

# ZCS

DECEMBER 6, 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).

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Save the date for Zion Christian's Christmas Concerts!  
December 16 - Secondary Band Concert at 7:00pm at Zion.  
December 19 - JrK - 12th Choir Concert at 7:00pm at First Byron.

## 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 SPORTS BOOSTERS BUTTER BRAID SALE

If you ordered butter braids through the ZCS Athletic Boosters, your orders can be picked up at school on Wednesday, December 11.

## CHRISTMAS SHOP

Our Christmas Shop for elementary students is next week on Wednesday! We are excited to offer our students this unique opportunity to practice giving by shopping for Christmas gifts for their families. All JrK - 6th-grade students should come home with a packet of information about the shop by today. We will also attach a copy of the packet to the Weekly. This packet contains helpful information about the Christmas shop, including an order form and name tags. If your student(s) plan to shop next Wednesday, we ask that you fill out the form ahead of time and bring it to school next Wednesday.

We also have a few more volunteer spots that we would love to fill! If you are able to help students shop or wrap gifts please sign up using the link at the end of the Weekly!

We will also continue collecting wrapping paper and gift bags through next Tuesday, December 10th. Please bring these donations into the office.

Thank you for your help in making our Christmas Shop a success!!

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Not only do students need to inform their teachers ahead of time about a planned absence, but parents MUST call OR email the office if their student will be absent, including sickness, doctor appointments, vacations, or any other absences. This helps the administration keep track of all 340 kids at Zion!

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we enter the winter season, we wanted to remind you that all school closings will be reported on WOOD TV, WZZM, and WWMT.

Closings will also be announced on Zion's Facebook page and an email will be sent out through FACTS to all families.

## 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 December 9:

**Monday** - BBQ Meatballs

**Tuesday** - Grilled Cheese

**Wednesday** - Taco

**Thursday** - Chicken & Waffles

**Friday** - Senior Pizza Hot Lunch

**Hot lunch is now open for orders till the end of the school year.**

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).

## SPELLING BEE

Zion's School Spelling Bee will take place in the gym on Tuesday, January 28, at 1:00 p.m. Three students have been selected from each grade level from 3rd-8th, and the winner and runner-up will proceed to the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to our contestants!

3rd Grade  
Ian Lanning  
Garhett Meyer  
Graham Bont

4th Grade  
Evan MacGraw  
JJ Osterhaven  
Jameson Timmer

5th Grade  
Henry Bont  
Anneke Leestma  
Emma Heerem

6th Grade  
Liam Decker  
Esther Postma  
Asher Meeuwse

7th Grade  
Brynn Ewing  
Emma Schuringa  
Zac Lust

8th Grade  
Avery Kotman  
Landon Verduin  
Quinn Petter

## DONUT SALE

Parents Guild is putting on a donut sale for the Elementary and JH/HS the week of the 15th. Watch for more details!

Remember to bring your change, since donuts will be \$1.

## 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:

- March 8 Register by February 21

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Grace Edouard at [gedouard@zionchristian.net](mailto:gedouard@zionchristian.net).

## 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.

## ZCS SCHOOL PLAY

This year's play is Rogues' Gallery, a series of short plays about two security guards watching footage of suspects who may have destroyed the art gallery's prize modern art sculpture. This is a chance at trying theatre with less of a rehearsal time commitment. Those seeking more participation may audition for more than one role. Students are encouraged to sign up at the front desk for an audition slot on Dec. 9 or 10. Please direct any questions to Miss Winter.

## TRIP PAYOUTS

Over \$7,000 in TRIP payouts for the period of 04/24/24 - 11/15/24 were applied to Zion family accounts last 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!

## 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.

## ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Attached to the Weekly is an association update from the Board for November.

### DECEMBER

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

### JANUARY

- 14-17 - Secondary Exams
- 17 - End of First Semester
- 20 - No School - Records Day
- 21 - First day of Second Quarter
- 23 - Zion New Family Info Night
- 24 - Elementary Cookie Sale
- 28 - Spelling Bee

### CHAPEL

#### December

- 13 - Rev. Steve Postma
- 20 - Rev. Dr. Sasha Walicord

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# 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, December 10 - Away vs Grand Haven Christian School @ 4:30
- Thursday, December 12 - Home vs Algoma Christian School @ 4:00

## BOYS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

- Monday, December 9 - Home vs Muskegon Catholic Central @ 4:30
- Tuesday, December 10 - Away vs Grand Haven Christian School @ 5:30
- Thursday, December 12 - Home vs Algoma Christian School @ 5:00

## BOYS JV BASKETBALL

- Monday, December 9 - Home vs Wellspring Prep. High School @ 5:30
- Tuesday, December 10 - Away vs Saranac High School @ 5:30
- Thursday, December 12 - Away vs Algoma Christian School @ 4:15

## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Monday, December 9 - Home vs Wellspring Prep. High School @ 7:00
- Tuesday, December 10 - Away vs Saranac High School @ 7:00
- Thursday, December 12 - Away vs Algoma Christian School @ 7:15

## GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, December 10 - Away vs Godwin Heights High School @ 5:30
- Thursday, December 12 - Home vs Algoma Christian School @ 6:00

## GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, December 10 - Away vs Godwin Heights High School @ 7:15
- Thursday, December 12 - Away vs Algoma Christian School @ 5:45

## SPORTS' SEASONS PASSHOLDERS

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.