

ZCS

WEEKLY

April 17, 2026

2ND SEMESTER VOLUNTEERING

At the end of the Weekly, a SignUp Genius is asking for volunteers for the second semester. Please consider signing up for a recess duty, hot lunch help, or the field day in May! If you have any questions, please reach out to the individuals listed on the SignUp Genius.

SAT INFO

Zion encourages its seniors to retake the SAT off-site to boost scores. Please note the following dates and registration due dates: May 2, register before April 17
June 6, register before May 22

If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Grace Edouard, guidance counselor.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Zion has an extreme shortage of substitute teachers for this school year. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Bob DeRuiter at bderuiter@zionchristian.net or apply on our website.

SPRING DINNER

On Thursday, April 23, beginning with a punchbowl at 6:00pm with dinner to follow at 6:30pm, Zion will host the Spring Dinner at RAILSIDE (2500 76th St). Thank you to all those who sent in RSVPs and we are excited to see you soon!

PI RUN

Tomorrow is ZCS Mountaineer Pi Run on Saturday, April 18! 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 2026 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. Find the link at the end of the Weekly!

ZCS CLAY SHOOT

We are excited to invite you to a fun day outdoors while supporting Zion Christian School! Join us on Saturday, April 25, for the Zion Sporting Clays Shoot at the Caledonia Sportsman's Club. Registration & Refreshments will begin at 8:00 AM.

STAFF UPDATE

In addition to substitute teachers, Zion Christian has the following positions open for the 2026-2027 school year.

Secondary Bible Teacher

Part-time (with potential for full-time when combined with another position)
We are looking for a Secondary School Bible teacher to teach Middle School Bible classes and Old Testament Survey.

Junior High Writing Teacher

Part-time (with potential for full-time when combined with another position)
This role focuses on developing strong communication skills while encouraging students to think critically and write with clarity.

Interested? Please contact our Head of School, Bob DeRuiter, at bderuiter@zionchristian.net

RECOGNITION CONVOCATION

Seniors: If you have received a scholarship or certificate of recognition from a college or tech center, we would like to recognize you at our Recognition Convocation on Friday, May 22. **Please give a copy of your award to Kelly Heim at kheim@zionchristian.net by Friday, May 8.**

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 April 20:

Monday - Hamburger, Chips, Dessert

Tuesday - Corn Dog, Fruit OR Veggies

Wednesday - Grilled Cheese, Fruit OR Veggies

Thursday - Waffle, Sausage, Fruit

Friday - Senior Pizza Hot Lunch

No hot lunch will be served to middle school or high school students during exam weeks. Please do not place orders May 26-28 for these students.

Please also avoid ordering hot lunch for students who will be away on school trips:

Grade 6: May 7-8

Grade 12: May 11-15

Grade 8: May 19-20

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Zion has approved the 2026-2027 school calendar. Here are the major start and end dates and breaks. Please take note of these and plan accordingly.

August 10: Fall Sports Begin
September 1: First Day of School
September 4-7: Labor Day - No School
September 8: First Day of JrK
October 23: Teacher In-Service-No School
November 2: Records Day - No School
November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break
December 21 - January 1: Christmas Break
January 18: Records Day - No School
February 19: Winter Break - No School
April 2-9: Spring Break
May 28: Last Day of JrK
May 31: Memorial Day - No School
June 3: 8th Grade Graduation
June 4: 12th Grade Graduation

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

We're excited to announce that Zion Christian School will be offering a Preschool program for the 2026-2027 school year! For more information or to plan a tour, please contact our school office at 616-878-9472.

YEARBOOK

Order the **2025-2026 Zion Christian Zephyr: Our Story, Your Glory** yearbook, featuring students from Junior Kindergarten through 12th grade and highlighting events like homecoming, the student mixer, sports, and more. Yearbooks are available for purchase **February 2-April 24**. They will be printed over the summer and delivered next fall. All spring orders include an autograph supplement for collecting signatures this school year, which is especially meaningful for seniors. Books ordered from March 9-April 24 are \$40 each. See the attachment at the end of the Weekly for more details.

MILEAGE CLUB

The elementary students will kick off their return from Spring Break by beginning Mileage Club! An information sheet should have been sent home with your elementary student, and it is attached to the Weekly. We hope to raise funds for New Horizons Private (Independent) School in South Africa. There will be plenty of prizes for the individual runners and the class that runs the most!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

The Lord has blessed Zion with a wonderful teaching staff, and the Parents' Guild wants to let them know how much they are appreciated! Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 - 8. Our teachers will be spoiled with treats on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but we need the students' and parents' help on Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday, bless your teachers with something in their favorite color. On Thursday, please write your teachers notes and bring in one of their favorite treats! See the attached fliers for more information and details!

BLOOD DRIVE

Zion is organizing a blood drive at Second Byron CRC on Wednesday, May 27, from 11:00pm - 4:45pm. To schedule appointments, please go directly to www.redcrossblood.org and enter ZionCS. See attached flyer for more details.

APRIL

- 18 - ZCS Boosters Pi Run
- 23 - Spring Dinner
- 25 - ZCS Clay Shoot
- 30 - Spring Band Concert

MAY

- 1 - Jr/Sr Banquet
- 1 - Muffins with Mom
- 7 - Sec Spring Choir Concert
- 7-8 - 6th Grade ClassTrip
- 11-15 - 12th Grade ClassTrip
- 15 - Elem Spring Choir Concert
- 18 - Association Meeting
- 19-20 - 8th Grade Class Trip
- 22 - Recognition Convocation

MAY CONT.

- 22 - Field Day
- 25 - Memorial Day - No School
- 26 - 29 - Secondary Exams
- 28 - 8th Grade Graduation
- 29 - 12th Grade Graduation

CHAPEL

- April
- 24 - Rev. Greg Lubbers

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TEAM

SCHEDULES

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

- Tuesday, April 21 - Home vs Algoma Christian School @ 5:30
- Friday, April 24 - Away vs Wellspring Preparatory High School

JH GIRLS SOCCER

- Tuesday, April 21- Home vs Lee High School @ 4:15

JH BOYS BASEBALL

- Monday, April 20 - Away @ Lee High School @ 4:15
- Tuesday, April 21 - Away vs Godwin Heights High School @ Hillcroft Park @ 4:30

VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL

- Monday, April 20 - Home vs West MI Aviation Academy @ 4:15 & 6:15
- Tuesday, April 21 - Home vs Algoma Christian School @ 4:15 & 6:15

COACHES NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider coaching JH boys' soccer this fall. Please reach out to Joel Bont at jbont@zionchristian.net with any questions or concerns.

BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Michael Moelker is organizing a Bass Fishing Tournament to support Zion Christian School on June 6 from 7:am - 12:00pm. If you are interested, please reach out out to Michael at 616-690-7286.

MOUNTAINEER BASE CAMPS

Zion Christian will be offering summer camps in June:

Soccer Camp will be held June 1-4 and is for students going into grades 3-8.

Basketball Camp will be held June 8-11 and is for students going into grades 2-9.

Baseball Camp will be held June 15-18 and is for students going into grades 3-9.

Each camp costs \$40 if you pay **before May 11**. 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.

SPORTS BOOSTERS

If you are looking to help out the sports program and you don't have anyone playing in the winter sports you can still sign up and help out. Please email booster@zionchristian.net if you are interested.