October 30, 2026

ZCS WEEKLY

ZION SPIRIT WEAR

Zion Christian Parents Guild will be putting on another spirit wear store during the month of November. Stay tuned for the details via email and the Weekly coming next week!

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If you would like to add something to the Weekly next week, please email weekly@zionchristain.net by Wednesday at noon.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The 2026-2027 school year has an extreme shortage of substitute teachers. If you would like to be strictly elementary or JH/HS, we will accommodate those requests. If you are interested, please reach out to Bob DeRuiter.

2026 FALL AUCTION

The numbers are in! The auction raised $240,000 for the Mountaineer Fund! THANK YOU to the many volunteers who made the night a success, the donors and businesses that donated to benefit our school, and the people who came to give financially. We thank God for His provision and blessings!

STAFFING UPDATE

Zion Christian School is seeking a Director of Spiritual Life to provide spiritual leadership and help advance the school's mission of Christ-centered, biblically grounded education.

The Director will oversee Bible curriculum, teach and disciple students, support faculty and staff, help cultivate a strong Christian school culture, and partner with parents and supporting churches. The ideal candidate will be a mature Christian who embraces Zion's Reformed commitments and demonstrates humility, wisdom, integrity, and compassion. See the attached job description for more details.

Please pray for God's guidance as Zion seeks the person He has prepared for this important ministry. If you know of anyone who might be a good candidate, please encourage them to apply.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

PTCs will be on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 4:00 - 6:00pm and 7:00 - 9:00pm. Both elementary and JH/HS conferences will last for 10 minutes each. If you plan to attend conferences, you **MUST** call the School Office by **Friday, November 13**, to set up your appointment! Please have a list of teachers you would like an appointment with when you call. If you show up for conferences without an appointment, you may not be able to see the teachers you would like to see. Some of the part-time teachers may not be present at all conference times, but you can request a phone call from them to set up a separate meeting,

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our Veterans' Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 11, at 11:40am in Zion's gym! All veterans and family members are invited to come at 11:00am for coffee, cookies, and fellowship.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

On Saturday, November 14, Zion Christian School will host its Science Olympiad in the gym for 3rd through 6th graders. Please refer to the flyer at the end of the Weekly for details and how to sign up to volunteer!

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 November 2:

Monday - No School - Records Day
Tuesday - Taco, Fruit
Wednesday - Cinnamon Rolls, Brk Meat, Eggs, Fruit
Thursday - Chicken Nuggets, Fruit OR Veggie
Friday - Senior Pizza Hot Lunch

If a student is absent for any reason (sickness, field trip, appointments, etc.), the kitchen does not make their lunch order. Please do not send a sibling to grab their lunch. This helps cut down on waste.

Zion only offers reimbursements for field trips or snow days.

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please reference the 2026/2027 school calendar attached to the Weekly.
Please plan accordingly around breaks!

SAT INFO

Zion encourages its seniors to retake the SAT off-site to boost scores. Please note the following dates and registration due dates:

December 5, register by November 20
March 6, register by February 19
May 1, register by April 16
June 5, register by May 21

Zion's school code is 232051. Use the following link to register: https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This year, we created a Sign Up Genius for some of the major areas where our school needs volunteer help. There are many opportunities available! If you are interested, please refer to the link at the end of the Weekly.

SENIOR PICTURES

SENIORS and parents, please submit a baby picture and a senior picture to Miss Vander Jagt at kvanderjagt@zionchristian.net by **Tuesday, November 24**. When submitting a senior picture, please follow the following criteria:

- High-Resolution JPG/JPEG File
- Vertical Orientation
- No Props
- Modest Clothing

Baby pictures can be submitted to the office to be scanned by the yearbook staff, or you can submit a digital image that is a high-resolution JPG/JPEG file. All scanned photos will be returned.

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross of Michigan has an urgent need for blood donations. To help meet this need. Zion is hosting a blood drive Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 11:00am - 5:00pm at Second Byron CRC. Please reference the flyer at the end of the Weekly for more details!

CHRISTMAS SHOP- SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark Wednesday, December 9th on your calendars as the Christmas Shop Day! This exciting event lets our elementary students go Christmas shopping for their family members. It is also a fun opportunity for parents and grandparents to volunteer and help our kids shop and wrap their presents. We are looking for more gifts for men and teens. If you have any good ideas or see something in the $3-$5 price range per item, please let Emily Bont know at emilysbont@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your help in making this a great event!

SENIOR YEARBOOK AD

Parents of seniors, it is time to think about how to congratulate your senior. On Tuesday, the yearbook staff sent letters home with your senior detailing how you can place an ad in the yearbook to celebrate your son's or daughter's high school graduation. (Note: You should have also received an email with this information.) Please return the order form with payment to the school office by November 24. If you have any questions or did not receive the information, please contact Miss Vander Jagt at (616) 878-9472 ext 207 or via email at kvanderjagt@zionchristian.net

KEY CARD BOOKS

Zion is selling Key Card books for $30 this year. The Key Card books will be available in the office for purchase. Information about selling incentives and other details will be included with the Key Card books. If each family sells at least one or two, the school will benefit greatly. Please contact the office with any questions.

COLD WEATHER IS COMING...

Elementary parents, please remember to label your child's coat, snow pants, mittens, and hats to make it easier to find the proper home for items that have been left behind. Also, please note that school will provide sleds for students to use at recess. No additional sleds or snow boards should be taken to school.

NOVEMBER

- 2 - NO SCHOOL - Record's Day
- 3 - Start of the 2nd Quarter
- 11 - Veteran's Day Assembly
- 19 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 25 - 27 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 9 - Christmas Shop
- 11 - Christmas Concert
- 14 - Secondary Band Concert
- 15 - Spelling Bee
- Dec 21 - Jan 1 - Christmas Break

CHAPEL

November

- 6 - Rev. Dale VanDyke
- 13 - Rev. Adrian Crum
- 20 - Mr. Ben VanderKodde
- 27 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

ZCS TEAM SCHEDULES

VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- Tuesday, November 3 - Away vs Martin High School @ 5:00

7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

- Thursday, November 5 - Home vs Tri-Unity Christian School @ 4:00

8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

- Thursday, November 5 - Home vs Tri-Unity Christian School @ 5:00

MOUNTAINEER SEASON PASSES

Season and full-year athletic passes are now available! Don't miss your chance to cheer on the Mountaineers all year long! We've got options for individuals, couples, and families so everyone can join in the excitement. New this year: you can conveniently purchase your pass with a credit or debit card (small processing fee applies). Skip the hassle of paying cash at the door–an Athletic Pass is the easiest and most cost-effective way to support your favorite teams while saving money.

Entry fees for Zion Christian School junior varsity and varsity sporting events are $7 per person / $20 per family.

Admission is free for:

- Zion Students and Zion's graduating class of 2026
- Zion Staff and immediate family members
- Zion Coaches and immediate family members
- Zion parents working admissions or concessions that evening (plus one guest)
- Children under 5 years of age

Please see the form at the bottom of the Weekly for more details. Completed forms, along with payment (payable to Zion Christian Athletic Boosters), should be returned to the school office or turned in at the admissions table at any home game. For questions, please email booster@zionchristian.net.

EVENT LINK APP

Zion Athletics uses Event Link for scheduling and calendar purposes. Download the app for easy access to practice and game schedules. Questions? Email Joel Bont at jbont@zionchristian.net

BUTTER BRAIDS

Butter Braids will once again be sold just in time for the holidays! See the attached link for the online store. Physical order forms are also available in the concession stands. Orders are due November 6 and will be available for pick up from school on November 20, from 3-4:30 pm. Contact Kelli Doezema with any questions.