

ZCS

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WEEKLY

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!

Zion has an extreme shortage of substitute teachers for the coming school year. If you or someone you know are interested please contact Bob DeRuiter at bderuiter@zionchristian.net.

ROOM PARENTS

We are looking for 2 parents per class (preschool - 6th grade) to volunteer to help out each classroom for the 2024-2025 school year. Please see the attached flyer for more details and how to become a room parent.



JOB OPENINGS

Zion Christian has a few positions open for the 2024-2025 school year. If you or someone you know is interested, please visit our website to fill out an application.

Director of Development

The Director of Development (DOD) serves as the leader of Zion Christian School's financial development. They are responsible for making strategic decisions affecting all resource development. For further details, please contact the Head of School, Bob DeRuiter, at bderuiter@zionchristian.net.

Counselor

The Counselor would be required to work with individual students and small groups to help in overcoming emotional and psychological challenges. This would be a part-time position to begin.

STAFFING UPDATE

We have been searching to fill multiple positions, and we have filled the following:

Emily Hutt will join the Zion staff as the Junior Kindergarten Aide. Emily is a familiar face at Zion as her children are students at Zion. She has also been a longtime volunteer as part of the Parents Guild and Boosters.

Kellie Vander Kooi will be Zion's Secondary Science teacher this coming school year. She has already been a part of the ZCS community since she is currently a ZCS parent.

Mary DeBoer and Erica Nijenhuis will grow their job descriptions as they step into the Learning Enrichment Services Paraprofessional role in addition to their other duties at Zion.

Emma Sietsema has been hired as the upper elementary teacher. This coming school year, she will take half of the large 5th grade class, and Elizabeth Botsko will teach the other half. Emma graduated from Hope College with an Elementary Education degree and spent last spring as a long-term sub in the 5th grade at Zeeland Christian School.

Tim Tjapkes, who filled in for Caryn Simon as a long-term sub, will continue to teach the junior and senior-level history classes. In addition, Tim will teach Physics and Environmental Science. Caryn will move to part-time and teach the 9th and 10th grade history classes.

Nancy Wiersma, who retired from Zion in 2023, will be returning to help with hot lunch on Mondays!

Patt Ybema, who has served hot lunch for years, will not be returning this year. Thank you for your many years of service at Zion Christian School!

HOT LUNCH

Please remember to check the Family Portal to make sure you ordered a hot lunch for your student(s) on a particular day.

Keep in mind when placing your hot lunch orders that the deadline to order is midnight on Monday, the week prior to the lunch week.

Week of September 9:

Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - Chicken and Mash Potato Bowl

Wednesday - Corn Dogs

Thursday - Baked Pasta

Friday - Senior Pizza Hot Lunch

Hot lunch and senior pizza hot lunch ordering for September - December is now available through the FACTS family portal on Zion's website. All orders for the week of September 9 are due by midnight, **Monday, September 2**. As a reminder, hot lunch charges are posted directly to each family's FACTS account. You do not have to pay at the time of ordering.

SENIOR PICTURES

Senior pictures will be due in November so please consider scheduling your pictures soon as the flowers are in bloom or when the fall colors come out.

We ask that all pictures submitted for the yearbook are vertical and without props, to fit the publisher's template. Student clothing selections for the senior picture and ad must exhibit a spirit of modesty and humility and may not bear any reference to a particular entity or brand.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please reference the attachment at the end of the Weekly for the 2024-2025 school calendar.

ZION PRAYER LINE

The Zion office plans to continue the school prayer line to stay connected with prayer needs. This is a great opportunity to submit and receive prayer requests from the Zion community. If you would like to receive the prayer line or submit a prayer request or praise, email prayer@zionchristian.net.

QDOBA FUNDRAISER!

On Tuesday, September 24, Zion Christian's Parents Guild is partnering with Qdoba (2380 Health Dr. SW) for a fundraiser! From 4:00pm - 8:00pm, Qdoba is donating 25% of all sales to Zion Christian School. We hope to see you there! Please spread the word and bring family and friends! Please reference the flyer at the end of the Weekly for the QR code and more details!

ELEMENTARY RECESS VOLUNTEERS

Looking for ways to volunteer at school this year? Recess duty is a great way to volunteer to accommodate your schedule. Whether it is every week or every month, we could use all the help we can get! Please contact Julie Groenhof at jgroenhof@zionchristian.net for more details and to volunteer.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Every Monday during the school year, a small group of women gather to pray over our students and our school. Prayer is a powerful gift from God, and we urge you to join our community during this time. Please reference the attachment at the end of the Weekly for more details and how to join.

GOLF OUTING

Mark your calendars for Zion's 23rd Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, September 28. As in previous years, the Golf Outing will be held at Diamond Springs Golf Course. Registration is at 7:30am with play beginning at 8:00am. Cost is \$125 for adults and \$75 for students. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, and lunch. To submit your team or to inquire about sponsorship, please contact Kelly Heim at kheim@zionchristian.net or reference the attached form at the end of the Weekly.

2024 FALL AUCTION

Zion's annual Fall Auction will be on Saturday, October 26. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us for this fun event. If you're interested in donating to the auction or purchasing an ad, please see the attached form or contact Mandie Wierenga at mwierenga@zionchristian.net or Kelly Heim at kheim@zionchristian.net.

PARENTS GUILD NEWS

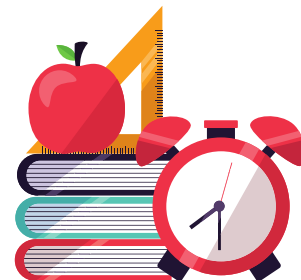
Whether you are a new Zion family or you've been a part of the school community for many years, you are welcome to participate in Zion's Parents Guild organization. The Parents Guild's mission is to help raise funds for classroom needs and support Zion's staff and teachers. There are several ways that Parents Guild raises funds. These efforts are simple - yet effective - ways for parents to make major contributions. Please contact parentsguild@zionchristian.net with questions or how to get involved.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - No School - Labor Day
- 3 - First Day of School
- 9 - First Day of JrK
- 10 - First Day of Preschool
- 16 & 17 - School Pictures
- 28 - Golf Outing

OCTOBER

- 4 - Grandparents Day
- 8 - Picture Retakes
- 18 - No School - Teacher In-Service
- 26 - School Auction



CLASS AUCTION BASKETS

Zion assigns each elementary class to a designated themed basket to auction off at the school auction. These baskets are usually a hit. We ask that you bring all donations by **OCTOBER 4**.

- Preschool & Kindergarten - Crayola/Playdough
- 1st & 2nd - Playmobil/Lego
- 3rd & 4th - Paper Products (paper plates, napkins, wrapping paper, construction paper, toilet paper....really anything PAPER!
- 5th & 6th - Bonfire

Please be on the lookout for items that can go in your child's classroom basket. Need ideas? Contact Mandie Wierenga at mwierenga@zionchristian.net.

LOST & FOUND

Please be aware of Zion's **UPDATED** policy regarding lost and found items for grades 7-12. At the beginning of each quarter, all items in lost and found will be donated to charity. If a student loses an item during the last week of the quarter, and it ends up in the lost and found, the item will be held until the end of the following quarter. There is a \$1 fee for students in grades 7-12 to retrieve items from the lost and found closet.

MEET THE TEACHER MORNING

Preschool and JrK students! You are invited to come and meet your new teacher, see your room, have some fun with the other kids and share a special treat!

On Wednesday, September 4 at 9:30am - 11:00am for all JrK students, and on Thursday, September 5 at 10:00am to 11:00am for all Preschool students. Please let your teacher know if you have any questions or are unable to attend. Preschool - Mrs. Jennifer Vos jvos@zionchristian.net. JrK - Mrs. Angie Proudfit aproudfit@zionchristian.net.

ZION VOLUNTEER FORM

Calling all volunteers! Zion is seeking many volunteers to serve in a variety of ways throughout the school year. There are many meaningful ways for parents (and grandparents) to participate in the school day and fill in the gaps where teachers and staff can't. If you are willing to volunteer, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. Thank you for helping Zion serve it's students.

GRADES 7-12 SCHEDULE

Class schedules for students in grades 7-12 are available to view in FACTS. Please review your child's schedule and contact Nick Vos if any changes are needed. A signed drop/add form will be required for any schedule changes. This form will be available in the Zion office after school resumes.

Fresh copies of class schedules will be placed in the lockers of all junior high and high school students before Tuesday morning. Please be sure to follow this copy on the first day of school, in case any changes have been made to your schedule in the past few weeks.

LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS

Locker assignments for students in grades 7-12 are now included at the top of student schedules. Parents and students can view this in FACTS. Additionally, locker assignments are posted on the walls in the high school hallway. Elementary students will receive locker assignments from their teachers on the first day of school.

PARENT & BUSING TRANSPORTATION

During this school year, we will continue to strive for safe and efficient student drop off and pick up. We would like all students to enter the building through he doors by the office: the Commons door for elementary students and the Events door for junior high and high school students.

As in past years, buses will pull up to the main entrance and unload students at the beginning of the day. Parents should wait behind any buses and let their students out of the car when they can safely pull up to the entrance. **Students should only exit their vehicles when they have reached the top tier, near the cross walk. Students should NOT exit cars on the hill.** Elementary students will bring their belongings to their lockers and go directly to the playground.

At the END of the day, the buses will line up on the **SECOND TIER OF THE PARKING LOT**. Cars will line up on the first tier. **Parents should not enter the building to collect their children. Zion staff will ensure that students safely exit the building and find their parents outside.** If your child is riding home with a high school driver, he or she should find that high schooler in the school building and exit with him or her through the Events door and walk safely to the lower tiers.

On the first day of school, teachers will assign each vehicle a number to assist us in sending the correct children out of the building for pickup. If there are changes regarding who your child(ren) will be going home with, we ask that you submit a written and signed letter to the office stating who will pick up your child(ren). Without this signed notice, we will assume that your child(ren) may be picked up only by you or those specifically listed on your reenrollment application. Thank you for your help in maintaining a safe and efficient student pickup time.

BUILDING UPDATE

Last year, Zion opened the Industrial Arts building. Students were able to take classes in woodworking and learn those skills under shop teacher, Dan Admiraal. These classes were very popular among the student body.

This year we are expanding our Industrial Arts program. This fall we will offer metals as a separate class. This gives students more variety and more opportunity to learn new skills.

We are grateful to be able to continue to develop the Industrial Arts addition, and we are asking you to prayerfully consider in helping us meet our next goal of raising \$75,000.

God has blessed Zion, and specifically the Industrial Arts Program, and we thank everyone who has prayed, volunteered, and given for the success of this addition.

We want to partner with YOU, so if you have any questions or concerns about the addition, the next goal, or what classes might look like, please reach out to board member Eric Wierenga.

Thank you again to the wonderful community here at Zion!

ZCS SCHOOL THEME & VERSE

Running the Race

Hebrews 12:1-3

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

Each quarter the students will be focusing on a different part of this verse and learning how to apply this verse to their lives.

CHRISTMAS SHOP

Mark your calendars... we are planning the second annual Zion Christmas Shop for our elementary students! This event was a big success last year and we are planning for another successful shopping day for our students this year. Lord willing, the shopping day will take place on Wednesday, December 11. This will again be an opportunity for our elementary students (JrK-6th grade) to shop for Christmas gifts for their families. We will need many volunteers to make the day run smoothly. You can sign up to volunteer to be a shopping helper or a gift wrapper, and you can sign up to help in the morning or afternoon or both. Look for signups to come out in November, but please mark your calendars now. We heard many positive comments last year about what a fun event this was from both the kids and the volunteers, so you don't want to miss out! If you have gift items you would like to donate to the shop we would be happy to receive those as well. Please contact Emily Bont with any questions at emilysbont@gmail.com.

TRIP INFORMATION

TRIP is starting again with physical cards! Our first order will be placed during the second week of school. Please make sure to submit your order by Monday, September 9, and expect delivery by Friday, September 13. If you want your children to bring the order home, don't forget to fill out a new delivery method form at the bottom of the Weekly.

Don't forget to download the RaiseRight App to save money on tuition this year! You can find it in any app store. Setting up your account is easy to do. Zion's enrollment code is 232LD13D2L34. Use instant ecards while you are out shopping or dining, or order physical gift cards as gifts! New this year is the "Shop Online" button on the app. The button will take you directly to a store's website and a percentage of your purchase will go directly to Zion. You may still use your physical cards or e-cards to make a payment so you get the tuition benefit as well.

For quick purchases, cards will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8 to 11 a.m. – just look for Erica Nijenhuis in the kitchen.

SAT TEST DATES

Seniors who plan to retake the SAT should register with Collegeboard before September 20 to take the October 5 test. Please check the Collegeboard website for more information at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadline>.

MOLINE CHRISTIAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Moline Christian basketball league is a developmental league with a focus on player development and a love for the game of basketball, all while honoring Christ through our efforts. Teams will be split up according to signup numbers; all boys and girls entering **Young Fives to 4th Grade** are invited to join. Each team will hold one practice per week for an hour; practices will begin the week of October 14th. The game schedule will be developed in the weeks ahead; the week of 11/25 - 11/30 will be a "dead week" with no practice or games in observance of Thanksgiving.

The cost is \$50 per Hooper with a basketball jersey included. All proceeds of this league will go to the MCS Boys & Girls basketball programs.

Here is the [Google Form Signup Link:](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdblpLow3tYbg2EkaZOL10C4czrdHAVEWSPZAmkl3YaKslONg/viewform?pli=1) <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdblpLow3tYbg2EkaZOL10C4czrdHAVEWSPZAmkl3YaKslONg/viewform?pli=1>. The signup deadline is September 29th.

ZION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The 2024-2025 Zion Directory will be published in the coming months. In addition to family information, the directory will include a business section. The Zion community would like to support its fellow members!

Please complete and return the attached form by Friday, September 6, if you would like to be included in the business directory.

2024-2025 School Supplies

Preschool

- Backpack

Junior Kindergarten

- Small pillow

Kindergarten

- Small blanket or towel

6th Grade

- Wide rule notebooks (3)
- Protractor for math class
- Colored pencils for projects

JrK - 6th Grade

- Backpack (not too big to fit in a locker)
- PE shoes (Slip-on or velcro for students who cannot tie their shoes)
- Water bottle

2nd - 12th Grade

- Bible (NKJV)

All JH/HS

- Single-subject notebooks that can be placed in binders for class notes
- Pens & Pencils

Health Class

- Composition notebook

HS World History & Modern History

- Colored pencils for map work
- Markers for projects

Spanish

- Class designated binder/folder with lined paper

7th & 8th Grade Math

- 1-inch (or larger) 3-ring binder with lined paper for homework
- Pencil
- Calculator (simple calculator)
- Graphing paper

Accounting

- 3-ring binder
- Calculator

Algebra 1

- TI-30X11S Calculator (or better)
- Pencils & Paper
- Spiral notebook for notes
- Graphing paper

Algebra 2

- Graphing calculator (mandatory for all students)
- Pencils & Paper
- Spiral notebook for notes

Pre-Calculus

- Graphing calculator (with trig functions)
- Straight edge (ruler)

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TEAM

NEWS

MOUNTAINEER SEASON PASSES

Season and full year passes are now available. Individual, couple, and family passes are also available.

A Zion Christian School junior varsity and varsity sports entry fee is \$7 per person/\$20 per family; current ZCS students are free. A ZCS Athletic Pass is a great way to mitigate your costs AND the need for cash at home sporting events!

Admissions is free for:

- Zion Students
- Zion Staff (plus 1 guest)
- Zion Parent working admissions or concessions for the current night (plus 1 guest)
- Children under 5 years of age

Please reference the form at the bottom of the Weekly for more information. Please return, along with your payment (payable to Mountaineer Athletic Boosters) to school. If you have any questions, please email ZCS Athletic Boosters at boosters@zionchristian.net.

ATHLETIC SPONSORSHIP

Every year, Zion Christian School Boosters sends out a form for sponsorship opportunities. By donating to ZCS Boosters, your business will have a banner featured. Please reference the form at the bottom of the Weekly for more information on how to become a sponsor! If you have any questions, please email ZCS Athletic Boosters at boosters@zionchristian.net.

SPORTS BOOSTERS

If you are looking to help out the sports program and you don't have anyone playing in the fall sports you can still signup and help out.

Please signup at the link below if you are able. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mike ten Haaf at mtenhaaf@yahoo.com or text at 616-617-2294. Thanks in advance for your help.
<https://signup.com/go/drMKCFW>



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TEAM

SCHEDULES

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

- Saturday, September 7 @ West Ottawa High School @ 9:00

BOYS JH SOCCER

- Tuesday, September 3 - Away vs Algoma Christian School @ 4:15
- Thursday, September 5 - Home vs Black River Public High School @ 4:00

BOYS JV SOCCER

- Tuesday, September 3 - Home vs Hudsonville Hornets Homeschool @ 4:00
- Thursday, September 5 - Away vs Western MI Christian High School @ 5:00

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

- Tuesday, September 3 - Home vs NorthPointe Christian High School @ 5:30
- Thursday, September 5 - Away vs Western MI Christian High School @ 6:45

GIRLS JH B VOLLEYBALL

- Tuesday, September 3 - Home vs Calvary Schools of Holland @ 4:00
- Thursday, September 5 - Home vs Lee Middle School School @ 4:00

GIRLS JH A VOLLEYBALL

- Thursday, September 5 - Home vs Lee Middle School School @ 5:00

GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL

- Tuesday, September 3 - Home vs Calvary Schools of Holland @ 5:30
- Thursday, September 5 - Away vs Saranac High School, Carson City High School (Tri-Match) @ 5:00 @ Saranac High School

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

- Thursday, September 5 - Away vs Central Montcalm High School, Carson City High School, and Saranac High School (Quad) @ 5:00 @ Saranac High School
- Saturday, September 7 - Home vs Multiple Opponents at Zion's Invitational Volleyball Tournament @ 9:00

