

ZCS

May 9, 2025
WEEKLY

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

We are near capacity for JrK for the 2025-2026 school year. Please still apply! There is a waiting list, and historically spots have opened up!

REMINDER

Just a reminder! Per our safety protocol, any visitor dropping stuff off should leave it at the front desk.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open on **Tuesdays from 9:00am - 12:00pm** this summer beginning June 3. The office will be **closed on July 15th, 22nd, and 29th**. If you have an urgent matter when the office is closed, please contact Sarah Bierling at sbierling@zionchristian.net.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

A HUGE thank you from Zion's teachers and staff to the Parents Guild and families for all the treats, gifts, and volunteering this week! The teachers and staff enjoyed coffee, sweet treats, encouraging notes, Qdoba lunch, gifts, and bagels. THANK YOU!

AUCTION VOLUNTEERS

We have already begun making plans for next school year's fall auction and **desperately** need volunteers to make phone calls. It is very simple and can be done on your own time! You would only need to call 5-10 companies, so it is low commitment. If you are interested, please contact Kelly Heim at kheim@zionchristian.net.

SPRING CONCERTS

Mark your calendars for Zion's spring elementary concert!

- Spring Elementary Choir Concert - Friday, May 16 at 7:00 PM, which will be held at First Byron Christian Reformed Church.

ZCS FIELD DAY

Zion Christian's Elementary Field Day is May 23. While we are still in the planning process, we know we need some parent volunteers to make the day successful, so if you are willing to volunteer or have questions, please contact Elizabeth Botsko at ebotsko@zionchristian.net.

ZION SPIRIT WEAR SALE

Lookout for details to come on the Parents' Guild apparel sale coming in July! This will be communicated through email.

TRIP UPDATE

It is almost the end of the school year, so the last day to order a physical card is May 19th. We will start again in September. Remember to use the app throughout the summer to get e-cards. This is a great way to lower your tuition. Have a great summer!

RECOGNITION CONVOCATION

The Recognition Convocation is on Friday, May 23. We will be recognizing our seniors and sports teams. All parents of 7th - 12th graders are invited to come. It starts at 11:40pm and goes to about 12:15pm.

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 May 12:

Monday - Corn Dog

Tuesday - Chicken Patty

Wednesday - Grilled Cheese

Thursday - Waffles & Sausage

Friday - Senior Pizza 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.

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.

SAT INFO

We strongly encourage juniors to take the SAT again off-site on a Saturday morning. To do so, register through College Board. Please see the following retake dates and registration due dates for the SAT:

- For the SAT on June 7, register by May 22.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Grace Edouard at gedouard@zionchristian.net.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please reference the 2025/2026 school calendar attached to the Weekly. Please plan accordingly around breaks!

EXAM SCHEDULE

Attached to the Weekly is the exam schedule for the spring semester. The schedule changes from time to time, so please refer to the attachment and plan accordingly.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Association Meeting is Monday, May 19, at 7:00 PM. Details were mailed out this week. Please contact the office if you do not receive this information and would like it.

POPSICLES IN THE PARK

Calling all incoming preschoolers - first graders and families! Come to Whistlestop Park in Byron Center on Wednesday, August 20 from 10:00am - 12:00pm for a park morning! Come rain or shine...we will have activities for both! Come enjoy a popsicle with us while making some new friends before school starts! Questions? Please contact Angie Proudfit (JrK Teacher) at aproudfit@zionchristian.net.

JOB OPENINGS

Temporary Maintenance & Cleaning

Summer needs/hours will be lighter, we will require someone on-site as much as possible from August through October/November. This would be a part-time position. If you are interested, please contact our director, Eric Wierenga, at ewierenga@zionchristian.net and fill out an application on our website.

Counselor

The Counselor would be required to work with individual students and small groups to help in overcoming emotional and psychological challenges. This would be a part-time position.

Secondary Science Teacher

Teaching responsibilities include high school Environmental Science, Physics, and Health. This position may be either full-time or part-time, depending on the teaching load, and could be combined with other administrative duties.

Part-time Hot Lunch Lead

Responsibilities include coming in one day a week, roughly about 5 hours, to prepare and serve hot lunch from the calendar/schedule provided. The day of the week can be flexible (Mon-Thurs), but it must be the same day each week.

Secondary Spanish Teacher

Teaching responsibilities include high school Spanish I, II, III, and IV. The position would be a full-time position.

More information and applications can be found online at www.zionchristian.net or email Bob DeRuiter at bderuiter@zionchristian.net with questions or for additional information.

ATHLETIC TRAINING WORKSHOP

Please reference the attached flyer for information about an Athletic Training Workshop happening on June 13. This is an opportunity to learn more about athletic training through a hands on experience.

SUMMER TUTORING

This summer, Mrs. Sietsema is offering tutoring for anyone who would like to have some extra help. She can help with all core subjects in grades 1-6. She will meet your student at Zion Christian School and can help with summer homework as well as create lessons that are tailored toward your student's specific needs. Please contact her at esietsema@zionchristian.net if you want more specific information!

ART CAMP

Do your elementary students love art? Do they want to get creative this summer? Join Mrs. Sietsema on July 14-17 from 9:30-12:00 to be artistic! Your student will learn about famous artists and create projects based on those artists. Location: 6236 Heathcross Dr., Hudsonville, MI 49426. Email esietsema@zionchristian.net for more information/to sign up.

MAY

- 16 - Elem. Spring Concert
- 19 - Association Meeting
- 21 - Last Day of JrK
- 22 - Last Day of Preschool
- 23 - Recognition Convocation
- 23 - Field Day

MAY

- 26 - No School - Memorial Day
- 27 - 30 Final Exams
- 28 - 8th Grade Completion Ceremony
- 30 - Half Day (All School)
- 30 - High School Graduation

CHAPEL

May

- 16 - Rev. Terry Slachter

ZCS

TEAM

SCHEDULES

COACHES NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider coaching JV or varsity volleyball this fall. If you are interested or know someone who could be a great fit, please contact our Athletic Director Joel Bont, at jbont@zionchristian.net.

MOUNTAINEER BASE CAMPS

Zion Christian will be offering summer camps in June:

Soccer Camp will be held June 2-5 and is for students going into grades 3-8.

Basketball Camp will be held June 9-12 and is for students going into grades 2-9.

Baseball Camp will be held June 16-19 and is for students going into grades 3-9.

Each camp costs \$40 if you pay before **MAY 12**. After that date, the cost increases to \$45. A registration form is attached to the Weekly. If you have any questions, please contact Joel Bont at jbont@zionchristian.net.

VARSITY GOLF

- Tuesday, May 20 - Alliance Conference Jamboree @ Muskegon Country Club

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

- Tuesday, May 13 - Away vs Calhoun Christian High School @ 5:30
- Thursday, May 15 - Home vs Heritage Christian Academy @ 5:30

JH GIRLS SOCCER

- Thursday, May 15 - Home vs Heritage Christian Academy @ 4:15

VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL

- Saturday, May 10 - Away vs Union High School @ 11:00 @ Belknap Park
- Thursday, May 15 - Home vs Heritage Christian Academy @ 4:30 & 6:30
- Saturday, May 17 - Home vs Sacred Heart Academy @ 2:00

JH BOYS BASEBALL

- Tuesday, May 13 - Away vs Tri-Unity School @ 4:30
- Wednesday, May 14 - Away vs Kelloggsville Public School @ 4:45

BASS FISHING

- Saturday, May 10 - Away at Grand River

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Potter's House will be hosting sports physical night on Thursday, June 5, from 6-8 PM. Physicals are \$15 each, and cash is preferred. If you would like more information, please take a look at the flyer attached at the end of the Weekly.

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.

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!

BASKETBALL CAMP

Please reference the attached flyer for the Gold Academy Basketball Camp.