron Center. The concert will begin at 6:30pm, with the conference starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome to enjoy the concert and may remain for the evening conference or discreetly leave after the concert ends. The choir students will need to be at the church by 4:30pm to rehearse with The Westminster Brass and do a sound check.

Grace Bible College Visit

A representative from Grace Bible College will visit Zion on Monday, **March 26**. Interested students should plan to meet with the representative during lunch.

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, **April 12**, from 4:00–6:00pm and 7:00–9:00pm. **These conferences are for parents of elementary school students only.** The JH and HS conferences were held in February.

Conferences will last for 15 minutes. If you plan to attend conferences, you **MUST** call the school office by Monday, **April 9**, to set up an appointment. If you show up for conferences without an appointment, you may not be able to see the teachers that you

would like to see. Some of the part-time teachers will not be present during all the conference times, but you can request a phone call from them to set up a separate meeting.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for **April 9-13**. The Book Fair will also be open during Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences on **April 12**. The Book Fair will be open for students on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. One way that families can bless their children's teachers is by purchasing items from their wish lists for their classrooms. All Book Fair sales benefit our school library! **See the flier on page 4 of the Weekly for more information.**

Parents Guild Meat Sale

Mark your calendar and start clearing room in your freezer. The Parents Guild will sponsor a Meat Sale on **May 3**. Look for more information about this sale in the coming weeks.

Lost & Found

Zion's Lost & Found is full! There are coats, lunch bags, Lands' End items, and much more in our closet. During **spring break**, we will donate items in Lost and Found to charity, so please have your kids check if they have lost anything. Also, please label the tags of your child's Lands' End apparel. This will help prevent mix-ups.

General News Continued

Job Openings

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

- Office Receptionist
- Elementary Art Teacher
- Latin Teacher
- Director of Development

Please contact Mr. Hoekstra if you are aware of someone who would be a good fit for any of these positions.

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. 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 tickets to a Whitecaps game.

On Thursday, **March 29**, students will have the opportunity to dress up like their favorite book character. Start planning now! Let's continue to set our goals high and strive to read for the GOLD!

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.

Additionally, Zion Bible teacher Rev. Greg Lubbers will provide a testimony and offer his perspective on the role of Christian schools in our community and churches.

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.

ZCS Weekly

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

Zion Sports

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**.

This Week in Zion Sports

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

TODAY:

4:15—V BB vs. HBR

MONDAY, MARCH 26:

4:30—V SOC @ Godwin Heights

TUESDAY, MARCH 27:

4:15—V BB @ Lee High School

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March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18	19 Coin War starts	20 Field trip—Art II 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 Field trip—8th & 9th grades	28	29	30 Spring Break—No School Good Friday	31

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday	2 Spring Break—No School	3 Spring Break—No School	4 Spring Break—No School	5 Spring Break—No School	6 Spring Break—No School	7
8	9 School resumes	10 Scholastic Book Fair Field trip—3rd grade Field trip—6th grade	11 Scholastic Book Fair	12 Scholastic Book Fair Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences	13 Scholastic Book Fair Chapel: Rev. Dale VanDyke	14 Mountaineer Pi Run
15	16	17 Field trip—5th grade	18	19	20 Chapel: Rev. Tom VandenHeuvel Sports Banquet	21
22	23	24 Spring Dinner 6:00	25 Field trip—Pre-K	26	27 Chapel: Singing Field trip—4th grade	28

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 29	April 30	1	2	3 National Day of Prayer Parents Guild Meat Sale	4 Chapel: Rev. Steve Postma Mother's Day Tea Junior Senior Banquet	5

Come to the Book Fair!



We are pleased to once again have the Scholastic Book Fair at Zion on **April 9-13**. Come explore our large selection of books and great reads for every person in your family. We are passionate about reading and hope our students develop a love of reading, too!

Although we've done an initial screening at school, we ask that you as parents use your own judgment in purchasing reading material for your children. Look over the booklist that was sent home with your child. You can make your selection in person or you may send money and instructions with your child to school.

The students will have an opportunity to preview the Book Fair and make their wish lists on Monday, **April 9**, and Tuesday, **April 10**. Students can shop on Wednesday and Thursday, **April 11 & 12**, before school, during recess, during lunch, and after school. Friday, **April 13**, we'll be open before school and during recess. Parents are invited to shop and peruse the books at school on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, as well as Thursday evening during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

You can also shop online! From **April 4-21**, you can shop the Book Fair online, by visiting www.bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/zionchristianschool. There is something for everyone. All books purchased will be shipped for free to Zion and we will distribute them to your child.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get your child excited about reading and will also be a great benefit to our school, as a portion of all sales will go toward purchasing books for our own school library. We hope to see you at the Book Fair!

