



Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran Panther Paws

The mission of Zion Lutheran school is to guide students toward academic excellence and to prepare them to be Christian Leaders!

Worship Opportunities

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

Contact Information

School 618-635-3060 ext 1
Daycare 618-635-3060 ext 2
Church 618-635-2880
email office@zion-school.org

March 14, 2024

Bible Verse of the Week

The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.
-1 John 3:24

Important Upcoming Dates

(Sports dates are listed under sports)

Mar. 15 3rd Quarter Grades come out

Mar. 19 Pre K Open House 7:00

Mar. 21 World Down Syndrome Day-rock your socks
Wear your most colorful/mismatched socks

Mar. 25-Apr. 1 No School-Easter Break

Apr. 2 School resumes

Apr. 4 Pre K Registration

Apr. 6 Youth Group Trivia Night

Apr. 8 No School-Eclipse Day

Apr. 9 Spring Pictures/Sports Pictures

Upcoming Easter and Confirmation Dates

Lenten Worship Wednesday Services 3:30 pm & 7:00pm

Palm Sunday – March 23, 24

Maundy Thursday – March 28 (Worship at 3:00 & 7:00)

Good Friday – March 29

Chief Worship – 3:00

Tenebrae – 7:00

Holy Saturday Vigil – March 30 at 5:00

Easter – March 31

- Sunrise – 6:00

- Festival of the Resurrection – 10:00

Confirmation Examination – April 27 at 5:00

(Examination to occur during worship)

Confirmation Sunday – May 5th at 10:30

Ascension Day – May 4,5

Pentecost – May 18, 19

Birthdays

3/14 Mercy Diveley

3/20 Mrs. Mitteis

Please Pray For

- Brian Bertels, Phoebe Hawk, Austin Sanks, Elijah Blessman, Mrs. Mitteis, and Mrs. Lenihan.

Announcements

In the Know:

Zion's Evangelical Board has created a QR code to help you stay up to date with church news. Simply scan the QR code at anytime with your device to be directed to the Zion Lutheran website.



2024-2025 Zion Pre-Registration

Registrations forms for next fall came home today, for Grades K-8. Please watch for them, complete, and return to school to help us prepare for next year.

Registration fees will be \$300 per student. There is an **Early Bird, \$100.00, discount if you pay \$100.00 by 4/10/24 and another \$100.00 by 5/10/24.** Registration fees after 4/30 are subject to the full registration fee of \$300.00. Registration fees are non-refundable.

Financial Aid Link-Deadline to Apply 4/10/24.

If you are a current school member or previous financial aid member, you have to have the form submitted by 4/10/24. This year Zion has the opportunity to get financial aid funds from LESA. In order to qualify, existing families must have their application in by the deadline.

What you need to do if you would like to apply for tuition assistance?

- Go to Zion's FACTS page at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/42LBJ> to complete the online financial aid application. (This is the same process that we have always used.)

Please let Mrs. Crouch know when you have completed your application. Thank you.

Zion's Preschool and Kindergarten Open House

On March 19 at 7:00pm Zion Lutheran School will host an open house for parents interested in learning about Zion's **Preschool** and Kindergarten programs.

We offer a 3 year old preschool class which meets from 12:30-3 on Tuesday and Thursdays. We also offer two options for 4 year old preschool. Our 4am class meets Monday- Friday from 8-11:20am. Children must be 3 on or before September 1, 2024 to be eligible for the 3 year old class and 4 on or before September 1, 2024 to be eligible for the 4 year old class. Full and part time daycare are also available for preschool age students.

Registration forms for Preschool will be distributed at the open house along with the registration schedule. Registration will take place on Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Zion offers a full day Kindergarten program with before and after school care available. Children must be 5 on or before September 1, 2024 to be eligible for Kindergarten. Registration forms for Kindergarten will be available at the open house.

If you have any questions regarding open house or registration please email Pam Kleckner at pam.kleckner@zion-schol.org or call the school office at 635-3060.

Reading Club:

Reading club has gone well and our students have been wonderful. Thank you Mrs. Best and volunteers for all you've done for our students this year. Reading club will continue through the end of April, with the last day being 4/24/24.

Save the Date:

Trivia Night: April 6

Youth group will be hosting a trivia on Saturday, April 6 at the Staunton Country Club. Please plan to join us! The cost to play is \$15 pp and tables of 8-10 are welcome to participate. Bring your own snacks! Water and soda will be provided (while supplies last). All other beverages must be purchased from the Country Club. You can reserve a table by emailing Kristi.Cook@zion-school.org or texting 618-972-5239. We will also be having a 50/50 drawing and silent auction. We will run our silent auction differently. Raffle tickets will be sold for the silent auction items. You can drop your tickets in the bags of any item you want a chance

to win. Proceeds will go toward sending 4 adult leaders to the National Youth Conference in July.

World Down Syndrome Day:

Thursday, March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day. Dig out your craziest patterned and most colorful socks so we can "Rock Your Socks" on World Down Syndrome Day. Why Mar. 21? People with Down Syndrome have 3 copies of the ir 21st chromosome, known as Trisomy 21. In a karyotype (close up picture of chromosomes), the chromosomes resemble colorful patterned socks. Your DNA is what makes you unique! So let's Rock your Socks!



Chapel Offerings:

Every Wednesday at 8:30am. Parents and friends are invited to join. A total of \$755.07 was collected for 3rd Quarter. This was sent to **Hearts for Jesus:** El Reformador Seminary, Dominican Republic.

Junior Youth Group (3rd-5th gr.)

TBA

Youth Group (6th-12th gr.)

Middle/High School Youth Group:

March 23: Winter Jam at Enterprise Center-We will meet at Zion at 2:45 p.m. for Winter Jam. We will no longer be having dinner together. Winter Jam is \$15 at the door. Please have exact change. If you would like to purchase snacks/drinks then please keep in mind that Enterprise Center is cashless. A debit card, credit card, Google pay or Apple Pay will be needed. Youth are discouraged from bringing bags.

March 24: Middle school youth 3 - 5 p.m./High school youth 4 - 6 p.m.

Upcoming Fellowship Events:

July 16-18: Retreat at Rustic Acres for youth entering 7-9th grades in the fall

Thrivent Members

If you are a member of Thrivent, please consider logging onto your account before March 31st and direct your dollars to Zion by March 31st. Even if you have done so in the past, you will still need to direct this year's dollars.

Sports Activities/Schedule

All schedules are attached below.

**The Athletic Banquet is scheduled for May 8, 2024.
Time is TBD.**

Track and Field: Coach Mrs. Mosser

Practices:

Mon. 3/18 @ Zion 3-5pm with a brief parent meeting to follow

Tues. 3/19 @ Zion 3-5pm

Thurs. 3/21 @ SHS 3:15-5

Week of March 25 - Practice on your own with the possibility of open track time TBD

Mon. 4/1 @ SHS time TBA

Tues. 4/2 @ Zion 3-4:45

Thurs. 4/4 @ SHS 3:15-5:00

Meets:

April 6-Nashville Invitational @ Nashville Community High School 10:00

April 13 - Good Shepherd Invitational @ Collinsville High School 9:00

April 16 - @Staunton High School 4:00

April 20- Conference Track Meet @ Belleville West High School 9:00

April 27 - Zion, Belleville Invitational @ Belleville East High School 10:30

May 5 @ Roxana High School-Conference Relays TBA

May 7 @ Staunton High School 4:00

May 11 - District Track Meet @ Belleville East High School 10:30

May 18-19 STATE Meet for those who qualify @ Concordia, Chicago 9:00

PTL Dates & Fundraisers

March 17, 2024 @ 6:00 in the School Cafeteria

A letter from our President: Nikki Fraser

Hello Zion families!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last week's Fellowship Field Trip to Edison's and National Lutheran Schools Week events. The students had a wonderful time and made many memories. What a great week to be a Panther! We could not have made this possible without the donations and volunteering efforts over the last year.

The community of wonderful families at Zion is truly a blessing. I encourage you all to attend our next PTL Meeting at 6 pm on Sunday, March 17 th . We will be discussing and making decisions on end of year fellowship events such as the Spring Family Night and fundraising events such as Fish Stand and Golf Outing. We will also have an update on our Security Project.

PTL is open to all families as we are committed to providing the best learning environment possible for our children. Our fundraising efforts contribute supplies and activities/events (such as Edison's field trip!) that would not normally be available through the annual school budget. Everything PTL does fully benefits the children, school, and community of Zion Lutheran School. Our prayer for each school year is that we will glorify God in word and deed so that the families of Zion experience the fullness of life in Christ. We request your prayers for God's continued guidance and blessings.

Thank You,
Nikki Fraser | PTL, President
For questions/comments/inquiries :
Nikki_fraser@hotmail.com | 618-823-7343

Welcome

As a parent of a student at Zion, you're already a member of the PTL so let's work together to have fun and provide a great year of learning and friendship for our Zion family!

WHAT DOES THE PTL DO?

Raises funds to supplement the school budget and aid in providing opportunities for the school, its students, and their families.

Hosts fun events such as:

- Week of the Young Child
- National Lutheran Schools Week
- Children's Holiday Gift Shop
- Trivia Night
- Teacher Appreciation
- Fish Stand
- Golf Tournament
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Grandparents Day!

- ☐ Coordinates volunteers for events and creates fellowship among Zion families

WHAT ACTIVITIES DO WE SUPPORT?

- Transportation
- Celebrations
- New Curriculum
- Teacher Support
- Facility Updates
- AR Prizes
- New Technology
- Classroom Items
- Staff Appreciation
- ...and more!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Volunteer
- Attend Meetings
- Join an Event Committee
- Donate
- Take Photos

NEED INFORMATION?

- Look out for *Panther Paws* emails
- Attend PTL General Meetings



If you have any questions, please reach out. We are here to help!

2023-24 PTL Board Members

Nikki Fraser, President (nikki_fraser@hotmail.com)

Jennifer Davis, Vice-President

Shelby Bertels, Treasurer

Rachel Mosser, Secretary

Ongoing Information

2024-2025 School Year Documentation

The following documentation is needed on or before final registration, which is on August 5th 2024. Please get your documentation for the upcoming school year to Mrs. Bertels.

Inclement Weather Announcement

Zion does not always follow the public school in inclement weather closures. Zion will not always close due to cold temperatures. Please be aware that a parent alert will go out if Zion is closed due to road conditions.

- We will always use parent alerts to inform you of school closures. If you have not been receiving parent alerts, please contact the office as soon as possible.

School Apparel Shop

Your NEW 24/7 Zion Lutheran School Sideline Store is officially up and running. To celebrate, we're offering fans an epic, month-long promotion--25% OFF sitewide when you use code **SPRIT**. Stop reading and start shopping to score the latest fan wear and accessories. Then get out there and cheer on your team. Go Zion Lutheran School! <http://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/illinois/staunton/zion-lutheran-school>

Sunday School Classes are every Sunday from 9:30-10:15

- Early Childhood: 3 years-1st grade in the PreK Room (Mrs. Wyatt/Ms. Fletcher)
- Elementary: 2nd- 5th grade in Ms. Chapman's classroom (Ms. Johnson)
- Youth Bible study: 6th-12th grade in Mrs. Cook's classroom
- Adult Study in the cafeteria

Sports:

Any child playing a school sport needs to complete the **concussion information sheet** along with the **sports handbook policy waiver** before they begin their sport. This will be kept in their student file. Please stop by the office if you are in need of these.

Restaurant Fundraiser Dates

Please support our local merchants. A percentage of your meal will be donated to support Zion! Thank you to our local merchants!

Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights

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

El Indio

2nd. Wed. of the month.

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

3rd Wed. of the month

Asian Bistro Fundraiser Nights

Last Wednesday of each month. No flyer needed, just mention Zion to their staff.

Zion Collects the Following Fundraiser

Opportunities (Collected in school office)

- Little Italy's Proof of Purchase can be dropped off in the school office
- Raise Right (Formerly Scrip)
Go to RaiseRight.com or download the new Raise Right app on your phone to get started. The Zion enrollment code is FC3ALE174778. program.
 - Orders may be placed on line at RaiseRight.com or you may also call Michelle (618-660-5044) or e-mail her at michrant@gmail.com or drop off at the school or church offices.

If you have additional questions, please contact Michelle Rantanen. **Remember, a percentage of all of your scrip purchases will be deducted from your monthly tuition!**

Choir Dates

"Joyful Noise" 3rd-8th grade

"Praise Him" 4yr PreK-2nd grade

- April 14, 10:30 service, "Joyful Noise"

Lunch/Snack Fees

Every Friday if your child has an IOU for snacks and/or lunches, a purple slip is sent home with the amount. Please ask your child if they have been receiving any.

March 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ENTRÉE ALTERNATE: Peanut Butter & Jelly or Riblet				1 Sloppy Joes Chips Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk Early Dismissal
4 Chicken Tacos Sour Cream Salsa Flour Tortilla Spanish Rice Mixed Fruit Milk	5 Chili Mac Green Beans Bread & Butter Fries Rice Krispy Treats Milk	6 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Baked Beans Cole Slaw Brownies Milk	7 Pancakes w/Butter Syrup Sausage Peaches Milk	8 Chicken Nuggets Tator Tots Corn Jello Milk Early Dismissal
11 Biscuits & Gravy Sausage Roasted Potatoes Dirt Cake Milk	12 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes And Gravy Corn Chocolate Pie Milk	13 Hot Dogs on Bun Macaroni & Cheese Peas Vanilla Pudding Milk	14 Mostaccioli Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Garlic Toast Fruit Salad Milk	15 Turkey Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Dressing Corn Chocolate Chip Cookies Milk
18 Roasted Chicken Twice Baked Potatoes Carrots Lemon Pound Cake Milk	19 Beef Nachos w/Corn Chips Sour Cream Salsa Fried Rice Mixed Fruit Milk	20 French Toast w/Syrup Bacon Hashbrowns Peaches Milk	21 Chicken Patty Tater Tots Peas Pears Milk	22 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Carrots & Celery Sticks Applesauce Milk
25	26	27	28	29
				



Zion Youth Group Presents

Trivia Night

Tables of 8-10 \$15 per person
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**When:** April 6, 2024

Doors open @ 6pm,  
starts @ 7pm

**Where:**

Staunton  
Country Club

## **50/50 RAFFLE- SILENT AUCTION**

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS! WATER AND SODA WILL  
BE PROVIDED (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST) ALL OTHER  
BEVERAGES MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE  
COUNTRY CLUB.

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RESERVE A TABLE BY CONTACTING KRISTI AT

Kristi.Cook@zion-school.org or 618-972-5239

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PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS SENDING 4 ADULT  
LEADERS TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE  
IN JULY AND YOUTH ATTENDING THE NATIONAL  
YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS IN 2025





21 MARCH



# WORLD **DOWN** SYNDROME DAY

Every year on March 21, people all around the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks.

**WHY MARCH 21?** People with Down Syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome

**WHY SOCKS?** In a karyotype (close up picture of chromosomes) the chromosomes resemble colorful, patterned socks. Your DNA is what makes you unique!



- Luxury hotel, timeshares or resort stays
- Gift certificates or gift cards
- Unique tours (i.e. historic, brewery, winery, distillery)
- Gas gift cards
- Hot air balloon or helicopter ride
- Pet sitting or boarding
- Event tickets (i.e. theater, music or comedy concert, sporting event)
- Private, insider tours of local businesses or factories
- Year of car washes (once a month for a year)
- Vintage and rare bottles of wine
- Private wine or beer tasting with 10 friends
- Craft Brewery sample pack/tasting
- Cooking lesson from award-winning local chef
- Jewelry
- Food pairings event—pairing food with wines, beers or bourbon

- Signed memorabilia (helmet, jersey, balls, bats, gloves, practice gear, hat)
- Passes to golf tournament
- Pro lessons for any sport
- Tee time at a luxury or private golf course
- Personal trainer certificate
- Spa visit or complete makeover with a local stylist
- Dancing lessons
- Tickets to theme parks
- Photo shoot with professional photographer
- Group paintball, laser tag, ice skating or other outing
- New iPhone, iPad, Apple watch, Kindle, Nook, digital camera, etc.
- Movies tickets + concessions gift card
- Strike it Rich: A collection of different types of lottery tickets
- Limo ride to view holiday light displays
- Any type of unopened alcohol for an alcohol drawing





## **Staunton Community Blood Drive**

### **Ralph and Josephine Oltmann Community Center**

101 West Pearl  
Staunton, IL 62088

**Friday, April 12, 2024  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.

**Make an impact: Come give blood 4/8 to 4/28 for a \$10  
gift card by email to a merchant of choice!**

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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# Zion Lutheran

## 2023-2024 School Calendar

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 8       | Final Registration                                                    |
| August 14      | Orientation Night                                                     |
| August 16      | First Day of School                                                   |
| August 21      | First Day of 4-year-old PreK                                          |
| August 22      | First Day of 3-year-old PreK                                          |
| September 1    | No School—Teachers' Professional Development                          |
| September 4    | No school—Labor Day                                                   |
| October 6      | No School—Teachers' Professional Development                          |
| October 9      | No School—Columbus Day                                                |
| October 13     | (End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter)                                      |
| October 25     | 1:45 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-7:00                   |
| October 26     | 1:45 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-7:00                   |
| October 27     | No School                                                             |
| November 3     | 12:00 Dismissal—School Improvement                                    |
| November 22-24 | No School—Thanksgiving Holiday                                        |
| December 1     | 12:00 Dismissal—School Improvement                                    |
| Dec 20-Jan 5   | Christmas Break (End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter)                      |
| January 8      | School Resumes (End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter)                       |
| January 15     | No School—Martin Luther King Jr Day                                   |
| February 2     | 12:00 Dismissal—School Improvement                                    |
| February 19    | No School—Presidents' Day                                             |
| Feb 26-Mar 1   | IOWA Testing Week                                                     |
| March 1        | 12:00 Dismissal—School Improvement                                    |
| March 8        | 12:00 Dismissal—Special Friends' Day (End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter) |
| March 25-Apr 1 | No School—Easter Break                                                |
| Apr 2          | School Resumes                                                        |
| Apr 8          | No School—Eclipse Day                                                 |
| May 1 & 2      | Parent-Teacher Conferences (no change to the day)                     |
| May 3          | No School                                                             |
| May 22         | 12:00 Dismissal (Last School Day if all 5 Emergency Days are used)    |

### Dates Zion Deviates from the Public School Calendar

|                          | <u>Zion</u>                                  | <u>Public School</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| October 6                | No School                                    | ½ day                |
| October 13               | Normal<br>(No afternoon bus service)         | 2pm dismissal        |
| Dec 20 & 21<br>Jan 4 & 5 | No School                                    | Normal               |
| March 8                  | 12pm Dismissal<br>(No afternoon bus service) | 2pm Dismissal        |
| April 8                  | No School                                    | Normal               |
| Mar 25/26                | No School                                    | Normal               |
| May 22                   | 12pm Dismissal<br>(No afternoon bus service) | 2pm Dismissal        |