

# ZCS

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# WEEKLY

## ELECTRICAL CORD FUNDRAISER

Parents Guild is now going to collect 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 \$50 re-enrollment fee as soon as possible. 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.

You will be charged a nonrefundable \$50 fee per family if the form is completed by Feb. 28. Starting March 1, the fee increases to \$100 per family. 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 February 10:

**Monday** - Baked Pasta

**Tuesday** - Hamburger

**Wednesday** - Pancake, Sausage, And Hashbrown

**Thursday** - Chicken & Waffles

**Friday** - Senior Pizza Hot Lunch

### UPDATE:

On Thursday, Feb. 20 and April 3, senior pizza hot lunch will be available., since we don't have school on Friday those two weeks.

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!

## 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).

## 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, from 12:00pm - 5:45pm. 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.

## FINDING YOUR VOCATION

Young People and Young Adults: Covenant URC would like to invite you to a presentation and discussion from Rev. W. Boekestein, on Sunday February 23 after the evening service, on the subject "Finding Your Vocation." Rev. Boekestein recently published a book on this subject (each attendee will receive a free copy). We will begin at 7:00 PM with food and fellowship in our church basement beforehand. Feel free to join us for worship, beginning at 5:30. Our address is 58 100th St. SW, Byron Center, MI. To help us plan for food, please RSVP before February 10; email [clerk.curcb@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.curcb@gmail.com) or text 616-591-6112.

## 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.



### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

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

### CHAPEL

#### February

- 14 - Singing Chapel
- 21 - No School

## HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

Reminder, that our hearing and vision screening is scheduled for February 17 & 18. Students in Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th will have their hearing screened. Students in 1st, 3rd, and 5th will have their vision screened. Rescreen dates are scheduled for March 17 & 18. If parents have a specific concern, please contact the office.

## PARENTS GUILD

**TRIP-** Great way to help lower your tuition and raise money for the school. Just download the app RaiseRight and start ordering. Zion's enrollment code is 232LD13D2L34. You can also swing by the school Tuesday - Thursday morning and pick up some gift cards the office has on hand.

**Box Tops** - refer friends to the program using the new Refer a Friend QR code. When a new participant scans their first receipt within 14 days of making a purchase, they'll get \$5 for their school - and so will you! This can be found in the app. Also don't forget to keep scanning your receipts. If you don't have time to scan them, drop them off at school and we will do it for you! There will be a box in the office starting next week!

**Shop Raise-** An easy way to earn money for the school. Just go to the web page, sign up, and start shopping online. <https://shopraise.com/>



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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.

### BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, February 11 - Home vs Fennville High School @ 4:00

### BOYS JV BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, February 11 - Home vs Fennville High School @ 5:30
- Friday, February 14 - Away vs Grand River Preparatory High School @ 4:00

### BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, February 11 - Home vs Fennville High School @ 7:00
- Friday, February 14 - Away vs Grand River Preparatory High School @ 7:00
- Saturday, February 15 - Home vs Inter City Baptist School @ 3:30

### GIRLS 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, February 11 - Away vs Borculo Christian Middle School @ 4:15
- Thursday, February 13 - Home vs Tri-Unity Christian School @ 5:30

### GIRLS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

- Tuesday, February 11 - Away vs Borculo Christian Middle School @ 5:15
- Thursday, February 13 - Home vs Black River Public School @ 6:30
- Friday, February 14 - Home vs Calvary Schools of Holland @ 4:00

### GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

- Monday, February 10 - Away vs Ravenna High School @ 5:30
- Friday, February 14 - Home vs Calvary Schools of Holland @ 5:00

### GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Monday, February 10 - Away vs Ravenna High School @ 7:00
- Friday, February 14 - Away vs Grand River Preparatory High School @ 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](mailto:mtenhaaf@yahoo.com) Thank you for your help.

### 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.