



# Zion Lutheran School Panther Paws

April 12, 2019

Real. Present. God. Psalm 46:1

Edition #32

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

## Calendar

- 4-13 9:00 Good Shepherd Track Meet  
4-14 Palm Sunday  
4-15 3:30 – 5:00 Track Practice at SHS  
4-16 4:00 Track Meet at Triad Middle School  
4-17 **1:45 Early Dismissal**  
4-18 **No School**  
Little Italy's Pizza Night  
4-19 **No School**

## Worship Opportunities

- Saturdays – 5:00 pm  
Sundays – 8:00 & 10:30 am  
Sunday School & Bible Study – 9:15 am  
Wednesdays – 8:30 am

## Contact Information

- School: 635-3060 ext.01  
Daycare: 635-2446 ext. 02  
Church: 635-2880  
Email: [office@zion-school.org](mailto:office@zion-school.org)  
[www.zion-luth.org](http://www.zion-luth.org)

## Zion Alumni & Friends Name Game!

Do you ever think about the students that were here in these classrooms years ago? It is hard to believe that the adult who may be your teacher, your coach, your parent or even your grandparent walked the same halls you walk every day. Week two is about to start on the Alumni & Friends "Name Game".



Have you found a lot of relatives and friends who used to be students at Zion? Maybe you will visit with some of those former students over Easter weekend? If you do, please fill out the form attached to the email today with their information and return it to your child's teacher or the school office. Remember, the classroom that collects the most names, addresses and emails will win a pizza party courtesy of the Alumni & Friends. The individual in the school that collects the most names, addresses and emails will win a \$25 Scrip gift card. In the event of a tie, we will draw for a winner! The game ends Friday, April 26. Let's see how many Zion Panthers we can find out there!

## Joyful Noise Choir Singing Cancelled

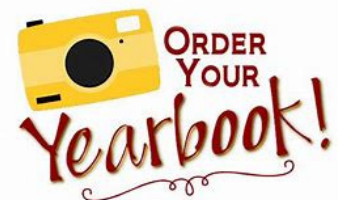
The Joyful Noise Choir will NOT sing this Sunday, April 14, as was previously scheduled. Pastor Mitteis fell earlier this week and broke a rib and was unable to rehearse with the students. Please keep Pastor Mitteis in your prayers as he heals.

## April Tuition Invoices

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

## Zion 2019 Yearbook Order Forms

Order forms for purchasing a 2018-2019 yearbook will be coming home today with all students. You may order using the form or online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com). If you wish to order a yearbook, you must either complete and submit this form with payment to the school office or order online no later than **Friday, May 10**. Please note that extra yearbooks will not be ordered that may be purchased later. The office has been stuck with quite a few extras over the years and we're hoping to keep that from happening by pre-ordering. Yearbooks will be available to pick up at registration in August. If you have any questions, please call or email the office.



## Happy Birthday!

Mr. Manning 4-17

## Chapel Offering

4<sup>th</sup> quarter Chapel offerings will be going to support LCMS – Life Ministry. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter total: \$153.24.

## 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: **Mr. Manning and Pastor Mitteis**

## Lunch Menu Apr. 15-17

Mon: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Applesauce, and Milk

Tues: Taco Salad, Peaches, and Milk

Wed: Ham Subway Sandwich w/ Cheese, Lettuce, Pickles, Potato Chips, Grapes, and Milk

Thurs: No School

Fri: No School

\*Whole wheat bread is available each day as well.

## Looking Ahead...

**Band Concert – Apr. 28**

**Summer Daycare**

**Registration – Apr. 29**

**Confirmation – May 4-5**

**Athletic Banquet – May 8**

**PreK/K Graduation – May 20**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – May 21**

## 2019-2020 Registration

2019-2020 school year pre-registration forms for K – 8th grade are now available. 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: registration and technology fees for next school year have not changed, but the tuition rates have raised slightly. The new rates



may be found on pages 2 and 3 of the registration form packet. When submitting your pre-registration form, please also fill out the payment plan options sheet on the back side 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.

## Summer SWAP Camp Registration Forms

The Zion Summer With a Purpose (SWAP) program registration forms will be sent home today, Friday, April 12, 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.

## Madison Teacher of the Year Contest Nominees

**Congratulations to the following Zion faculty members on their nominations for Madison Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Kleckner, Mrs. Brackman, Mrs. Mosser, Mr. Secoy, and Mrs. Mitteis!** Please visit the Madison Communications website to read the wonderful comments written about our teachers! Voting began April 1 and continues throughout the month. The three winners of the contest will each receive a \$500 award, a recognition plaque, and a pizza party for their class. Please visit <https://gomadison.com/promotions/teacheroftheyear> and vote for your favorite teacher!

## Cardinals Baseball Tickets for Sale!

For the second year in a row, Zion Lutheran School will sing at Busch Stadium before a Cardinals game! Students in attendance will be singing "God Bless America" on the field before the game that night. All students currently in grades K – 7 will be able to sing that evening. The game is at 6:15 pm on Saturday, August 31. We will be sitting in sections 128B and 129B. These tickets normally have a face value of \$60, but we will be selling tickets for \$25 each (children under 4 do not require a ticket). There will also be a fun special offer/incentive for everyone who purchases tickets by May 15! Please share this information with family and friends! We hope many of you will be able to join us for a fun evening at the ballpark!



### PTL Meetings

All meetings are held at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Babysitting is provided by Zion 8th graders. A \$25 gift card is given as an attendance prize at each meeting!  
Upcoming Meetings:  
May 19  
July 21

### April Calendar

April 17 – 1:45 Dismissal  
April 18-22 No School

### Praise Him Choir Singing Schedule (PK 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

### Joyful Noise Choir Singing Schedule (4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

### Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Every Month  
Flyers are available on the school website or Facebook page.

### Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

Apr. 18  
May 16

### Asian Bistro Fundraiser Dates

Apr. 30

### R & B's Fundraiser Dates

May 29

## Zion Athletic Banquet - May 8

The Zion Athletic Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 8, for all 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who participated in sports at Zion during the 2018-2019 school year. A reservation form is being sent home today with all the students who participated in sports. (The form is also attached to the email today.) Please fill this out and return with payment to the school office no later than Wednesday, May 1.

## Summer Daycare Registration

Registration for summer daycare will be Monday, April 29, 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.

## Good Luck at Track Meet!

Good luck to our Zion Panthers track participants as they compete in their first track meet this Saturday, April 13, at Good Shepherd. God's blessings and best of luck to Taylor Seelbach, Lexi Pfeiffer, Ethan Rantanen, Eliza Feldman, Alexis Carlen, Brady Seelbach, Ryan Kleckner, Zander Machota, Tommy Campbell, Tyler Melchert, Ethan Sharp, Ava Fernandez, Michaela Martintoni, Aaron Wyatt, Braden Pfeiffer, Jacob Wineburner, Sophie Bond, Livia Crouch, Jada Foster, Hailee Henke, Anna Machota, and Maddie Oller-Vornberg.

## Track Meets Added to the Calendar

Two track meets have been added to the calendar: April 16 at Triad Middle School at 4:00 pm and May 7 at Staunton High School at 4:00 pm.

## Track Meets Worker Schedule

April 13 – Pfeiffer, Seelbach

April 16 – Crouch, Wyatt, Bond, Campbell, Wineburner, Henke, Foster, Feldman, Oller-Vornberg

April 27 – Mosser

April 31 – Kleckner, Seelbach, Rantanen... and anyone else willing to help!

May 3 – Fernandez, Martintoni, Machota, Sharp, Melchert, Carlen

## 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.

## Check Folders for Purple Slips - Lunches and Snacks!

Please check your child's backpack this weekend for a purple slip from the kitchen. There are quite a few outstanding lunch and snack IOU's that need to be paid by the end of the school year.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL AND MAY!

Please note the following important dates for the remainder of the school year:

- April 17 - 1:45 Early Dismissal
- April 18-22 - No School - Easter Break
- April 28 - Zion Teacher Recognition at 10:30 am
- April 28 - Junior High Band Concert at 7:00 pm
- April 29 - Summer Daycare Registration (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- May 4/5 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Questioning & Confirmation
- May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7 - 5/6 Field Trip to Beaver Dam State Park
- May 8 - Athletic Banquet at 6:30 pm
- May 19 - PTL Meeting at 6:00 pm
- May 20 - Preschool & Kindergarten Graduation at 7:00 pm
- May 21 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at 7:00 pm
- May 21 - Last Day of School – 12:00 pm Dismissal – NO BUS SERVICE**

### From the Desk of Mr. Manning

Thoughts, feelings, and prayers for safety grip the minds of our nation. At the last PTL meeting, I mentioned a classroom lockdown device that we will soon hope to implement. Campus safety is a huge focus not only at Zion but also throughout our educational world. Half of the emails that I received yesterday were about campus safety. The State of Illinois now includes schools in its e-mailings identifying “historical” and future possible dates where campus safety may be compromised. It has to be one of the most depressing things I read on a monthly basis.

Where have we come as a nation? What is the world coming to? Those are questions for those who don’t know. We know. We live in a fallen world. It is a world of sin that we are called to live in but not be of. We have a higher calling through our baptism yet, each day we struggle personally between the, “my will be done,” and “thy will be done.” In the ego-centric world, “my will be done,” creates victim mentality as we soon realize that, “It’s not all about me,” and that, “life isn’t fair.” Life isn’t fair.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has | **P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus

What would be fair? “We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.” All of a sudden “fair” doesn’t sound so good. Life both temporal and eternal is at the heart of our desire for safety, for ourselves and our children. Most of us have chosen Christian education to complement our family’s faith that the Words of Eternal life come from God and are shared with us through the Biblical Word. At its very essence, Biblical instruction is an eternal safety plan.

We strive daily to live our callings. At Zion, our mission statement isn’t just about creating leaders, but about sowing the seeds of faith in our students so they grow into Christian leaders or to be more precise, leaders who lead based on Christian principles founded in their faith in God.

In Christ,  
Mr. Manning