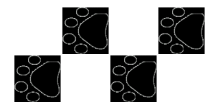




# Panther Paws



Edition #36, Summer

IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS...

May 11, 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. 5-12 District Track Meet at Freeburg H.S.  
5:00 Worship Service w/ Communion
- Sun. 5-13 8:00 Worship Service w/ Communion  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service w/ Communion
- Mon. 5-14 6:30 School Board Meeting
- Tues. 5-15 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip – Botanical Gardens  
5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – City Museum  
7:00 Preschool/Kindergarten Graduation
- Wed. 5-16 7:00 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- Thurs. 5-17 9:00 Chapel  
**12:00 Dismissal – Last Day of School!**  
Little Italy's Pizza Night
- Fri. 5-18 7:00 Staunton High School Graduation

## LUNCH MENU May 14-17

- MONDAY:** Cheese or Hamburger, French Fries, Green Beans, Peaches, and Milk
- TUESDAY:** Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Cheese Puffs, Rice Krispie Treat, and Milk
- WEDNESDAY:** Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Pineapple, and Milk
- THURSDAY:** Little Italy's Pizza, Dilly Bars, and Soda or Milk
- \*Whole wheat bread is available each day as well.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Alexis Carlen 5-17 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Miss Kim Pinkerton 5-25 Church Secretary  
Kate Wineburner 5-27 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Colton Sharp 5-30 Kindergarten

## MAY TUITION

May tuition statements were emailed this week. Please pay May and any past due tuition by Thursday, May 31.

## FROM THE KITCHEN

Please check your child's folder today for any slips from the kitchen. Please pay any outstanding lunch/snack fees prior to the last day of school. Thank you, Cheryl and Dana

## CHAPEL OFFERING

4<sup>th</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter chapel offerings total: \$281.70.

## STUDENT AWARDS

Awards/certificates for the 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be handed out at 9:00 am during closing chapel on May 17. Parents are welcome to attend chapel. Tickets for Six Flags will also go home on the last day for all students who completed their reading logs and received these tickets. Kindergarteners and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their awards and tickets at their graduations.

## TRACK UNIFORMS NEED RETURNED!

Please return any track uniforms you have at home before the end of the school year. Please make sure they are clean and in a bag with your name on it. The t-shirts do not need to be returned. They are yours to keep. State track participants may return theirs after the State track meet. Thank you!

## GOOD LUCK KENDALL, JOSEPH, AND NICK!!!

Eighth graders, Kendall Meyer, Joseph Cisler, and Nick Harbison, have qualified to participate in the Lutheran School Association State Track Meet! They will be traveling to Concordia Chicago next Friday, May 18, to compete. Nick and Joseph will compete in the discus and Kendall will compete in the shotput. Best of luck and God's blessings to you Kendall, Joseph, and Nick!! Your Zion family is very proud of you all!!

## PTL MEETING MAY 20

The final PTL Meeting of the school year will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Babysitting will be provided. Remember, a \$25 gift card will be given away to one person in attendance! We hope to see you there.

## MEDICINE IN THE OFFICE

If your child currently has medicine in the office, please pick it up on or before the last day of school. Any medicine that is left and expired will be discarded. If your child needs to continue taking medication next school year, a new form will be filled out at registration in August.

### CIRCUS PICTURES AVAILABLE

Mrs. Crouch took pictures of the preschool and kindergarten students during the circus. The link to view and save the pictures is: <https://jami photography.pixieset.com/zioncircus/> Please download the pictures soon. The link will only be available for one week.

### AR BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED

Please check at home to be sure all AR school library books have been returned. Please have your child turn them into the book drop in the library hallway by the last day of school.

### PIZZA FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Little Italy's and Zion Lutheran PTL are teaming up for a "Pizza Fundraiser Night" on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Order a pizza or any item from the menu and Little Italy's will donate a % of the sales back to the Zion PTL. All you have to do is have a big appetite, order and mention ZION. Little Italy's will be offering pizza specials and has many other items on their menu to choose from. Also, don't forget to save the POPS on the boxes of pizza, as we will be able to turn those in for .50 each. Thank You for supporting Zion PTL.

### CARDINALS/CUBS TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Zion has teamed up with the St. Louis Cardinals to offer an awesome price on a Cardinals vs. Cubs game! We are selling tickets (valued at \$83 each!) to the June 15 Cardinals vs. Cubs game for **only \$25 per ticket!** If you want tickets at this awesome price, you must act fast. We are selling them for \$25 each until the last day of school, May 17. After that, the price will go up! The tickets are in section 270 (left field loge). You can even pick your row and seat numbers! Tickets can only be purchased from the school office. If you would like to reserve your tickets by sending money in with your student that is fine, but all tickets **must be picked up in person** from the school or daycare office. Please call the office with any questions. Thank you for supporting Zion and Go Cards!

### VOLLEYBALL CAMPS AT SHS

The Staunton High School volleyball coaches are conducting volleyball camps during the last two weeks of May for all current 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Forms are still available in the school office if you need one. Please drop off your completed form with payment to the school office.

### BULLDOG YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

The Staunton Bulldog coaching staff is offering a four day football camp for any student going into 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade next school year. The camp will be held May 21 – 24 from 8:00 – 10:00 am daily. The cost of the camp

is \$20. If you would like a registration form, they are available in the school office.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION

The class of 2018 will graduate Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the church. Congratulations to:

*Joseph David Cisler*  
*Izabella Marie Claussen*  
*Elizabeth Leigh Deweese*  
*Ashley Jordan Ellis*  
*Nicholas Ryan Harbison*  
*Kendall Louise Meyer*  
*Kate Rebecca Wineburner*

God's blessings to you, Joseph, Izabella, Libby, Ashley, Nick, Kendall, and Kate, and best of luck in high school. We will miss you, Your Zion Family

### PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

The Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm. The following 4 year old students will be going into Kindergarten next year. Congratulations to:

<u>4 AM Class</u>		<u>4 PM Class</u>
Sam Baima	Emma LaRosa	Luke Buffington
Ava Beisner	McKenna Miller	Carlee Cozad
Reese Bertels	Abigail Mosser	Ella Delaney
Avery Brunnworth	Henry Paul	Evie Dyckman
Wesley Crouch	Camden Scroggins	Keely Edwards
Linlee DalPozzo	Avielle Spudich	Jake Moore
Hunter Harbison	Brian Steinmeyer	Lincoln Nicholas
Catania Henke	Stella Tevini	Isaac Rantanen
Isla Janus	Samantha Wells	Connor Redman
		Asher Washburn
		Brad Yotter

### CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2018

*Thea Becker*  
*J.J. Blessman*  
*Ethan Brown*  
*Dominic Bunn*  
*Chloe Damm*  
*Olive Diveley*  
*Sophia Ems*  
*Garrett Feeley*  
*Brooke Hemken*  
*Madaline Horne*  
*Tyler Robertson*  
*Colton Sharp*  
*Erin Turner*

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER VACATION!**

## **SUMMER NEWS AND SCHEDULE**

### **SCRIP NEWS**

Summer scrip purchases: Scrip will continue to be filled out of the school office this summer, which will provide similar scrip service as we provide during the school year. During the months of June and July, scrip orders should be placed by noon on Monday to ensure we order the necessary scrip to fill your order. Orders can be placed on line at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) or you may drop off scrip orders and payments at the daycare or church office during their regular hours. You may also call or email Jessica (618-210-3542; [jessica.meade@zion-school.org](mailto:jessica.meade@zion-school.org)) or Melanie (618-779-7427; [melanie.wineburner@zion-school.org](mailto:melanie.wineburner@zion-school.org)) with any orders. All orders placed by noon on Monday will be available for pickup by Thursday of each week. Orders may be available sooner if items requested are currently in stock. Scrip orders may be picked up at the daycare or church office during regular hours. For immediate purchases, scrip will be available while Jessica is in the school office on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. We continue to carry our local retailers and our most popular national retailers in inventory.

### **SUMMER SCRIP CREDITS**

If you choose the 12 month tuition payment plan, your scrip credits from your scrip purchases in May & June will be credited to your June and July statements respectively. If you choose to stay on the 10 month payment plan, all summer scrip credits (from purchases May through July) will be credited to your August tuition statement.

### **REPORT CARDS**

Fourth quarter report cards will be mailed home the last week of May. Remember, report cards may also be accessed on ParentsWeb at any time.

### **LITTLE ITALY'S POPS**

Be sure to save all of your Little Italy's POPS over the summer and turn them in to the office after school starts in August!

### **R & B'S FUNDRAISER DAY**

On Wednesday, May 30, R & B's Family Restaurant and Zion PTL are teaming up for a fundraiser day! Have a meal (dine in or take out) at R & B's anytime on May 30, give your server a Zion flyer and 10 percent of your total sale will come back to the PTL! Flyers will be emailed home today. They will also be available in the back of church and in the school and daycare office. Thank you for supporting the students of Zion!

### **ZION FISH STAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

It is that time of year again - time to sign up to work the PTL Fish Stand! Each year the PTL has a stand at the Staunton Fireman's Homecoming. We sell fish sandwiches, fries and onion rings along with soda and water. The stand helps raise money for the PTL to use on many important projects throughout the year that benefit your children in so many ways. The stand also helps get our name out in the community. We are in need of workers to help with the stand over the course of the weekend (June 21-25). **It takes all of our parents to make this stand possible...**and it's always a fun time had by all! Please click on the following link for Sign Up Genius at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e44a9aa2dabf58-volunteer> or you may call the school office or Amber Ruehrup at 618-779-7282 to sign up for your shift.

### **S.W.A.P. REGISTRATION FORMS**

Don't forget to turn in your 2018 SWAP Registration forms. There are lots of fun camps to choose from this summer. Please turn in registration forms and payments to the school office anytime between now and the end of the school year. You may also mail them to the school (220 W. Henry) or drop them off with daycare. Please call the office if you need another form.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ZION!**

Registration forms for the 2018 Zion Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School are now available. VBS will be held July 23 - 27 from 9:00 - 11:30 am daily and all children 3 years old through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Older children are welcome to volunteer and help. Registration forms will be attached to the email today as well. Please return registration forms to the church, school, or daycare office or to Mrs. Mitteis. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Mitteis.

### **AR SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

Let's keep reading throughout the summer! Students should read books and log on to the AR website at <https://hosted298.renlearn.com/185068/> to take tests the same way they have all school year. For every point students earn, their name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 gift card. The more you read the more chances you get to win! Top reader awards and the drawing will take place during Open House on **August 13**. For students entering Kindergarten at Zion, every two book titles logged on their form will earn an entry into the drawing. (The form will be sent home with those students the last week of school) This form must be turned in during registration on August 2 or 3. If you have questions about the summer reading program please call or email the office or Mrs. Crouch at [jamie.crouch@zion-school.org](mailto:jamie.crouch@zion-school.org).



### STAUNTON SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration will be held at the Staunton Soccer Complex on May 12, 23, and June 10. Questions, call Lucinda Fulton at 637-1135 or Heather Ondes at 635-2703.

Registration forms are attached to the email today or may be picked up in the school office. (My apologies about the condition of the form in the attachment. That's how it was sent to me.)

### 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](http://www.melhs.org/athletics) to see the available camps. You may register for any of these camps on their website.

### SUMMER PTL MEETING

There will be a PTL meeting on Sunday, July 15, at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria to discuss summer projects, the golf tournament, and the dinner auction. Please put this date on your calendar to attend!

### SUMMER PARADES!

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! 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. Wear your Zion colors and come out on these days and times:

**Gillespie June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm (meet by 2:30-2:45)**

**Mt. Olive June 16th at 6pm (meet by 5:30-5:45)**

**Staunton June 24th at 4pm (meet by 3:30-3:45)**

### 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 are now available!

### 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2018-2019 school year calendar was sent home back in March. I will reattach to the email again today. This calendar will be available again at registration in August.

### PTL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ever wanted to do more at Zion, but have not found the right fit? We are looking for a few individuals to take over some of our collections for cash efforts.

**Printer Cartridge Recycling** -- Zion collects ink jet & laser printer cartridges (non-remanufactured) for cash through a recycling program. The collected items are then mailed to Evolve Recycling via UPS. We need a person to take over the oversight of this process. Currently the items are turned into school and boxed up by a volunteer. It does not take much time, and can be done on your schedule. Program generates \$200 - \$275 per year for our school operations, and has the potential to generate more. Please contact the school office if you can oversee this process. For more information on the program see [rewards.com](http://rewards.com).

**Box Tops & Other Collections** - For the person who wants to do more, but needs to be on their own schedule....We are looking for an innovative and energetic coordinator for Box Tops and the other collections. The school receives cash from various collections, primarily Box Tops. Funds from the Box Tops program help support our accelerated reader program and funds from other programs help support the school. The Coordinator oversees the various programs and counts and mails the collections into the programs about 4 times a year. Coordinator can run contests and incentives for collections. Great way to work with all the staff and students of Zion. Please contact the school office if you would like to be a coordinator for Box Tops and the other collections. Training will be provided.

### HEALTH FORMS NECESSARY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Here is a list of medical forms required by the State of Illinois that need to be filled out and returned at registration in August. All doctors' offices should have these forms, but if you need copies, please contact the office.

#### **Kindergarten:**

**Legal Birth Certificate with seal (no copies)**

**Current Immunization Record**

**Physical Exam Form**

**(This form MUST include a lead level - done at any age)**

**Dental Exam Form**

**Vision Exam Form**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Dental Exam Form  
 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Current Immunization Record  
 Physical Exam Form  
 Dental Exam Form  
 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Sports Physical Form (if participating  
 in sports next school year)

Please note: the sports physical form cannot be used in place of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Form.

### 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. 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.

### PRESCHOOL – 8<sup>TH</sup> FINAL REGISTRATION

The dates for final registration for the 2018-2019 school year have been set for: **Thursday, August 2, 5:00 – 8:00 pm and Friday, August 3, 10 am – 12 pm and 2:00 – 4:30 pm.** It is very important that all parents (**preschool parents included**) attend this final registration, as additional forms need to be signed and lunch/snack cards purchased for the beginning of school. If you cannot attend registration at these times, call the school office. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 15.

### SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|--------------|----------------------------------|
| June 3       | Gillespie Parade                 |
| June 4       | Dairy Queen Night                |
| June 8-10    | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip |
| June 15      | Zion Night at the Ballpark       |
| June 16      | Mt. Olive Parade                 |
| June 22 – 24 | Fish Stand                       |
| June 24      | Staunton Parade                  |
| July 2       | Dairy Queen Night                |
| July 15      | PTL Meeting                      |
| July 23-27   | Vacation Bible School            |
| August 2-3   | Registration                     |
| August 6     | Dairy Queen Night                |
| August 11    | Zion Golf Tournament             |
| August 13    | Open House                       |
| August 15    | First Day of School              |

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JUNE

- |    |                             |    |                                |
|----|-----------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 2  | Ryan Kleckner 5th           | 6  | Brady Seelbach 5th             |
| 8  | Hailee Henke 3rd            | 15 | Brian Steinmeyer PS            |
| 17 | Claire Rantanen 6th         | 17 | Ethan Rantanen 6th             |
| 22 | Logan Hannig 5th            | 24 | Mark Leezy 4th                 |
| 24 | Griffin Stiegemeier PS      | 25 | Thea Becker K                  |
| 26 | Eli Henke 5th               | 26 | Lexi Pfeiffer 7th              |
| 26 | Camden Scroggins PS         | 28 | McKenna Miller PS              |
| 29 | Madeline Oller-Vornberg 3rd | 29 | Landon DeVries 1 <sup>st</sup> |

### JULY

- |    |                    |    |                      |
|----|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1  | Adrienne Meade 6th | 3  | Erin Turner K        |
| 5  | J.T. Blessman K    | 6  | Jacob Wineburner 4th |
| 9  | Ava Fernandez 5th  | 9  | Harper Wade 1st      |
| 10 | Emma LaRosa PS     | 11 | Aiden Watters PS     |
| 12 | Braeden Cook 7th   | 17 | Easton Dyckman PS    |
| 19 | Luke Buffington PS | 22 | Kennedy Hemken PS    |
| 30 | Brad Yotter PS     |    |                      |

### AUGUST

- |    |                       |    |                    |
|----|-----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 4  | Livia Crouch 3rd      | 7  | Jacob Staggs PS    |
| 7  | Cody Ellis 4th        | 7  | Katie Ellis 4th    |
| 11 | Mariska Bellovich PS  | 13 | Nick Harbison 8th  |
| 14 | Eli Blessman PS       | 19 | Aaron Wyatt 4th    |
| 24 | Ashley Ellis 8th      | 25 | Raylan Schaake PS  |
| 29 | Izabella Claussen 8th | 30 | Tyler Melchert 5th |

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

This year we have been learning the names of Jesus in our chapel messages. This year began with The Alpha, We conclude the year with another Greek letter, Omega. Omega would be the z of the Greek alphabet. It is the last letter.

Jesus calls Himself the “Alpha and Omega” (**Rev. 21:6**). We began the year in the name of Jesus, the Alpha. We conclude the year in the name of Jesus, the Omega. Jesus is the first in everything and the last in everything and everything in between.

In Jesus, we have the perfect ending to our salvation. Jesus ended the punishment for our sins by His death on the cross. Jesus ended the power of the devil with His resurrection. Any doubt about our being with Jesus forever is ended because He has claimed us as His children in baptism. Any doubt about the power to fight the temptation of the devil is ended because God gives us the power of His Word.

In a few days, we say the end to another school year. Another grade level ends; an athletic season ends; many special experiences come to an end. We thank God for all of them. The truths that we learned about Jesus this

year will never end. The power and promises we learned through the names of Jesus will never end. We look forward to learning more together in worship this summer. We look forward to a new beginning this fall. The Bible says that someday, everything on earth will conclude: the end. Jesus will come back to judge the world. Jesus will come back to bring all of His children into His holy presence forever. Our time with Jesus will be a new beginning — an Alpha!

Adapted from the 2017-2018 LCMS Chapel Talks

*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, have the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in Humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but to interests of others. Phil 2:1-4*

I love the book of Philippians. Here is the problem I have when I quote it.... I never know when to stop! The next verse is always as powerful as the verse prior. This verse is the focus of our final week of school in Chapel. I've attached an adapted chapel message above.

Summer is here! What happened? Watching my daughter open Christmas presents feels like it was only a few days ago. The first day of school feels like a few weeks ago. Nonetheless, ten months has passed. Students have grown physically, emotionally, and spiritually. It is amazing to see how far they have come. I look at the school composite picture in the office and it is hard to believe that those young faces were from this school year.

Summer is a rough time for me. I miss seeing the kiddos. I miss hearing the sounds of classes shuffling through the halls throughout the day. I miss hearing staff members share about their lives and adventures. What I look forward to is seeing those kids on the first day of school. Some I won't even recognize as they will have grown so much. The energy the school brings, when filled, is palpable.

I hope your summer is filled with blessings. I hope to see you on Sundays (and Saturday nights sometimes). I look forward to seeing you at my normal hangouts throughout Staunton. It is always a joy to bump into family and I look forward to seeing our Zion family here and there over the next couple of months. If not, I will see you in August.

In Christ,  
Mr. Manning

It's still about Jesus:

The Alpha  
Christ  
The Word  
The Light  
The Vine  
The Bread of Life  
The Door  
The Good Shepherd  
The Life  
The Way  
The Truth  
The Faithful Witness  
The Nazarene  
The King of Kings  
The Mighty God  
The Wonderful Counselor  
The Prince of Peace  
Immanuel  
The Beloved Son  
The Son of Man  
The Son of David  
The Treasure of all Nations  
The Founder and Perfecter  
The Lord of Lords  
The Lamb of God  
The High Priest  
The Rose of Sharon  
The Advocate  
The Savior  
The Man of Sorrows  
The Living Stone  
The Lion of Judah  
The Redeemer  
The Root of Jesse  
The Bright and Morning Star  
The Angel of the Lord  
The Hope  
The Creator  
The Mystery  
The Teacher  
The Omega  
Jesus