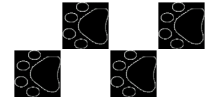


Panther Paws



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IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS...

April 13, 2018

"The mission of Zion Lutheran School is to prepare today's young learners to be tomorrow's Christian leaders."

NEXT WEEK AT ZION

- Sat. 4-14 Good Shepherd Track Meet
5:00 Worship Service w/ Communion
- Sun. 4-15 8:00 Worship Service w/ Communion
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service w/ Communion
PreK 3's – 2nd grade sing
- Mon. 4-16 **Week of the Young Child!**
3:30 – 5:00 Track Practice at Public
6:00-7:30 Preschool Registration
- Tues. 4-17 4:00 Track Meet at Staunton Public
- Wed. 4-18 8:30 Chapel
4:00 Track Meet at Highland
- Thurs. 4-19 Little Italy's Pizza Night
- Fri. 4-20 7:00 Preschool/Kindergarten Circus

LUNCH MENU Apr. 16-20

- MONDAY:** Cheese or Hamburger, French Fries, Corn, Pears, and Milk
- TUESDAY:** Corn Dog, Potato Chips, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Grapes, and Milk
- WEDNESDAY:** Baked Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Vanilla Pudding, and Milk
- THURSDAY:** Beef & Noodles, Peas, Mixed Fruit, and Milk
- FRIDAY:** Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Side Salad, Brownie, and Milk
- *Whole wheat bread is available each day as well.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU



Every morning, before school, the staff meets for devotions. At that time they pray for various students, staff and concerns. This week we will be praying for: Ava Beisner and Mr. Manning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Mr. Manning 4-17
Ava Beisner 4-18 Preschool

CHAPEL OFFERING

4th quarter chapel offerings will be going to support the LCMS Hearts for Jesus SID Mission Project. Rachel Meyer is a missionary serving for them in Uganda. 4th quarter chapel offerings total: \$148.74.

SCRIP NEWS

Check out the website for all the great bonuses available this week. As always, orders may be placed online at shopwithscrip.com or you may drop off scrip orders and payments at the school, daycare, or church office during their regular hours. You may also call or email Jessica (618-635-3060 ext. 01; jessica.meade@zion-school.org) or Melanie (618-779-7427; melanie.wineburner@zion-school.org) with any orders.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 15-20 Week of the Young Child
- April 15 Praise Him Choir Sings
- April 16 Preschool Registration
- April 20 Preschool/Kindergarten Circus
- April 22 Junior High Band Concert at 3:00
- April 29 Joyful Noise Choir Sings
- May 5-6 8th Grade Questioning/Confirmation
- May 7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 9 Zion Athletic Banquet
- May 15 Preschool/Kindergarten Graduation
- May 16 8th Grade Graduation
- May 17 Last Day of School
- May 20 PTL Meeting at 6:00

CHOIR SINGS SUNDAY

The Praise Him Choir (PreK 3's – 2nd grade) will sing during the 10:30 worship service this Sunday, April 15, to kick off the Week of the Young Child. Your child should sit with you and he/she will be called forward when it is time to sing.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR – CHOIR SINGS

The Joyful Noise Choir (3rd – 8th grade) will sing during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, April 29.

COKE CAPS COLLECTION

Please remember to save and send in your caps/bar codes from all Coca-Cola products. The company is giving double points right now for all codes entered on the website. You may turn those in to the school office or your child's teacher.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration for next school year will take place this Monday, April 16. Members of Zion Lutheran Church may register their child for 3 or 4-year-old preschool from 6:00 – 6:30 pm. Parents planning to use the daycare on a full-time basis may register their child for 3 or 4-year-old preschool from 6:30 – 7:00 pm. All others may register their child from 7:00 – 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kleckner or Mrs. Cook at 635-2446 ext. 02.

APRIL TUITION

April tuition invoices were emailed home this week. Please pay April tuition no later than Monday, April 30.

SPRING PICTURE PACKAGES

Spring picture packages were sent home on Wednesday/Thursday with all students who had their picture taken on March 27. Please follow the instructions inside the packet. If you do not want to purchase pictures, please return the entire packet to the school office by next Wednesday, April 18. If you do want to order pictures, please return payment for those you wish to keep/order also by next Wednesday. If you have questions, please contact Lifetouch directly.

GOOD LUCK AT TRACK MEET!

Good luck to our Zion Panthers track participants as they compete in their first track meet this Saturday, April 14, at Good Shepherd. God's blessings and best of luck to Joseph Cisler, Nick Harbison, Libby Dewese, Kendall Meyer, Kate Wineburner, Taylor Seelbach, Lexi Pfeiffer, Abi Lesko, Brock Ahrens, Ethan Rantanen, Zoei Watts, Eliza Feldman, Alexis Carlen, Eli Henke, Brady Seelbach, Ryan Kleckner, Zander Machota, Tommy Campbell, Tyler Melchert, Ethan Sharp, Aaron Wyatt, Isabella Ahrens, and Dehlilah Watts.

SUMMER SWAP REGISTRATION FORMS

The Zion Summer With a Purpose (SWAP) program registration forms were sent home on Friday, April 6, with all students. There are lots of fun camps to choose from! If you need additional forms, they may be picked up from the school or daycare office. The Vacation Bible School registration form is a separate form and will be sent home at a later date.

WEATHER / DRESS CODE REMINDER

Dress code reminder: flip flop sandals are banned footwear for school and daycare. DO NOT send your child to school in flip flops. Also, please be mindful of the crazy springtime weather. If the weather forecast calls for a chilly day, please be sure to send your child to school with a coat if needed.

SUMMER DAYCARE REGISTRATION

Registration for summer daycare will be Monday, April 23, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. All families who plan to use the daycare this summer need to fill out summer registration forms even if you currently use the daycare. Full time rate is \$120/week and includes lunch daily. Full time children qualify for one vacation week. Part time rates are \$26 for over 4 hours and \$13 for under 4 hours as well as \$2.00 for lunch each day that you eat at the school. All children are charged a \$12 activity fee on their first bill.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD NEXT WEEK

Zion celebrates the Week of the Young Child each year with special dress up days and activities. Next week, the Preschool and Kindergarten students will participate in lots of fun activities to celebrate! Parents, please see your notes from Mrs. Kleckner, Mrs. Cook, and Mrs. Brackman with all of the special events for each day. Parent Alert text messages will also be sent with reminders each day next week.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The Zion Lutheran School Board has determined classroom teacher assignments for the 2018-2019 school year. However, due to Mr. Manning's sickness this week he was unable to meet with the teachers to inform them of the changes. So, please watch for the list in next Friday's Panther Paws.

2018-2019 ZION SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Zion Lutheran School Board has approved the 2018-2019 school year calendar. If you have already seen the Staunton Unit School District calendar, please note that there are some differences from it. Important changes to note: Zion will start school on August 15 (Staunton starts on August 21) and Zion will attend school on October 9 (Staunton does not attend this day.) Zion will NOT have bus service these five days. Our last scheduled day will be May 24 (Staunton's last day will be June 3.) Zion's calendar is attached to this email and will also be sent home in paper form to those who typically receive paper copies of the Panther Paws. Please let me know if you have any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD...

On Wednesday, April 25, (with weather cooperation of course) we plan to take our annual all school picture. Please have your child wear a Zion shirt or blue/white/grey shirt to school that day. We will also take our track group picture. There is a track meet scheduled that day so track team members should have their uniforms with them that day. A parent alert text message will be sent out on April 24 with a reminder about wearing the Zion/blue shirts.

LITCHFIELD PARK DISTRICT SWIM LESSONS

Swim lesson sign-ups are now underway for the Litchfield Park District. An informational flyer is coming home today with students on sign-up dates. For more information, call the park office at 217-324-9075.

SPORTS CAMPS AT METRO EAST LUTHERAN

Summer sports camps at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville are now posted on their website. Camps are available for students entering grades 4-8 for the 2018-2019 school year. Some of the camps available are boys and girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, tennis camp, golf camp, and boys wrestling. Please visit www.melhs.org/athletics to see the available camps. You may register for any of these camps on their website.

MADISON TEACHER OF THE YEAR CONTEST

Congratulations to the following Zion faculty members on their nominations for Madison Teacher of the Year: Mr. Manning, Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Mosser, Mr. Secoy, and Mrs. Mitteis! Voting continues throughout the month of April. The two winners of the contest will each receive \$500 to be used toward a future student advancement project, a recognition plaque, and a pizza party for their class. Please visit www.gomadison.com and vote for your favorite teacher!

SUMMER PARADE INFO UPDATED!

Summer parades will be held in Gillespie on June 3rd, Mt. Olive on June 16th, and in Staunton on June 24th. We like to have as many parents and students as possible attend these parades to help spread the news about Zion! It was decided at the last PTL meeting that we will no longer have a float in the parades. We will have a truck for younger students to ride in and will need older students and parents to walk, carry banners, and pass out candy and Zion items. Mrs. Meade and Mrs. Crouch will serve as the contacts/coordinators for the parades. More information about times will be advertised at a later date!

ATHLETIC BANQUET DATE SET

The Zion Athletic Banquet for all 4th – 8th grade students who participated in sports will be held on Wednesday, May 9, at 6:30 pm. A reservation form will be sent home next Friday, April 20. This form will need to be turned in to the office by May 2.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL SET

The last day of school for the 2017-2018 school year has been set for Thursday, May 17. Zion will dismiss at 12:00. Staunton Public will dismiss at 2:00. We will not have bus service on the last day of school.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING ZION EVENTS

-- The 27th Annual Zion Lutheran PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at the Crystal Ballroom. Watch for more information to be shared in the coming months!

-- The 16th Annual Zion PTL Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at Timber Lakes Golf Course. Golf Classic registration forms and hole sponsorship forms will be available within the next month! Many thanks to the Staunton Country Club for all their years of hosting the Golf Classic for Zion!

PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS

2018-2019 school year pre-registration forms for K – 8th grade are now being accepted. Registration fees for K – 8 are \$200 per child if registered on or before May 31. Fees are \$300 per child if registered on or after June 1. At least 50% of the \$200 registration fee must be paid with the submittal of each registration form. The remainder of the registration fee must then be paid by July 31. Please note: tuition rates have not changed; however, a technology fee has been added per child which will be due during final registration in August. When submitting your pre-registration form, please also turn in the payment plan options sheet indicating your selection of the 10 or 12 month payment plan. If you have any questions or you need another form, please contact the office.

FINANCIAL AID & TUITION ASSISTANCE

Zion Lutheran School provides financial assistance to families of Zion based on need. Families requesting assistance are directed to FACTS Management, an online financial aid assessment website. The Board of Christian Day School annually grants financial assistance to families based on need (assessed through FACTS) and assesses fund availability at the start of each school year.

Financial assistance funds are provided through donations, free-will offerings of the church, and funds generated through the PTL's SCRIP program.

FACTS Management website: www.factsmgmt.com

The direct link for our school is <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/42LBJ>.

Any current or potential school family can apply for aid. Zion PTL also provides a source of tuition credits to families who participate in the SCRIP program. SCRIP is a fundraising program that generates revenues when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases. The PTL issues credits to qualifying families based on their individual participation in the program.

Effective March 1, 2018, all families seeking financial assistance from Zion must also provide proof that they

have applied for aid through Empower Illinois. Apply by visiting their website at www.empowerillinois.org.

For a quick reference, the chart to see if you would qualify is listed below.

2017 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Chart

Household members	185% FPL	250% FPL	300% FPL
1	\$22,311	\$30,150	\$36,180
2	\$30,044	\$40,600	\$48,720
3	\$37,777	\$51,050	\$61,260
4	\$45,510	\$61,500	\$73,800
5	\$53,243	\$71,950	\$86,340
6	\$60,976	\$82,400	\$98,880
7	\$68,709	\$92,850	\$111,420
8	\$76,442	\$103,300	\$123,960