



ZCS WEEKLY

December 8, 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.

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.

Christmas Music Programs

Be sure to join us for Zion's Christmas Music Programs. The Zion bands will present a concert **tonight** 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.

General News

Mountaineer Pi Run

Are you looking for a reason to keep your New Year's resolution of getting in shape in 2018? The Mountaineer Athletics Boosters will once again sponsor the Mountaineer Pi Run. The race will be on Saturday, **April 14**, at 9:00am. This is a 5K race with a twist: after triumphantly crossing the finish line, participants can 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.

Student Drop Off Reminder

When dropping off your children in the morning, please wait to have them exit the vehicle until you are either just behind or just ahead of the crosswalk. When students exit vehicles farther down the hill, bus drivers and other parents cannot always see them. Please help us maintain a safe parking lot!

College Applications

Deadlines for many college applications and scholarships are approaching! Use the extra time during Christmas break to put the finishing touches on your applications. Families of seniors: be sure to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as your 2017 tax information is available.

Volunteers Needed

Zion needs a few parents or grandparents to volunteer to be hall monitors and playground monitors on Friday, **December 15**, from 11:30am–12:15pm. Please let the office know if you can help in this way.

Lost and Found

Zion's Lost & Found is full! There are coats, boots, lunch bags, Lands' End items, and much more in our closet. Once a month, we 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. We will donate all items left in the Lost and Found closet during Christmas break.

Tyson Project A+

As you're stocking your freezer for the winter and/or reorganizing your freezer ahead of Christmas

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celebrations, please remember to clip & turn in those Tyson labels! Please see the attached flyer for examples of what to clip, and return labels to the Tyson label collection box in the Commons. Visit www.projectaplus.tyson.com/products.aspx for more info or contact Jessica Hughes at jessicaellenhughes@yahoo.com with questions.

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 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.

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.

ZCS Weekly

If you have an announcement for the ZCS Weekly, please submit 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.

Coach Needed

Zion is seeking a coach for its boys junior high baseball team for the spring season. If you are interested in this position, please contact Joel Bont at jbont@zionchristian.net.

Girls JH Basketball

The first day of practice for Girls Junior High Basketball will be Wednesday, **December 27**. All girls in grades 6 through 8 are welcome to join the team.

This Week in Zion Sports

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11:

5:30—B JH "B" vs. Potter's House
6:30—B JV "A" vs. Potter's House

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12:

4:30—B JH "A" vs. Algoma Chr.
5:30—B JV @ Martin HS
5:30—G JV vs. Martin HS
7:00—B V @ Martin HS
7:00—G V vs. Martin HS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14:

4:00—B JH "A" vs. CSH
5:00—B JH "B" @ WMAES
5:30—G JV vs. Kelloggsville HS
7:00—G V vs. Kelloggsville HS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6 <i>Charlotte's Web</i> auditions	7	8 Chapel: Rev. Tom Vanden Heuvel <i>Charlotte's Web</i> auditions Christmas Band Concert 7:00	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Christmas Choir Concert 7:00	16
17	18	19 Field Trip—2nd grade	20 Chapel: Worship chapel	21 No school—Christmas break	22 No school— Christmas break	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 No school— Christmas Day	26 No school—Christmas break	27 No school— Christmas break	28 No school—Christmas break	29 No school— Christmas break	30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	1 No school—New Year's Day	2 No school—Christmas break	3 School resumes	4	5 Chapel: Rev. Steve Postma	6
7	8	9	10 Spelling Bee 2:00	11	12	13
14	15	16 Exams	17 Exams	18 Exams	19 Exams All School Half Day	20
21	22 No School—Records Day	23 Third Quarter begins	24	25	26	27