

ZCS

JANUARY 17, 2025
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.

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.

NO SCHOOL

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 20, due to Records Day. Enjoy the extra long weekend.

AFTER SCHOOL POLICY

After 3:30pm, students are no longer supervised by teachers. On days when athletic contests are held after school, parents should be at school to pick up their children or supervise their children until the athletic contests begin. Please do not allow your children to remain at school unsupervised.

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!

ZION INFO NIGHT

Zion's Info Night is coming up on Thursday, January 23 starting at 6:30 with school tours and an info meeting at 7:15. We would like to personally reach out to some families to invite them to come and see Zion. Contact the office if you would like some postcards to share with your family and friends from church or your community who might be interested in Zion. Word of mouth is our strongest advertiser! We appreciate your help in sharing the benefits of Zion Christian School.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming is coming soon! Students in grades 7-12 will have the opportunity to participate in fun activities and spirit days. This year's theme is Rivalry Week. Each day has a dress-up theme, which is as follows:

Monday: Past vs. Future

Tuesday: Board Games vs. Video Games

Wednesday: Tropical vs. Artic

Thursday: Heroes vs. Villains

Friday: White Out

Reminder: Juniors and Seniors **will not** be able to leave campus on Wednesday for lunch due to homecoming activities, so please plan on bringing a lunch for that day.

Zion is excited to invite EVERYONE to our annual homecoming basketball games. From students, alumni, parents, grandparents, friends, and anyone else who is a fan of Zion, it will be a night of FUN!

WHEN? Friday, February 7 starting at 4:00pm

WHERE? Zion's Gym

Zion mailed out postcards to all alumni, so be on the lookout! If you bring this postcard to the game, you will receive free admission and a bag of free popcorn!

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 January 20:

Monday - NO SCHOOL!

Tuesday - Tacos

Wednesday - French Toast and Sausage

Thursday - Chicken and Mashed Potato Bowl

Friday - Senior Hot Lunch

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.

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
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5th Grade Henry Bont Anneke Leestma Emma Heerema	6th Grade Liam Decker Esther Postma Asher Meeuwse
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7th Grade Brynn Ewing Emma Schuringa Braden Van Dyke	8th Grade Avery Kotman Landon Verduin Quinn Petter
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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.

MOVIE NIGHT!

This year, the 5th and 6th graders will host a movie night at Zion Christian! The money raised will go to the 6th grade class trip, which is Grace Adventures. Movie Night will be on January 18 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner and concessions will be sold to raise funds. Mark your calendars and tell your friends! The movie the students have chosen is Migration.

ROLLER SKATING PARTY

Zion will be having a roller skating party on Monday, February 3! The elementary students can skate from 5:00-7:00pm and the 7th-12th-grade students can skate from 7:00 - 9:00pm. We will be skating at the GR Skate and Event Center (3651 84th St. SW Byron Center, MI 49315). We need volunteers to supervise, so if you are interested, please contact Mary DeBoer at mdeboer@zionchristian.net. Please refer to the flyer attached to the Weekly for rental costs and concessions.

CULVER'S FUNDRAISER NIGHT

On Monday, February 3, Zion Christian School will partner with Culver's for a fundraiser. The Culver's on 84th St. will donate a portion of ALL sales from 5-8pm. This is the same night as the roller skating party, so make sure to come before or after skating to Culver's for some dinner!

PI RUN

Registration is now OPEN for the ZCS Mountaineer Pi Run on Saturday, April 19! Supporting Zion Christian School Boosters, this run/walk is 3.14 miles (.04 miles longer than a traditional 5K) and offers the bonus of receiving not only a 2025 Pi Run T-Shirt but also a slice of homemade pie.

You can enter by either filling out the attached registration form or registering online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/ByronCenter/zcsmountaineerpirun>. FOR JANUARY ONLY, we are taking \$5 off (\$30 per registrant instead of \$35) as a "resolution special."

Additionally, if you or your business is interested in sponsoring this event, please fill out the attached Sponsorship Form and drop/mail it to the ZCS office. Any questions can be directed to Karla Suwyn at kjsuwyn@gmail.com.

ELEMENTARY COOKIE SALE

This coming Friday, January 24, the Parents Guild will be putting on a cookie sale for the elementary students. All cookies will be \$1. Please remember to bring your change!

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

- 7 - Homecoming
- 21 - Winter Break - No School
- 28 Donuts with Dad

CHAPEL

- January**
- 24 - Rev. Adrian Crum
 - 31 - Rev. Steve Postma
- February**
- 7 - Dave VanderMeer

2ND SEMEMSTER SCHEDULE

The school year is almost half over! This means that 2nd semester is on its way. For students in 7-12th grade, they can view their 2nd semester schedule on Family Portal. Please contact Mr. Nick Vos if a change needs to be made.

O CHURCH ARISE CONFERENCE

O Church, Arise conference is back! On March 21-22, 2025, Professor Barry Gritters will be speaking on multiple different topics. Please refer to the flyer at the end of the Weekly for more details!

CARDBOARD BOXES NEEDED

Please consider recycling your extra cardboard boxes for use in this year's School play by bringing them in for Miss Winter. Boxes can be of various sizes/conditions, with or without writing on the outside.

SOUP SUPPER: SAVE THE DATE

The annual soup supper fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, March 11. Juniors will be joyfully serving soup that night to raise money for the Junior Senior Banquet. Junior families, please keep your eye on your email for more information.

COLLEGE, CAREERS, DOLLARS, & SENSE

On March 20, at 7PM, Zion Christian School will host a panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities of college admissions today and what happens next. The panel will consist of admissions representatives from three local colleges, and one talent acquisition expert from one of the largest companies in Michigan, and will be moderated by Mrs. Edouard, ZCS Guidance Counselor. It is open to all high school students (grades 9-12) and their parents, as well as to all elementary grades. There will be Q&A and refreshments afterwards. Attendance is free of charge, but seating is on a FCFS basis.

ZCS APP

After months of planning, Zion Christian School has an app that helps with staying up to date with school news, events, and announcements, as well as purchasing lunch items, viewing/paying tuition, receiving real-time notifications about school activities and updates, and much more.

We will be transitioning to this app for our main form of communication in the next few months, so scan the QR code to download the app! Use your Family Portal login info with zcs-mi as the district code. This is Family Portal in your pocket! Adding your calendar to the widget will show all of your subscriptions. Reminder: this app is specifically for parents and students. It will not be beneficial to extended family members.



SOCCER LEAGUE OPPORTUNITY

Did you know South Christian is developing youth leagues that are open to all surrounding schools in the area to expose kids at a younger age to different sports in a Christian-led environment? This is NEW and is open to ZION families! Soccer registration has just opened for boys and girls ages K-4th grade. Below is the link and attached is a flyer to sign up. They also try to keep school kids together, so recruit your Zion classmates and build a team!

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TEAM

SCHEDULES

COACHES NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider coaching middle school boys baseball this spring. If you are interested, or know someone who could be a great fit, please contact our Athletic Director Joel Bont at jbont@zionchristian.net.

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, January 21 - Away vs Tri-Unity Christian School @ 6:00

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, January 21 - Home vs Tri-Unity Christian School @ 4:00
- Friday, January 24 - Home vs West Michigan Aviation Academy @ 4:00

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, January 21 - Home vs Tri-Unity Christian School @ 7:00
- Friday, January 24 - Home vs West Michigan Aviation Academy @ 7:00

GIRLS 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL

- Monday, January 20 - Away vs Calvary Christian School
- Thursday, January 23 - Away vs Lee High School @ 4:00

GIRLS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, January 21 - Away vs Tri-Unity Christian School @ 4:30
- Thursday, January 23 - Away vs Lee High School @ 5:00

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

- Monday, January 20 - Away vs Calvary Christian School @ 5:30
- Tuesday, January 21 - Away vs Algoma Christian School @ 5:30

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, January 21 - Home vs Tri-Unity Christian School @ 5:30
- Friday, January 24 - Home vs West Michigan Aviation Academy @ 5:30

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 Thank you for your help.

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. We appreciate your contributions and commitment to Zion Christian School athletics!