



Zion Lutheran School Panther Paws

May 17, 2019

Real. Present. God. Psalm 46:1

Edition #37

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

Calendar

5-18 State Track Meet
5-19 10:30 Joyful Noise
Choir Sings
6:00 PTL Meeting
5-20 All School Field Day
7:00 Preschool &
Kindergarten Graduation
5-21 Last Day of School
**12:00 Early Dismissal –
NO BUS SERVICE**
7:00 8th Grade Graduation
5-22
5-23
5-24 SHS Graduation

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 this Sunday!

The Joyful Noise Choir will sing during the 10:30 worship service this Sunday, May 19.

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.

Field Day - Monday

All daycare, morning preschool, and K – 8th grade students will participate in a fun field day on Monday here at school. Please be sure your child wears tennis shoes to school on Monday. No sandals!

Good Luck at State Track Meet, Taylor!

Eighth grader, Taylor Seelbach, has qualified to participate in the Lutheran School Association State Track Meet! She will be traveling to Concordia Chicago this weekend to compete. Taylor will compete in the shotput. Best of luck and God's blessings to you Taylor!! Your Zion family is very proud of you!!

Happy Birthday!

Miss Kim Pinkerton 5-25
Colton Sharp 5-30 1st

Chapel Offering

4th quarter Chapel offerings will be going to support LCMS – Life Ministry. 4th quarter total: \$351.52.

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: *Colton Sharp and Miss Pinkerton.*

Lunch Menu May 20-21

Mon: Toasted Ravioli, Side Salad, Toasted Mozzarella Sticks, Mixed Fruit, and Milk

Tues: Little Italy's Pizza, Dilly Bars, Soda or Milk

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

*Whole wheat bread is available each day as well.

Looking Ahead...

Mt. Olive Parade – June 15
Fish Stand – June 21-23
Staunton Parade – June 23

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

Congratulations 8th Graders!

The class of 2019 will graduate Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm in the church. Congratulations to:

Braeden Michael Alfred Cook

Abigail Joy Lesko

Lexi Michelle Pfeiffer

Taylor Marie Seelbach

God's blessings to you, Braeden, Abi, Lexi, and Taylor, and best of luck in high school. We will miss you, Your Zion Family

Congratulations Preschool & Kindergarten Students!

The Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm. The following 4 year old students will be going into Kindergarten next year. Congratulations to:

4 AM Class:

Mariska Bellovich, Binney Bertels, John Caldieraro, Emma Dugger, Easton Dyckman, Kylar Floyd, Kennedy Hemken, Grayson Horne, Dominic Klobnak, Knox Lenihan, Alex Leonard, Claire Leonard, Elijah Moore, Rowan Spudich, Jacob Staggs, Griffin Stiegemeier, Noah Stinnett, Brendan Stockton, Arie Vowels, and Alexis Walker

4 PM Class:

Eli Blessman, Lincoln Burnet, Ezra Cozad, Brynlee Damm, Emma Delaney, Isabella Foulk, Brayden Hunt, Briar Maedge, Colby Merritt, Raylan Schaaque, Ellie Stotts, and Will Worley

ZION KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2019

Reese Bertels, Avery Brunnworth, Wesley Crouch, Linlee Dal Pozzo, Catania Henke, Abigail Mosser, Henry Paul, Isaac Rantanen, Brian Steinmeyer, Corbin Thompson, Aiden Watters, Samantha Wells, and Brad Yotter

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). **Tickets will still be available to purchase all summer long! Contact the office by email or leave a message on the phone and we can arrange to get the tickets to you.** We hope many of you will be able to join us for a fun evening at the ballpark!



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

Asian Bistro Fundraiser Dates

R & B's Fundraiser Dates May 29

PTL Meeting this Sunday

The final PTL Meeting of the school year will be held this 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.

May Tuition Statements

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

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.

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.

R & B's Fundraiser Day

On Wednesday, May 29, 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 29, 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!

Accelerated Reader Top Readers - 4th Quarter

Top Readers by class

K'garten....Avery Brunnworth....25
1st Grade....Brooke Hemken....73.9
2nd Grade....Lucas Cook....51.4
3rd Grade....Jace Sharp....35.4
4th Grade....Livia Crouch....41.1
5th Grade....Jacob Wineburner....25.4
6th Grade....Tyler Melchert....104.5
7th Grade....Breanna Feeley....117.0

Top Readers Whole School

1. Breanna Feeley....117
2. Tyler Melchert....104.5
3. Brady Seelbach...80.5
4. Brooke Hemken...77.9
5. Adrienne Meade...77
6. Lucas Cook...51.4
7. Tyler Robertson....43.1
8. Eli Henke....43.1
9. Chloe Damm....41.8
10. Livia Crouch....41.1

Little Italy's POPS Thank You

Thanks to everyone for turning in your Little Italy's POPS this school year. All of our turn ins have earned us 17 free pizzas for the last day of school party! Please keep collecting those POPS over the summer.

Cardinal Ticket Winners

We have already sold about 130 tickets for the August 31 Cardinals game! Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets! As promised, we have six unique Cardinals items to give away. We drew names and here are the winners of the items:

Michelle Hemken – 2018 Cardinals Yearbook

Alecia Ray – Peanuts Night at Busch Stadium Bobblehead

Elizabeth Wyatt – Blue Cardinals Bucket Hat

Harry Paul – Martinez Jersey

Krissy Pfeiffer – Cardinals Glove

Jim Blessman – Fredbird Towel

Your items will be sent home with your children today! Thanks again!

SUMMER NEWS AND INFORMATION

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 gift cards. 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 12**. If you have questions about the summer reading program please call or email the office or Mrs. Crouch at jamie.crouch@zion-school.org.

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

Summer parades will be held in Mt. Olive on June 15th and in Staunton on June 23rd. 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. Wear your Zion colors and come out on these days and times:

Mt. Olive June 15th at 6pm (meet by 5:30-5:45)

Staunton June 23rd at 4pm (meet by 3:30-3:45)

Summer PTL Meeting

There will be a PTL meeting on Sunday, July 21, 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!

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.

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.

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. Girls volleyball camps will be held July 10-12 for girls entering grades 3-8. Cost is \$25. Please contact the office if you would like any of the camp forms.

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.

Summer Scrip Purchases

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 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) 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.

2019-2020 Registration

2019-2020 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: 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.

2019-2020 School Calendar

The 2019-2020 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.

Preschool - 8th Final Registration

The dates for final registration for the 2019-2020 school year have been set for: **Thursday, August 1, 4:00 – 8:00 pm and Friday, August 2, 10 am – 12 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 14.

Summer Calendar of Events

June 3	Dairy Queen Night
June 15	Mt. Olive Parade
June 21 – 23	Fish Stand
June 23	Staunton Parade
July 1	Dairy Queen Night
July 21	PTL Meeting
July 22-26	Vacation Bible School
August 1-2	Registration
August 5	Dairy Queen Night
August 12	Open House
August 14	First Day of School
August 24	Zion Golf Tournament
August 31	Zion Night at the Ballpark

From the Desk of the Principal

Real, Present God...

It is time for the last newsletter of the 2018-19 school year. It is amazing to think that another year is in the books. Thursday was the last day of Lilly's (my daughter) first year here. I took the obligatory picture by the Zion Lutheran School sign to show how much she has grown this year. When we think of growth, it is often in relation to size. Kids have physical growth spurts that are amazing to witness. There are times that we come back from Christmas break and I'll notice a child has grown about an inch!

What is harder to see is academic growth. Is my child ready? Is my child prepared for the next step in their academic career? We assess to continually monitor academic growth. Other than the height weight chart maintained by your child's pediatrician, test scores are the easiest growth to chart. But, at Zion, we exist for more than academic growth. We are here to nurture spiritual growth as well. What would that test look like? Would it be like a catechumen's questioning? Would it be a measure of the fruits of the spirit? Would it be a Likert scale with the categories; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? (Galatians 5:22)

Our God is real. He is present. We pray that we reflect his love daily.

This summer will be packed with work. First, we have physical upgrades to the facility.

- New Playground Fencing
- Revamped playground play space
- Painting
- Wiring

Then, we have curricular improvements.

- Lower level science is high on our priority list.

We have staffing changes.

- Most noticeably, the calling of a new lead pastor as pastor transitions to retirement.

Please keep praying for us at Zion. We thank you for another beautiful year.

In Christ,
Mr. Manning