



Zion Lutheran School Panther Paws

March 13, 2020

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

Calendar

- 3-15 6:00 PTL Meeting
- 3-16 3:15 – 4:45 Track Practice (4th – 8th grade)
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- 3-18 7:00 Lent Service
Little Italy's Pizza Night
- 3-19 3:15 – 4:45 Track Practice (4th – 8th grade)
- 3-20 6:30 – 9:00 Zion Family Game Night

Worship Opportunities

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

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 Family



Nacho Average Game Night – a fun “twist” to Zion Family Prom! Join us on Friday, March 20, from 6:30 – 9:00 pm in the school gym. Life size checkers, board games, karaoke, dance contests, and concessions: tacos, hot dogs, snacks, and drinks! Don't miss this FREE night of fun sponsored by the Zion PTL.

PTL Meeting - This Sunday, Mar. 15

The next PTL meeting is this Sunday, March 15, at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. Childcare is provided and we encourage all parents to attend! A \$25.00 gift certificate is given away as an attendance prize at each meeting. We hope to see you there!

Joyful Noise Choir

Please note the added dates for the Joyful Noise Choir to sing: March 29, April 26, and May 17 – all at 10:30 am.

2020-2021 Registration



2020-2021 school year pre-registration forms for 1st – 8th grade are being sent home today Friday, March 13. Kindergarten forms were available at open house and will be sent home with all 4 year old preschoolers as well. 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.

March Tuition Payments

Reminder: March tuition payments are due by Tuesday, March 31.

Happy Birthday!

Ryker Burch 3-17 PreK
Avery Donahue 3-18 PreK
Mrs. Mitteis 3-20

Chapel Offering

3rd quarter Chapel offerings will support Zion Alumna, Grace Pfeiffer, as she embarks on her second Ethiopian Mission Trip this summer. 3rd quarter total: \$886.02.

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: *Ryker Burch, Avery Donahue, and Mrs. Mitteis.*

Lunch Menu Mar. 16-20

Mon: Cod Fish Shapes, Macaroni & Cheese, Carrots, Peaches, and Milk

Tues: Chicken Nuggets, Buttered Noodles, Corn, Pears, and Milk

Wed: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Peas, Mixed Fruit, and Milk

Thurs: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Side Salad, Garlic Bread, Applesauce, and Milk

Fri: Ham Subway Sandwich, Potato Chips, Grapes, and Milk

*Whole wheat bread is available each day as well.

Zion Youth to Host Lenten Dinners

The High School Youth Group of Zion Lutheran Church is hosting Lenten dinners on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:45 pm in the school's cafeteria. The following will be served each week:

March 18 – Taco Bar

March 25 – Chili

April 1 – Pulled Pork

Each Wednesday there will also be a peanut butter & jelly sandwich or chicken nugget option, as well as desserts, lemonade, and tea. A free will donation will be taken at the door.

Spring Picture Day!

LifeTouch

Dress your best for spring pictures on Tuesday, March 24! Every child in attendance that day will have his/her picture taken. Order forms are being sent home with students today, Friday, Mar. 13. If you wish to order a package, please return this form or follow the instructions on the form to place an order online. Pictures that were taken in the fall will be the pictures used in the yearbook.

Basketball Pictures

Basketball pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 24. **Please be sure your child has his/her basketball uniform with them that day.** After pictures are taken, basketball uniforms will be turned in. Order forms are being sent home today, Mar. 13.

Track Pictures

Track pictures will **NOT** be taken on March 24. We will take our own group picture of the track team for the yearbook once uniforms are handed out in April.

Madison Teacher of the Year Contest

Madison Communications is once again sponsoring their Annual Teacher of the Year Award contest. Beginning, March 1, you may nominate a teacher who has made a difference by going to their website:

www.gomadison.com. Voting begins April 1 and continues throughout the month. The three 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. If you know a teacher who goes above and beyond, please nominate him/her for this contest!

Cardinals Baseball Tickets For Sale

For the third 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 day. All students currently in grades K – 8 will be able to sing that afternoon. The game is at 1:15 pm on Saturday, May 30, vs. the Pittsburgh Pirates. We will be sitting in sections 132 and 133. These tickets normally have a face value of \$63, but we will be selling tickets for \$25 each (children under 4 do not require a ticket). Please share this information with family and friends! We hope many of



Looking Ahead...

March 20 – Zion Family Game Night

March 24 – Spring Pictures

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:

March 15

May 17

Mar. Monthly Calendar

Praise Him Choir Singing Schedule (PK 4 - 2nd grade)

Apr. 19 – 10:30 am

Joyful Noise Choir Singing Schedule (3rd - 8th grade)

March 29 – 10:30 am

April 26 – 10:30 am

May 17 – 10:30 am

Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights

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

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

Mar. 18

Apr. 15

May 20

Asian Bistro Fundraiser Days

Mar. 31

May 26

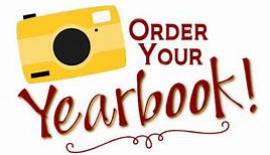
you will be able to join us for a fun afternoon at the ballpark! Please note below the special giveaway and unique activity taking place after the game on May 30!!

- **Adult Red Embroidered Jersey** 30,000 fans, ages 16 and older Saturday, May 30, is a date you do not want to miss! 30,000 fans ages 16 and older will take home an embroidered Cardinals jersey, courtesy of Scott Credit Union. This red jersey is similar to the one that the team wears in Florida for Spring Training and features an embroidered front logo that truly makes it a high-quality item!

- **Christian Day at the Ballpark** All fans with a ticket Join us for the 30th Annual Christian Day at the Ballpark on Saturday, May 30th when the Cardinals face the Pirates! After the game, fans are invited to stay in their seats for a postgame program featuring current players, broadcasters and this year's featured speaker, Cardinals Hall of Famer and two-time World Series champion Chris Carpenter.

Zion 2020 Yearbook Order Forms

Order forms for purchasing a 2019-2020 yearbook have been sent home with all students. You may order using the form or online at 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 1**. Please note that extra yearbooks will not be ordered that may be purchased later. Yearbooks will be available to pick up at registration in August. If you have any questions or you need another form, please call or email the office.



Red Cross Blood Drive



American Red Cross

Zion will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive in our gym on Friday, April 17th, from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. To schedule an appointment please visit the website: www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: StauntonComm. You may also call 1-800-RED-CROSS or download the Blood Donor App to your smart phone. The ARC has also introduced a new tool, RapidPass, which allows donors to save time the day of the drive. Please visit their website for more details. If you have any questions, please call the school office, 635-3060 ext. 01.

Track Practices & Track Dates

The track coaches will begin track practices on Monday, March 16. Practice will be after school until 4:45. Interested 4th – 8th grade students should plan to attend.

The scheduled track meets for this spring are listed below: (others may be added as the season progresses)

April 18 – Good Shepherd Track Meet

April 25 – Zion Belleville Track Meet

April 30 – Conference Track Meet at Edwardsville HS

May 5 – Conference Relay Track Meet at Edwardsville HS

May 9 – District Track Meet at Freeburg HS

May 16 – State Track Meet in Chicago

R & B's Fundraiser Days
Apr. 29

Blackbird Bakery
Fundraiser Days
Apr. 14
May 12

Important Dates for April and May!

Please note the following important dates for the final two months of the school year:

April 3 – Early Dismissal at 12:30 pm
April 6-13 – No School Easter Break
April 15 – Preschool Registration (6:00 – 7:30 pm)
April 17 – Red Cross Blood Drive (3:00 – 7:00 pm)
April 13-17 – Week of the Young Child
April 19 – Zion Teacher Recognition at 10:30 am
April 19 – Praise Him Choir Sings at 10:30 am
April 26 – Joyful Noise Choir Sings at 10:30 am
April 26 – Junior High Band Concert at 7:00 pm
May 2/3 – 8th Grade Questioning & Confirmation
May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation Week
May 13 – Athletic Banquet at 6:30 pm
May 17 – Joyful Noise Choir Sings at 10:30 am
May 17 – Retirement Celebration Open House at 11:30 am
May 17 – 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 22 – Last Day of School – 12:00 Dismissal – NO Bus Service
May 30 – Zion Sings "God Bless America" at Busch Stadium

Scrip News

We keep many local and national retailers in stock and almost anything may be ordered! We place orders on Mondays to be sure we have whatever you need in stock by Friday of the same week. Each week, Scrip offers new bonuses. Be sure to check out the website for more information. As always, orders may be placed on line 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) with any orders.



Retirement Celebration on May 17

Mark your calendars: please join us on Sunday, May 17, for a special retirement celebration open house reception to honor Mrs. Barb Brackman and Mrs. Cheryl Meade. The celebration will take place after the 10:30 worship service that day. Watch the newsletter for more details about this event in the coming weeks!

Welcome New Zion School Board Members!

We would like to welcome three new members to the Zion Lutheran School Board: Georgia Henke, Angie Schulmeister, and Cassie Satterlee! They will join current school board members: Lisa Sharp, Amber Ruehrup, Dick Hemken, Kathy Sievers, and Debra Futrell. If you see any of them, please be sure to thank them for their service to the students and faculty of Zion!

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.factsmgt.com

The direct link for our school is: <https://online.factsmgt.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.

Positions Available for Zion Lutheran School

School Janitor (beginning at end of May)

Part-Time with scheduling flexibility. Inquire at the school office for job description and duties.

PK3/4 Teacher & Asst. to Director (beginning in August)

Full-Time Position teaching PK3 on two days per week and PK4 on three days per week. These would be ½ day classes. The remainder would be administrative duties to support the PK director. Must hold teaching endorsement.

School Secretary (begin training prior to end of current school year)

Full-Time position for 10 months (School Year) and Part-Time over the summer.

Head Cook (beginning in August)

Part-Time Contract Position. Prepares meals and submits paperwork to meet State and Federal standards for school lunches. Oversees the assistant cook. Orders required food products per state and school guidelines.

Please submit applications and resumes in person at the school office. Applications may be picked up in the school or daycare office.

From the Desk of the Principal

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Today, I am at an administrator's conference in Okawville. I am writing this today with both a sad and hopeful heart. After a decade, I am stepping down as administrator of Zion. This has not been an easy decision, but we (my family) believe it is the direction God is calling us. I've attached my letter that I submitted to the school board on Monday

and Council last night, but for those of you looking for the quick FAQ, here is one:

- I. Why are you leaving?
 - A. My family feels that a different direction in ministry would be beneficial to both the community and our family.
- II. Are you moving?
 - A. Nope. Still going to live at 225 S. Hackman, also known as the JOY house. Stop by and visit.
 - B. FACT: Lilly was the first student registered for 20-21!
- III. Will you be working at the school?
 - A. No. I plan on volunteering, but not being an employee.
 - B. My first goal is to coach baseball for Zion this fall and bring home some trophies!
- IV. When is your last day?
 - A. I plan to finish the school year. My last day as principal will be June 30.
- V. Why the change?
 - A. God has great things planned for Zion; they just do not include me as principal.
- VI. What are you going to do?
 - A. Thank you for asking. I am training with Thrivent Financial to open an office here in Staunton. My goal is to provide Christian-based financial products and solutions to individuals, companies, schools, and churches. The office will be located at my home.
- VII. What is Thrivent?
 - A. Thrivent is a fraternal organization that offers Christians financial solutions, education, and products. They are a Fortune 500 company with the tag lines, "Live Generously," and "Connecting Faith and Finances." I will be more than happy to tell you more in the upcoming months.

Feel free to message me with questions or to stop by when you see me at home. I have peace in my heart knowing that God is in control and he has great things ahead for our school and my family.

In Christ,
Mr. Manning
