



# ZCS WEEKLY

December 15, 2017

## Urgent News

### Exam Schedule

Be sure to look at the first semester exam schedule, which is on page 4 of the Weekly.

### Senior Pictures

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

### Office Hours

Christmas break is **December 21** through **January 2**, with school resuming on Wednesday, **January 3**. The school office will not be open during Christmas break. If you need to contact the office during that time, email Jesse Aukeman at [jaukeman@zionchristian.net](mailto:jaukeman@zionchristian.net) to schedule an appointment.

### Christmas Music Programs

Be sure to join us for the Elementary, Junior High, and High School choir concert **tonight**. The program is at First Byron Center CRC and begins at 7:00pm.

## General News

### Christmas Treat Delivery

Orders of cookie dough and other Christmas treats will arrive at Zion on **Tuesday**. All juniors who sold items should pick up their orders in the office and deliver them to their customers.

### Sledding

It's awesome to have snow for sledding at school. We have sleds everywhere in our elementary hallways. However, it is difficult for the bus drivers to deal with the sleds on their crowded buses. If your child brings a sled to school during the week, he or she should leave it at school all week and take it home, if so desired, on Friday; but taking it back and forth every day on the bus is a problem. Thank you for your help.

### Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Support Zion by dining at Chick-fil-A! On Monday, **January 8**, if you dine at the Chick-fil-A on Kalamazoo Ave. (off of M-6), a portion of your sale will be donated to Zion. This applies to all sales between 6:30-10:30am and 5-7pm.

### 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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:kenv@royalsecurities.com). Alternatively, if you'd like to give

## General News Continued

online, visit Zion's website and click on the "Support Zion" tab.

### 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 possible.

### 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

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](http://www.projectaplus.tyson.com/products.aspx) for more info or contact Jessica Hughes at [jessicaellenhughes@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

### 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.

### 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

There will be no ZCS Weekly for the next two weeks due to Christmas break. Have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

## 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.

### 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](mailto:jbont@zionchristian.net).

### Girls JH Basketball

The first day of practice for Girls Junior High Basketball will be Wednesday, **December 27**, from 3:15–5:00pm. 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:

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19:**

4:00—G JV vs. Libertas  
5:30—B vs. Libertas  
7:00—G V vs. Libertas

Have a blessed and joyous  
**Christmas!**



## December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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

## January 2018

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 Chapel: Rev. Casey Freswick	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

**Zion Christian School  
First Semester Exam Schedule**

Tuesday, January 16		
Time	Class	If no ride home, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 207, Miss VanderJagt
8:30 - 10:30	Period 3	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 204, Mr. Bosma
11:00 - 1:00	Period 4	
1:00 - 3:15	Study Hall	Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes

Wednesday, January 17		
Time	Exam Class	If no exam, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 213, Mrs. Edouard
8:30 - 10:30	Period 1	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 204, Rev. Johnson
11:00 - 1:00	Period 5	
1:00 - 3:15	Study Hall	Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes

Thursday, January 18		
Time	Exam Class	If no exam, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 213, Mrs. VanBeek
8:30 - 10:30	Period 2	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 201, Mr. Hughes
11:00 - 1:00	Period 6	
1:00 - 3:15	Study Hall	Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes

Friday, January 19		
Time	Exam Class	If no exam, report to Study Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Devotions	Room 215, Mr. Bosma
8:30 - 10:30	Period 7	
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Room 215, Dr. Tjapkes
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 19. 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 8<sup>th</sup> hour exam slot (Friday, January 19, 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.