



Zion Lutheran School Panther Paws

May 10, 2019

Real. Present. God. Psalm 46:1

Edition #36

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

Calendar

- 5-11 9:00 District Track Meet - Freeburg
- 5-12 Happy Mother's Day!
- 5-13 6:30 School Board
- 5-14
- 5-15 5:00-7:00 5th Grade Band Night at SJHS
- 5-16 3rd & 4th Field Trip
Little Italy's Pizza Night
- 5-17 K Field Trip
5th - 8th Field Trip

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
www.zion-luth.org

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. This year we are adding two fun new items to our menu: chicken strips and fried Oreos! 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 20-24). **It takes ALL of our parents to make this stand possible...**and it's always a fun time had by all! The sign up genius link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E44A9AA2DABF58-volunteer>. You may also call Amber Ruehrup at 618-779-7282 to sign up for your shift.

Joyful Noise Choir Sings May 19

The Joyful Noise Choir will sing during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, May 19. Please add this to your calendar!

Student Awards

Awards/certificates for the 1st - 7th grade students will be handed out at 9:00 am during closing chapel on May 21. 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 8th graders will receive their awards and tickets at their graduations.

PTL FUNDrive

Help us raise funds while cleaning and organizing! Donate **gently used** clothing, shoes, bedding, etc. to the Zion Gym. **Monday, May 13 is the deadline!** Examples of items accepted are: clothing, shoes, towels, sheets, blankets, curtains, tablecloths, hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, and backpacks. (We cannot accept larger items such as furniture, toys, baby gear, appliances, etc). Please contact the office with questions!



Happy Birthday!

Hazel Lenihan 5-12 PreK
Noah Stinnett 5-15 PreK
Alexis Carlen 5-17 7th

Chapel Offering

4th quarter Chapel offerings will be going to support LCMS – Life Ministry. 4th quarter total: \$314.41.

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: *Hazel Lenihan, Noah Stinnett, and Alexis Carlen.*

Lunch Menu May 13 - 17

Mon: Nachos w/ Meat in Cheese Sauce, Corn, Peaches, and Milk

Tues: Pony Shoe, Green Beans, Pears, and Milk

Wed: Baked Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn, Applesauce, and Milk

Thurs: Turkey Subway Sandwich w/ Cheese, Lettuce, Pickles, Doritos, Rice Krispie Treat, and Milk

Fri: Creamy Chicken & Noodles, Carrots, Grapes, and Milk

*Whole wheat bread is available each day as well.

Looking Ahead...

PreK/K Graduation – May 20
8th Grade Graduation – May 21
Mt. Olive Parade – June 15
Fish Stand – June 21-23
Staunton Parade – June 23

Message from the Cafeteria

Please check your child's backpack once again this week to be sure you haven't received a notice from the kitchen. Beginning last Monday, May 6, if your child has snack IOU's, they may not get morning snacks or seconds after lunch. All money that is turned in will go towards lunches first. **All lunch and snack IOU's must be paid by the last day of school.**

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!** We will draw six winners' names on May 17 for some unique Cardinals goodies! 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 Meeting next Sunday

The final PTL Meeting of the school year will be held on Sunday, May 19, 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.

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.

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 next Friday.

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.

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

May Calendar

May 21 – 12:00 Dismissal
Last Day of School

Praise Him Choir Singing Schedule (PK 4 - 3rd grade)

Joyful Noise Choir Singing Schedule (4th - 8th grade)

Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights

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

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights May 16

Asian Bistro Fundraiser Dates

R & B's Fundraiser Dates May 29

Thank You for Saving Coke/Milk Caps!

Thank you so much for saving and turning in your Prairie Farms milk caps and Coca-Cola product caps. In the past year, the school has earned over \$1,600 to use towards teacher and student supplies! We appreciate your support and please keep turning in those caps! They may be dropped off in the school or daycare office or given to your child's teacher.

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 2019-2020 school year. Some of the camps available are boys and girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, golf camp, and baseball camp. Please visit www.melhs.org/athletics to see all available camps. You may register for any of these camps on their website.

Summer Parade Information

Zion will participate in two summer parades - Mt. Olive on June 15th (6:00 pm) and Staunton on June 23rd (4:00 pm). We like to have as many parents and students as possible attend these parades to help spread the news about Zion! Just like last year, 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. More information will be shared as the dates get closer. We hope many of you will join us for the parades!

5th Grade Beginner Band Night

For any current 4th grader who is interested in participating in band next school year, there will be a night to come meet with Mr. Lotter, the Staunton band director, Wednesday, May 15, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the band room at the public school. An informational packet is being sent home with all 4th grade students today.

Vacation Bible School Registration Forms

Registration forms for the 2019 Zion Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School are now available. VBS will be held July 22 - 26 from 9:00 – 11:30 am daily and all children 3 years old through those entering 5th grade are invited to attend. Older children are welcome to volunteer and help. 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.

Sportsman's Fishing Derby

The Staunton Sportsman's Club 2019 Kids' Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday, May 19, at the Staunton Sportsman's Club. Registration is from 11:30 – 1:00 and fishing from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Ages Preschool – 8th grade may compete. Live bait only, no artificial lures. Trophies, refreshments, and prizes to follow. Adult supervision is required! Contact Brian Johnston (618-315-5061) for more information.

May Tuition Statements

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

SWAP Camps

Don't forget to turn in your Zion Summer With a Purpose (SWAP) registration form. 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.

Staunton Soccer Registration

Registration will be held at the Staunton Soccer Complex on May 11 and 22. Questions can be answered on Facebook at Staunton Soccer Club or by emailing stauntonsoccerclub@gmail.com.

Registration forms are attached to the email today or may be picked up in the school office.

Staunton Sports Camps

Staunton High School will host a football camp May 20-22 for boys entering grades 3-8. Cost is \$25. They will also host a boys' basketball camp June 3-6 for boys entering grades 3-8. Cost is \$60. Please contact the office if you would like either camp form.

Jaguar Football Signups

Jaguar football registration is now taking place for the fall. Students entering 3rd – 8th grade are eligible to play or cheer. If you would like a registration form, they are available in the school office or online registration may be completed at www.jaguarjfl.org.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MAY!

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

May 16 – 3rd/4th Field Trip

May 17 - 5th – 8th Field Trip, Kindergarten Field Trip

May 19 - PTL Meeting at 6:00 pm

May 20 - Preschool & Kindergarten Graduation at 7:00 pm

May 21 - 8th Grade Graduation at 7:00 pm

May 21 - Last Day of School – 12:00 pm Dismissal – NO BUS SERVICE

Save the Date for Upcoming Zion Events

- The 28th Annual Zion Lutheran PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019, at the Crystal Ballroom. Watch for more information to be shared in the coming months!
- The 17th Annual Zion PTL Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Timber Lakes Golf Course. Golf Classic registration forms and hole sponsorship forms will be available soon!

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.

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**

2nd grade: Dental Exam Form

**6th grade: Current Immunization Record
Physical Exam Form
Dental Exam Form**

4th – 8th grade: Sports Physical Form (if participating in sports next school year)

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

8th Grade Spotlights

As we near the end of the school year, we invite you to read about some of the accomplishments of our four 2019 graduates. Enjoy!



Braeden Cook – Braeden has attended Zion since 6th grade. His parents are Dawn and JJ and he has an older brother, Austin. Braeden's favorite subject in school is math. He enjoys volunteering at the Zion Dinner Auctions and with the United Methodist Church in Litchfield. Braeden has helped with their food pantry, trunk or treat, rummage sale, and babysitting. In his free time, Braeden enjoys video games and being outdoors mowing grass, shoveling snow, and any kind of yard work.



Abigail Lesko – Abi has attended Zion since Kindergarten. Her parents are Kevin and Leslie Ann and she has a younger sister, Sarah, also at Zion and two older brothers, Matt and Dan, and an older sister, Kate, who all graduated from Zion. Abi has participated in volleyball and track during her time at Zion. Her favorite subject in school is art. Abi is a member of the Girl Scouts and Robotics team. Her team has attended state competitions for the past three years. In the past, Abi has traveled to West Virginia and Georgia with the Girl Scouts and she will travel to Washington D.C. with them this summer. She enjoys volunteering at Zion Dinner Auctions, cleaning up Hagerman Park in Mt. Olive, and has earned several awards for her volunteer hours with the Girl Scouts. In her free time, Abi enjoys reading, watching TV, listening to music, playing card and board games, drawing, painting, spending time with friends, and watching volleyball and softball games.



Lexi Pfeiffer – Lexi has attended Zion since Kindergarten. Her parents are Bryan and Amanda and she has a younger brother, Braden, also at Zion. Lexi has participated in track during her time at Zion. Her favorite subject in school is social studies. Outside of Zion, Lexi is an avid soccer player. She enjoys volunteering at the Zion Sausage Supper and Zion Dinner Auctions as well as at the Holy Cross Fish Fry in Livingston. Her soccer team has also volunteered their time at the Staunton Helping Hands Center. In her free time, she enjoys playing soccer, spending time with her family, and creating art.



Taylor Seelbach – Taylor has attended Zion since Preschool. Her parents are Tim and Rachel and she has an older sister, Kaylee, at Staunton High School and a younger brother, Brady, also at Zion. Taylor has participated in volleyball, basketball, and track during her time at Zion. Her favorite subject in school is math. Taylor is a member of the Girl Scouts, plays softball, and hand bells at church. She enjoys volunteering with Vacation Bible School, the Zion Dinner Auctions, and with projects for Girl Scouts. In her free time, Taylor enjoys listening to music, going to Cardinals baseball games, and attending Girl Scout Camps.
