



ZCS WEEKLY

December 4, 2017

Urgent News

Senior Pictures

Please have your senior submit a senior picture, a baby picture, and his or her favorite verse to the office ASAP.

Zion School Play

Zion's spring play is an adaptation of E.B. White's classic story *Charlotte's Web* and auditions will be **December 6 & 8**. High school students interested in auditioning should sign up in the office and see Mr. Aukeman for more information. The play will be performed on **March 15-17**.

Dress Code Reminder

Fashion styles and fads continue to change. In light of that, please remember while doing Christmas shopping for your children that the Zion Handbook states, "All students will wear clean pants, non-athletic shorts, or skirts, of completely opaque material, **without rips, holes, or tears**, at all times. Sweat, pajama, wind, track, yoga pants, etc. are not permitted." Thank you for your support!

General News

Christmas Music Programs

Be sure to join us for Zion's Christmas Music Programs. The Zion bands will present a concert on Friday, **December 8** and the Elementary, Junior High, and High School choirs will perform on Friday, **December 15**. Both programs will be at First Byron Center CRC and begin at 7:00pm.

Christmas Program Dress Code

For students participating in the Christmas Programs, the following dress code applies: Elementary girls should wear dresses or skirts and elementary boys should wear dress shirts and dress pants. The dress code for the JH & HS choirs and the JH band is white shirts and black pants/skirts. HS band members should wear their white tuxedo shirts from school and black pants/skirts.

Christmas Toy Drive

Zion students Alyssa & Emily VanBeek are organizing a Christmas Toy Drive for the children at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. If you are interested in making a donation, please see the attached flyer for more information.

TRIP News

Over the past six months, Zion families that participated in the TRIP program earned over \$6,000, which will be applied to their

tuition. If you would like to participate in the TRIP program, contact Kelly Krikke. The last day to order TRIP before Christmas break will be Wednesday, **December 13**, available for pick up Wednesday, **December 20**. Ordering will resume in 2018 on Wednesday, **January 3**.

Junior Achievement

This year, grades K through 6 are privileged to participate in the Junior Achievement program. We will learn more about economics and community. It's a great curriculum. The best part is that we can choose our own volunteers to come into the classrooms and present the material. We are looking for a few folks to teach these lessons to our kids. Everything is all laid out to use with pictures, maps, and activities for the kids to use. Please consider being a JA volunteer at Zion. Contact Sue McCrory for more information.

A Note from the Board

We trust you enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday and the opportunity it provided to give thanks to God for His countless gifts to us. As a board, we continue to marvel at how God has blessed us at Zion.

As in years past, we've scheduled a special December board meeting to focus on the school's long-term

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vision. To enhance our discussion, we would value any input that you can offer. Your thoughts may be very specific (i.e. relating to a specific policy) or more broad. If you have thoughts that you would like to share with the board, please submit them to Todd Hoekstra (thoekstra@zionchristian.net) by noon on Friday, **December 15**. Thank you for your input.

Year-End Giving

As we approach the end of the calendar year, please consider including Zion Christian School in your year-end giving. This year, the Mountaineer Fund is \$275,000 and we've raised about \$175,000 of that amount so far. If you'd like to make a gift to Zion from your IRA, stock, or other equity, please contact the school or Zion's investment representative, Ken Vander Molen, from Royal Securities. You can reach Ken at (616) 538-2550 or kenv@royalsecurities.com. Alternatively, if you'd like to give online, visit Zion's website and click on the "Support Zion" tab.

Library Volunteers Needed

We love our library at ZCS and the moms who work in it are awesome! However, we could use a little more help. On Wednesday afternoons, we need another person to volunteer every-other week from 12:30–3:00pm. Also, in order to help reduce the number of "overdue book" notices from RenWeb, we are seeking a volunteer to come in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to check books back in. If someone can do that, we might have fewer overdue books to track down. Thank you for your patience with the system.

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

Zion Sports

Season Pass T-Shirts

Season pass t-shirts are now available to order for students. Any student wearing the season pass t-shirt will be welcomed in to any Zion home basketball game for free. Order yours today! The order form is attached to the Weekly.

This Week in Zion Sports

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

TONIGHT:

5:30—G JV @ Galesburg-Augusta

7:00—B JV @ Galesburg-Augusta

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5:

5:30—G V @ Galesburg-Augusta

5:30—B JH "B" vs. TUC

6:30—B JH "A" vs. TUC

7:00—B V @ Galesburg-Augusta

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7:

4:15—B JV vs. Lee High School

5:00—B JH "B" @ WMAES

5:45—G V vs. Lee High School

6:30—G JV @ WMAES

7:15—B V vs. Lee High School

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6 Charlotte's Web auditions	7	8 Chapel: Rev. Tom Vanden Heuvel Charlotte's Web auditions Christmas Band Concert 7:00	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Christmas Choir Concert 7:00	16
17	18	19	20 Chapel: Worship chapel	21 No school—Christmas break	22 No school—Christmas break	23