

# ZCS

NOVEMBER 22, 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](mailto:bderuiter@zionchristian.net).

## THANKSGIVING BREAK

Zion Christian School will be on Thanksgiving break November 27-29. The office will also be closed during the break.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Do you have Christmas lights that don't work?! Please save them and bring them to Zion. Parents Guild will be collecting them. See flyer for more details!

## ZCS WEEKLY

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no ZCS Weekly next week. Have a happy Thanksgiving.

## ZCS SPORTS BOOSTERS BUTTER BRAID SALE

The ZCS Boosters are selling Butter Braids! The order form is attached at the end of the Weekly. Forms and money are due Monday, December 2, so don't wait to order! Orders can be picked up at school on Wednesday, December 11.

## COLD WEATHER IS COMING...

Elementary parents please remember to label your child's coats, snow pants, mittens, and hats to make it easier to find the proper home for items that have been left behind. Also please note that school will provide sleds for students to use at recess. No additional sleds or snow boards should be taken to school.

## TRIP PAYOUTS

Over \$7,000 in TRIP payouts for the period of 04/24/24 - 11/15/24 were applied to Zion family accounts earlier this week. If you have not been taking advantage of TRIP, it is easy to start! Simply download the RaiseRight app and enter Zion's enrollment code (232LD13D2L34) to start earning money for your tuition today!

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget to download the Box Tops for Education app and start scanning your receipts to easily earn money for Zion! Once you download the app, you will need to create an account and choose Zion as the school to receive the funds. It's a quick and super easy process!

## SENIOR POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

The senior class will be selling 6-inch poinsettias for a fundraiser for their class trip to Washington DC this spring. Please reference the attached flyer for more details.

## 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 November 25:

**Monday** - Pancake, Sausage, and Hashbrown

**Tuesday** - Pepperoni Bagel Pizza

**Wednesday** - No School!

**Thursday** - No School!

**Friday** - No School!

Hot lunch is currently looking for several volunteers to help out in the kitchen and to serve our kids - especially on Mondays! It would be from approximately 11:30am - 1pm. If you are interested, please contact Erica Nijenhuis at [enijenhuis@zionchristian.net](mailto:enijenhuis@zionchristian.net).

## CHRISTMAS SHOP

Our Christmas Shop day is less than 3 weeks away! We are excited to provide our elementary students with an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their families once again this year. This fun day is planned for Wednesday, December 11th. We will need volunteers to make this day a success! Last year it was unclear who had more fun... the students or volunteers. If you would like to sign up to help the students shop or wrap gifts in the morning or afternoon, please use the link at the end of the Weekly to sign up to volunteer.

Any parent or grandparent or special family friend is welcome to volunteer. If you have any questions or concerns please email Emily Bont 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.

## SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS

Parents of seniors, now is the time to think about how to congratulate your senior. A few weeks ago, the yearbook staff mailed letters to you detailing how you can place an ad in the yearbook to celebrate your son's or daughter's high school graduation. Please return your order form with payment to the school office by Nov. 26. If you have any questions or did not receive the mailing, please contact Miss Vander Jagt at (616) 878-9472 Ext: 207 or via email at kvanderjagt@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.

## 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.

## TRIP INFORMATION

TRIP is starting again with physical cards! 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.

### NOVEMBER

- 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break

### DECEMBER

- 11 - Christmas Shop
- 16 - Band Concert
- 19 - Christmas Program
- 23 - Jan 3 - Christmas Break

### CHAPEL

#### November

- 29 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

#### December

- 6 - Singing Chapel
- 13 - Rev. Steve Postma
- 20 - Rev. Dr. Sasha Walicord

# ZCS

# TEAM

## SCHEDULES

### COACHES NEEDED!

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

### BOYS 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, November 26 - Away vs Black River Public School @ 5:30

### BOYS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, November 26 - Away vs Black River Public School @ 6:30

### BOYS JV BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, November 26 - Away vs Ravenna High School @ 5:30

### BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, November 26 - Away vs Ravenna High School @ 7:00

### 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](mailto:kjsuwyn@gmail.com). We appreciate your contributions and commitment to Zion Christian School athletics!

### SPORTS BOOSTERS

Signup for the Winter sports is now open. If you would like to help out the sports boosters and do not have anyone in sports you can still help out either with concessions or admissions. You can sign up at <https://signup.com/go/SPnHMgj> Any questions you can email or text Mike ten Haaf at 616-617-2294 or [mtenhaaf@yahoo.com](mailto:mtenhaaf@yahoo.com) Thank you for your help.

### BASKETBALL SEASON DETAILS!

Practices for junior high girls will begin the week of Monday, December 30.

Please be aware that the MHSAA may change these dates.

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