

# ZCS

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# WEEKLY

## ELECTRICAL CORD FUNDRAISER

Parents Guild is now collecting electrical cords. Do you have any old charge cords, extension cords, or an old appliance cord that doesn't work? Cut the cord and throw it into the canister in the breezeway. You can cut the ends off but you don't have to.

## 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.

## KINDERGARTEN TESTING

Zion will hold kindergarten testing for the 2025-2026 school year on **April 15**. This testing is required for all new students enrolling in kindergarten next fall. Contact the office to schedule an appointment. Zion JrK students will be tested on March 26. No appointment is needed for current students.

## RE-ENROLLMENT

To ensure that all of our returning families have an opportunity to re-enroll before new family applications are accepted, the re-enrollment process will take place in the month of February. To guarantee your re-enrollment for next year, please complete your online-enrollment and submit your nonrefundable \$50 re-enrollment fee as soon as possible. **Beginning March 1, the re-enrollment fee will be \$100, so be sure to re-enroll ASAP!** Approval for new family enrollment applications will begin March 1.

You should have received an email on Monday, February 3, informing you that re-enrollment is open. You can log into the Family Portal page and click on Apply/Enroll, click the Enroll widget on the app, or use the link at the end of the Weekly. Update as much information as you are able to ensure that our records are up-to-date. You must fill in each required field.

Thank you for your diligence in completing this process in a timely way.

## YEARBOOK

The yearbook sale is early this year running from February 3 - April 25. Yearbooks ordered this spring will be delivered in the fall. The early-bird discount of \$30 will last through March 7. Yearbooks ordered from March 10 until April 25 will cost \$35. An order form is attached to the Weekly and available on ParentsWeb. Payment must be turned in with the order form. Anyone who orders a yearbook will receive an autograph supplement, which can be signed by classmates and friends this spring and inserted into the yearbook in the fall.

## 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>.

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](mailto:kjsuwyn@gmail.com).

## 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 March 3:

**Monday** - Pasta, Garlic Bread, and Salad

**Tuesday** - Pepperoni Bagel Pizzas

**Wednesday** - Hamburgers

**Thursday** - Mac & Cheese

**Friday** - Senior Pizza Hot Lunch

### UPDATE:

On Thursday, April 3, senior pizza hot lunch will be available since we don't have school on that Friday.

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).

# 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!

## SAVE THE DATE

Zion has approved the 2025-2026 school calendar. Here are the major start and end dates and breaks. Please take note of these and plan accordingly.

August 11: Fall Sports Begin  
September 2: First Day of School  
September 8: First Day of JrK  
September 9: First Day of Preschool  
October 17: Teacher In-Service - No School  
November 3: Records Day - No School  
November 26-28: Thanksgiving Break  
December 22- January 2: Christmas Break  
January 19: No School - Records Day  
April 3-10: Spring Break  
May 21: Last Day of Preschool  
May 22: Last Day of JrK  
May 25: No School - Memorial Day  
May 28: 8th Grade Graduation  
May 29: 12th Grade Graduation  
May 29: Last Day of School

## QUARTER 3 SERVICE PROJECT

From March 3-14, Student Council will be running a food drive and fundraiser to go towards an organization called Once Upon a Room. We are asking for food donations for the Patient-Parent Pantry (see attachment) as well as money that will be used to sponsor a room for a child. Sponsoring a room allows for the organization to customize and personalize a child's hospital room. We would like to raise at least \$350, which will sponsor one hospital room.

The mission of Once Upon a Room is to enrich the lives of hospitalized children, teens, and infants who are fighting serious illnesses and long-term acute trauma. They also support families of patients at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital by stocking the Patient-Parent Pantry. To learn more about this organization, see [onceuponaroom.org/grandrapids](http://onceuponaroom.org/grandrapids).

## BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donations. To help meet this need, Zion is hosting a blood drive in our gym on Wednesday, March 5. To schedule appointments please contact one of our student leaders, Sam Deutschmann ([samanthadeutschmann@zionchristian.net](mailto:samanthadeutschmann@zionchristian.net)) or Kyle Kleyn ([kylekleyn@zionchristian.net](mailto:kylekleyn@zionchristian.net)). Or go directly to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter ZionCS. Please see the attached flyer 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.

## BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Michael Moelker and Bethany URC have put together a Bass Fishing Tournament that is taking place on May 31. All proceeds will go to Zion Christian School. Check out the flyer at the end of the Weekly for more details and how to sign up!

## SOUP SUPPER

We will be having a soup supper put on by the Junior class on Tuesday, March 11, from 5-7pm. There will also be a to-go option for those who can't come at night. The to-go orders will be ready for pickup at the end of the school day. Check out the flyer at the end of the Weekly for more details. The money raised for this will go towards the Jr/Sr banquet and the class trip that the current Juniors will go on during their senior year.

### MARCH

- 11 - Soup Supper
- 13-15 - School Play
- 18 - Elementary Science Fair
- 20 - College Night
- 24 - Start of 4th Quarter
- 25 - School Day SAT

### APRIL

- 4-11 - Spring Break
- 17 - Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 19 - Pie Run
- 24 - Spring Dinner

### CHAPEL

#### March

- 7 - Rev. Mitchell Dick
- 14 - Rev. Talman Wagonmaker
- 21 - Rev. Rodney Kleyn

# BETHANY URC YOUTH GROUP

The High School Youth Group at Bethany URC invites you to dinner at the Byron Center Culver's on March 18 from 5-8pm. A portion of the proceeds will help our youth group raise funds to attend TASC and the RYS convention. Thanks for your support! If you attend please mention that you are there to support BURC!!

## BOOK DONATIONS

March Reading Month starts tomorrow! To encourage reading even after reading month is over, the library will be giving every elementary student a free book at the end of March. If you would like to donate new or gently used books toward this book giveaway, please bring them to the office anytime before Monday, March 24. Thank you!

## BE A "GRAND SLAM" READER!

Tomorrow is March 1 and reading month begins. All K-6 students are participating in a month-long reading challenge. Please check out the special reading log packet that was sent home this week for more details. Remember, reading is an activity that can benefit your child's education in many ways. Let's work together to encourage our students to read for at least 15 minutes each day for the whole month of March. Reading Scripture, devotionals, magazines, graphic novels, and of course lots of good books all count! (Audiobooks and homework do not count for this challenge). Read together as a family, visit your local library, read before bed, read in the car, and read God's Word daily.

Students can earn an individual prize and can help their class earn "team runs." The elementary class that earns the most runs will earn a special class treat. Let's set our goals high and strive to do our best. Get ready, get set, and hit those books out of the park!

## 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.

## ZCS PLAY

Join us for the ZCS school play, *Rogues' Gallery*! Two art gallery security guards investigate the destruction of a modern art sculpture entitled *Cardboard Boxes*. Security footage shows a variety of suspects: would-be art thieves, overzealous tourists, a pompous art dealer... Whodunnit? The better question is, who didn't? And how will the guards explain this to the artist? Performances will be in the Zion Commons on March 13-15 at 7:00 p.m. each night, with a 1:00 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday. Tickets are \$7 each. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door for each performance, but to guarantee a spot, please purchase your tickets in advance from the ZCS office (616-878-9472).

## ELEMENTARY SCIENCE EXPO

Join us Tuesday, March 18 from 6:30-7:30, to explore God's amazing world of science with our elementary students in grades K-6. Enjoy the opportunity to see a large variety of science projects and displays throughout the elementary wing!

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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](mailto:jbont@zionchristian.net).

### BOOSTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Next year, ZCS Athletic Boosters is looking for about 5 more volunteers to help lead our athletic programs. Boosters meet about once a month and help plan about 5-6 fundraisers a year. Please prayerfully consider joining Boosters. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Vander Wall or Eric Wierenga.

### GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Wednesday, March 5 - Home vs Muskegon Catholic Central @ 7:00

### SPRING SPORTS

Spring is just around the corner! High school soccer and baseball teams will have their first practice on Monday, **March 10**. We anticipate that the junior high teams will start practice sometime during the week of **March 24**, depending on weather conditions.