

ZCS

OCTOBER 25, 2024

WEEKLY

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!

Zion has an extreme shortage of substitute teachers for the 2024/2025 school year. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Bob DeRuiter at bderuiter@zionchristian.net.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Stay tuned for more details about Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 19.

LOST & FOUND

Please remember to check the lost and found. It is full and items will be donated on November 1.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The 2024/2025 school directory was handed out to the youngest student in each family this week. Please review your family's information and contact Carolyn Kotman at ckotman@zionchristian.net if any changes are needed.

BAKERS NEEDED!!

We need your baked/canned goods for the auction! Please bring your items to the school gym TOMORROW from 2:00-4:00pm.

TYPING HELP

Throughout the year, Zion elementary students participate in a few different writing activities during their library times. This year the library is looking for someone to help type up the students' writing. If you are interested in doing some typing for Zion, please let Rebecca tenHaaf know (rtenhaaf@zionchristian.net).

SENIOR PICTURES

Please have your senior submit a baby picture and a senior picture to Kathy Vander Jagt at kvanderjagt@zionchristian.net by Tuesday, November 26. When submitting a senior picture, please use the following criteria:

- High-Resolution JPG Files
- Vertical Orientation
- No Props
- Modest Clothing

Baby pictures can be submitted to the office to be scanned by the yearbook staff. All scanned photos will be returned to your senior.

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORKSHOP

Please join us on Saturday, November 2, for a Biblical Theology Workshop with Nancy Guthrie. The workshop will take place from 9:00am - 3:00pm at First Byron CRC, 8541 Byron Center Ave SW, Byron Center. To register and for more information, please go to nancyguthrie.com and click under workshops. You may also email office@firstbyroncrc.org with any questions!

JUNIOR SUB SALE

Pick up will be on Tuesday, October 29 from 2:30pm - 3:45pm if you ordered any subs from the sub sale.

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 of the week prior to the lunch week.

Week of October 28:

Monday - Waffles & Sausage

Tuesday - Chicken Patty

Wednesday - Mac & Cheese

Thursday - Corn Dogs

Friday - Senior Pizza Hot Lunch

Hot lunch is currently looking for several volunteers to help out in the kitchen and to serve our kids! If you are interested, please contact Erica Nijenhuis at enijenhuis@zionchristian.net.

DONUT SALE

On Tuesday, November 12, the Parents Guild will have a donut sale for the elementary students (K-6th) during morning break. Each donut will be a dollar. Please remember to bring your change!

CHRISTMAS SHOP

The Christmas Shop will be here before we know it! We are planning this fun event for our elementary students on Wednesday, December 11th. Students in JrK-6th grade will have the opportunity to shop for gifts (ranging from \$1-\$5) for their families. We are excited to, once again, give our students the opportunity to practice GIVING this Christmas season. We will be looking for volunteers to help students shop and wrap. These volunteers can be moms, dads, grandparents, any special family member or friend who wants to be involved. A Signup Genius link for volunteer signups will be coming out in the next couple weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to donate any gift items or wrapping paper or gift bags/boxes, please let Emily Bont know at emilysbont@gmail.com. Thank you!

SAT RETAKE DATES

Zion encourages seniors who wish to retake the SAT to register through College Board. The cost is \$68 if signed up before the registration dates. Please see the following retake dates and registration due dates for the SAT:

- December 7 Register by November 22
- March 8 Register by February 21

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Grace Edouard at gedouard@zionchristian.net.

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our Veteran's Day Assembly on Monday, November 11, at 11:40am in Zion's gym. All veterans and family members are invited to come at 11am for coffee, cookies, and fellowship.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

On Saturday, Nov. 2, 3rd - 6th grade students are invited to a science competition. Please see the attached flyer for more details, how to sign up, and volunteer opportunities! We hope to see you there!

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross of Michigan has an urgent need for blood donations. To help meet this need, Zion is hosting a mobile blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 11:00am - 5:45pm. Our student leaders are Kyle Kleyn and Samantha Deutschmann. If you have any questions please contact them. Please see the flyer at the end of the Weekly for more details.

KEY CARD SALE

Zion is selling Key Card books for \$30 this year to benefit the Mountaineer Fund. This year, instead of sending books home, the Key Card books will be available in the office for purchase. Information about selling incentives and other details are included with the Key Card books. If each family sells at least one or two, the school will benefit greatly. Please contact the office with any questions.

BUILDING UPDATE

Last year, Zion inaugurated the Industrial Arts building, where students could take woodworking classes with shop teacher Dan Admiraal. These classes quickly became popular among our students.

This year, we've expanded our Industrial Arts program by offering a separate metals class, providing students with greater variety and more opportunities to acquire new skills.

We are grateful for the chance to continue developing our Industrial Arts program and invite you to prayerfully consider helping us reach our next goal of raising \$75,000.

God has truly blessed Zion, particularly the Industrial Arts program, and we appreciate everyone who has prayed, volunteered, and contributed to its success.

We want to partner with YOU! If you have any questions or concerns about the program, our fundraising goal, or the upcoming classes, please contact Eric Wierenga.

Thank you once again to the amazing community at Zion!

OCTOBER

- 26 - School Auction
- 29 - Sub Sale Pick Up

NOVEMBER

- 2 - Science Olympiad
- 4 - No School - Records Day
- 5 - Start of 2nd Quarter
- 11 - Veterans Day Assembly
- 19 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break

CHAPEL

October

- 25 - No Chapel due to Auction Set up

November

- 1 - Singing
- 8 - Rev. Doug Barnes
- 15 - Mr. Dan Moes

AUCTION INFORMATION

Plan on joining us **TOMORROW** for Zion's annual Fall Auction! Doors will open and the silent auction begins at 4:30pm. Dinner will be from 4:30-6:30pm. The live auction will begin at 6:00pm. Adults only please! Remember to take your copy of the auction book with you tomorrow. A list of late additions will be available at the auction.

SMALL ITEMS

- Byron Center Meats Gift Card
- John Deere Toys
- Bird Seed
- Jams and Jellies
- House Decor
- Maple Syrup
- Decorative Books
- Thrifting Basket
- VIP Zion Parking
- Homemade Quilt
- Golf Passes
- AND MUCH MORE!

LARGE ITEMS

- African Hunting Safari
- Mackinac Bridge Tower Tour
- Bikes
- Pentatonix Tickets
- Apple Watch
- Dyson Vacuum
- Blackstone Griddle
- Camping Pass
- White Picket Fence Headboard
- Chainsaw
- Youth Rifle
- AND MUCH MORE!

If you are willing to bake items for the auction's baked goods table, please drop them off in the gym between 2:00pm - 4:00pm **THE DAY OF THE AUCTION.**

The Auction will have food trucks for dinner once again. There are two different trucks. One is a sandwich style and one is a barbeque style truck. Dinner will be from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. In addition, AP Baked Goods will be serving dessert all night long!

Whether you are donating, volunteering, out of town that night, or anything in between, we ask for EVERYONE to be in prayer. As a community, this is something everyone can do, and prayer is the most important part of this event. The Zion Christian Fall Auction is one of Zion's biggest fundraisers that support the school. We have seen blessing after blessing come from this event. For God's blessings to continue, please pray for His provision over this event. In addition, we ask that you are in prayer for those who are volunteering, donating, and attending the auction.

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TEAM

SCHEDULES

COACHES NEEDED!

Please prayerfully consider coaching the **JH boys** basketball team or the **JH girls** basketball team this year. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Joel Bont at jbont@zionchristian.net.

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

- **REGIONALS!** Saturday, October 26 - Away @ Allendale High School @ 9:30am

GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL

- Tuesday, October 29 - Away vs Black River Public School @ 5:00

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

- Tuesday, October 29 - Away vs Saugatuck High School @ 4:30

ZCS SPORTS BOOSTERS BUTTER BRAID SALE

The ZCS Boosters are now selling Butter Braids! The order form was sent home with the youngest student in each family and is attached at the end of the Weekly. Forms and money are due Monday, December 2. Orders can be picked up at school on Wednesday, December 11.

SPORTS' SEASONS PASSHOLDERS - AND SPORTS' ADMISSIONS VOLUNTEERS!

The Zion Christian School Boosters is moving to a "passless" system; the Admissions volunteers will have a printed list of the season passholders and will verify your pass at the entrance to the game.

This means that if you purchased a ZCS Sports' Pass and are attending a home game, you only need to tell the Admissions' volunteer your name and that you are a season passholder. Please note that each game most likely has a new volunteer on duty; please be patient with each volunteer as they search for your name and verify your pass. 😊

If you have any questions about this new process or would like to purchase a season pass, please reach out to Karla Suwyn at kjsuwyn@gmail.com. We appreciate your contributions and commitment to Zion Christian School athletics!

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 sign up and help out with admissions and concessions.

Please sign up 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>

BASKETBALL SEASON DETAILS!

Practices for junior high boys' basketball will begin the week of Monday, October 28. Junior high girls will begin the week of Monday, December 30.

Boys high school basketball will begin the week of Monday, November 11. The girls high school will begin the week of Monday, November 18. Please be aware of the MHSAA may change these dates.

A sports physical is due by the first day of practice.