



Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran Panther Paws

Worship Opportunities

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

Contact Information

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

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

April 18, 2024

Bible Verse of the Week

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
-Matthew 7:7

Important Upcoming Dates

(Sports dates are listed under sports)

Apr. 23 Mobile Dairy Unit

Apr. 24 Family Night 6:00-8:00

Apr. 26 Presentation for 8th graders from Staunton Public School Guidance Counselor 2:00

May 1 & 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences

May 2 1st & 2nd grade field trip

May 3 No School

May 6 Athletic Banquet

May 9 8th Grade Graduation 7:00

May 14 PreK 4 year & Kindergarten Graduation 7:00

May 15 Zion Field Day

May 16 Last day of school, PreK-8 have 11:45 dismissal (daycare will remain open for the afternoon)

Confirmation Dates

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

4/23 Isabella Foulk

4/23 Mrs. Bertels

Please Pray For

- Isabella Foulk, Mrs. Bertels, Emma Brunsworth, Raylan Hunt, Brooke Davis, Anna Mansholt, Madelyn France, and Brent Ruehrup
- A heartfelt consideration of Zion Lutheran school for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Zion Lutheran Board of Trustees

Announcements

In the Know:

Stay up to date with church news by simply scanning the QR code at anytime with your device to be directed to the Zion Lutheran website.



2024-2025 Zion Pre-Registration

Registration forms have been sent home. If you are needing a new one, please contact Mrs. Bertels. If you have yet to send in registration, please respond to Mrs. Crouch's survey that was sent out on Tuesday, 4/9. Registration fees are non-refundable.

SCHEDULE 2024-2025 HEALTH EXAMS

Please Schedule Necessary Health Exams for Next Fall **Now!** All exams must be completed by final registration on August 5, 2024. If your child is not able to get their exam before final registration due to insurance timeframes, please bring the scheduled date of the next exam during final registration.

Preschoolers need: Birth Certificate (may be a copy), Current health physical form and proof of immunizations.

Kindergarten: Birth Certificate (may be a copy), Health physical, proof of up to date immunizations, Lead level test, Eye Exam, and Dental Exam

2nd grade: Dental Exam

6th grade: Health exam with up-to-date immunizations, Dental Form

Grades 3-8-if playing sports: Sports Physical Sixth graders health physical will count as a sports physical, but a sports physical will not count as a health exam!

A message from Mrs. Crouch:

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to share some staffing updates for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

Firstly, I want to inform you that Mrs. Engelhardt will be taking a position much closer to her home next year. She has expressed her love for her time here at Zion and has cherished the wonderful relationships she has built with students, families, and staff alike. While she will miss everyone dearly, the long commute from St. Louis to Staunton has prompted this decision. We wish Mrs. Engelhardt all the best in her new endeavor and are grateful for the time she dedicated to serving at Zion.

On a brighter note, I am thrilled to announce that Mrs. Best has decided to stay with us for one more year! We are incredibly blessed to continue benefiting from Mrs. Best's expertise, wisdom, and dedication to our students and school community.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are currently advertising for two positions: an elementary teacher and a middle school teacher. Rest assured, we have a team of experienced staff members who are capable of teaching in various grade levels to ensure continuity and excellence in education, thus we will hire one new staff member for the 2024-2025 school year who can meet the needs of our school.

We are also seeking a new Head Cook, as Mrs. Patty is retiring. We will miss her tremendously but wish her well on her retirement.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these transitions and look forward to another successful school year ahead.

Zion Family Night:

Zion Family Night will be April 24, 2024. We have our Touch a Truck event along with Riverbend Ax Throwing. **In order for your child to do the ax throwing they must have closed toed shoes on.** We will also be drawing our 2 lucky winners of the PTL Hog Raffle. We look forward to a fun night of fellowship.

PTL Hog Raffle-See flyer below

Details are as follows:

- 2 winners will receive ½ a hog processed to winner specifications by Korte Meats
- Drawing will be Wednesday, April 24th at 7 pm
- Winner need not be present to win
- Proceeds directly benefit the students of Zion
- Payment can be accepted as cash, check, or Venmo. Venmo: @Nikki_fraser

Mobile Dairy Unit

We are blessed to have the Southwest Dairy Farmers coming with their Mobile Dairy Unit Tuesday April 23.

Each Mobile Dairy Classroom Program includes:

- A 30- to 45-minute oral presentation (Depending on the age of audience) by a trained Instructor
- Printed educational material for teachers and students
- A milking demonstration

Instructors teach audiences:

- Characteristics and anatomy of dairy cows
- The importance of dairy foods for good health
- The modern milking process
- Modern environmental and food safety practices

Zion Field Day

Zion Field Day will be on May 15. This is a day of fun for our students to celebrate the school year coming to an end. We are in need of some volunteers. If you are willing to help, even for a little bit on Wednesday, May 15, please contact shelby.bertels@zion-school.org or pam.kleckner@zion-school.org

Reading Club:

Thank you Mrs. Best and volunteers for all you've done for our students this year. The last day of reading club is 4/24/24.

Chapel Offerings:

Every Wednesday at 8:30am. Parents and friends are invited to join. 4th Quarter offerings will be going to the Macoupin Center for the Developmentally Disabled, MCDD.

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

No Meeting for March

Friday, Apr. 26-3:30-4:30

Sunday, May 19- 1:00-2:00 last meeting

Youth Group (6th-12th gr.)

Middle/High School Youth Group:

May 5 3-5 p.m.

Summer will be pop-up fellowship events with 24-48 hour notice. You must have Team Snap to get notifications for summer activities.

Upcoming Fellowship Events:

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

Sports Activities/Schedule

All schedules are attached below.

Athletic Banquet

May 6 Athletic Banquet

Track and Field: Coach Mrs. Mosser, Mrs. Davis, & Mr. Brunsworth

Practices: (TBA practices will be sent via email)

Thursday, April 18 - @Mt. Olive

Monday, April 22 - TBA

Tuesday, April 23 @ SHS 3:15-5:00

Thursday, April 25 - TBA

Monday, April 29 @ SHS 3:15-5:00

Tuesday, April 30 @ SHS 3:15-5:00

Meets:

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

June 9, 2024 @ 6:00 in the School Cafeteria

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.

<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](https://www.raise-right.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](https://www.raise-right.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-TBA

"Joyful Noise" 3rd-8th grade

"Praise Him" 4yr PreK-2nd grade

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.

APRIL 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 ENTRÉE ALTERNATE: Peanut Butter & Jelly	2 Cheeseburger Macaroni (Hamburger Helper) Corn Dirt Cake Milk	3 Chicken Nuggets Tator Tots Carrots Pears Milk	4. Crisпитos w/Salsa Sour Cream Cole Slaw Vanilla Pudding Milk	5. Beef & Noodles Mashed Potatoes w/Brown Gravy Green Beans Brownie Cake Milk
8 No School	9. Hamburger or Cheeseburger Cheese Fries Green Beans Applesauce Milk	10. Pulled Pork Sandwich Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peas Blueberry Crumb Cake Milk	11. Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Carrots Peaches Milk	12. Biscuits & Gravy Hashbrowns Sausage Pears Milk
15. Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Hashbrowns Mixed Fruit Milk	16. Beef Tacos w/Cheese, Sour Cream, & Salsa on a Floured Tortilla Corn Brownies Milk	17. Chicken Sandwich Tator Tots Green Beans Banana Pudding w/Vanilla Wafers Milk	18. Hot Dogs Fries Peas Apple Dump Cake Milk	19. Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Carrot Sticks Chocolate Cake Milk
22. Pancakes w/Syrup and Butter Bacon Peaches Milk	23. Chicken Parm w/Red Sauce Corn Garlic Toast Pears Milk	24. Chef Salad w/Cheese, Ham, & Turkey Garlic Bread Stick Mixed Fruit Milk	25. French Toast w/Syrup and Butter Cinnamon Apples Sausage Milk	26. Sloppy Joes Fries Carrots Brownies Milk
29. Corn Dogs Cheese Fries Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	30. Chicken Nachos w/Cheese Sauce Sour Cream Salsa Side Salad Pears Milk			

Position: Full-time Head Cook

About Us: Zion Lutheran School's mission is to guide students to academic excellence and to prepare them to be Christian leaders. This can be seen throughout the school in students and staff. We prioritize serving nutritious and delicious meals to support children's growth and development. We are currently seeking a dedicated and hard-working school cook.

Job Description: As a School Cook at Zion, you will play a crucial role in ensuring that our students receive wholesome and balanced meals that meet both dietary guidelines and safety standards of the State of Illinois. You will plan menus, prepare meals, maintain records, monetary logs, and ordering logs, as well as clean and keep an organized kitchen. The ideal candidate is passionate about cooking, knowledgeable about food safety and nutrition, and committed to providing high-quality meals for our students.

Responsibilities:

- Prepare and cook a nutritious lunch and snack, in accordance with ISBE guidelines and menus.
- Ensure that all meals and snacks meet dietary guidelines, including accommodating special dietary needs and food allergies.
- Maintain proper food handling, storage, and sanitation practices.
- Must get managerial food servicing license.
- Monitor inventory and order supplies and ingredients as needed.
- Prepare monthly menus.
- Clean and sanitize kitchen equipment, utensils, and work areas to maintain a hygienic and safe environment.
- Adhere to food safety regulations and standards set forth by local health authorities.

Qualifications:

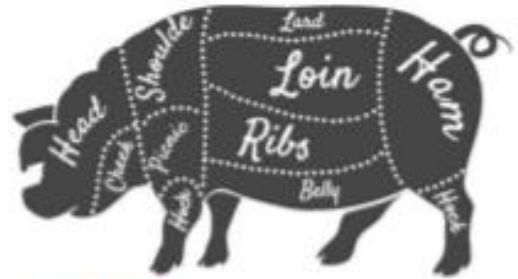
- Experience is preferred but not required.
- Knowledge of food safety and sanitation practices.
- Familiarity with menu planning and recipe development.
- Excellent communication and teamwork abilities
- Flexibility to menu changes, schedules, and dietary requirements.
- High School Diploma or GED equivalent
- Must pass thorough background check.
- Must be willing to get Managerial Food Service License

How to apply: If you are interested in this position, you may pick up an application and apply at Zion Lutheran School. Please submit your resume and cover letter outlining your experiences and qualifications.

Application Deadline: April 10, 2024



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Hog Raffle

Funds raised will go toward new flooring in the bathrooms

2 Winners will receive a 1/2 a hog

Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20

Cash, Check, or Venmo accepted @nikki_fraser

Drawing will be Wednesday, April 24th at 7pm during Family Night

**Attendance is not required*

Raffle is registered with the City of Staunton

Family Name _____

Name	Phone number # of \$10 tickets sold	# of 3 for \$10 tickets sold	Amount of Money owed

Total tickets sold _____ Total money collected _____



Metro-East Lutheran High School Summer Activity Camps 2024



Girls Basketball

- **May 28- May 31, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.**
- Grades 4-8
- Cost: \$50, Includes T-shirt

Lady Knights Coach Rob Stock directs this camp, which features fun contests, group competition, offensive and defensive skill development and more.



Boys Volleyball

- **May 28- May 31, 10 a.m.-Noon**
- Grades 5-9
- Cost: \$50, Includes T-shirt

Coach Jason Batty will lead this camp focused on learning the fundamentals of volleyball in a fun, energetic way.



Boys Basketball

- **May 28- May 31, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**
- Grades 4-8
- Cost: \$50, Includes T-shirt

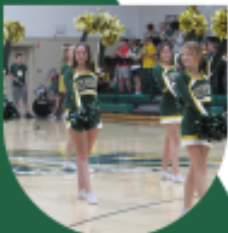
Coach Anthony Smith, the boys basketball coaching staff and members of the Knights team work athletes through a fun but intense camp.



Scholar Bowl

- **June 10-June 14, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**
- Grades 6-9
- Cost: \$50, Includes T-shirt

Coach Shanna Covarrubias and the MELHS team will help attendees learn the basics of scholar bowl, master new content and make new friends.



Girls Volleyball

- **June 10-June 13, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.**
- Grades 4-9
- Cost: \$50, Includes T-shirt

The MELHS volleyball coaches will lead this camp to help players learn new skills and develop their game.

Cheer Camp

- **June 17- June 20, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.**
- Grades 1-8
- Cost: \$50, Includes T-shirt and bow

This camp will be focused on learning skills for cheers, a routine, jumps, tumbling and fun games. A closing performance will be held at 5: 30 p.m. on the last day.



Robotics Camp 1

- **June 24- June 27, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**
- Grades 4-5
- Cost: \$65, includes T-shirt

Robotics Camp offers an engaging learning experience for students interested in robotics, programming, and technology. Participants will explore the fundamentals of programming and robotics using LEGO Spike Prime sets. The highlight of camp is the head-to-head robot battles, where students test their skills in exciting competitions.



Advanced Robotics Camp

- **June 24-June 27, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.**
- Grades 6-8
- Cost: \$120, includes robot

This camp offers an immersive experience for students who are passionate about robotics, engineering, and programming. Participants will have the unique opportunity to design, assemble, and program their own mini-bot under the guidance of experienced mentors from the MELHS Robotics team. The camp will culminate in an exciting match of robot soccer.



Drama Camp

- **July 8-July 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**
- Grades 6-9
- Cost: \$325, includes T-shirt

The MELHS Theatre Department will teach students the basics of musical performance, including acting, technical theatre, dance, and vocal performance. The camp will conclude with a final performance of a mini musical.



Football Camp

- **July 22-July 25, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.**
- Grades 1-8
- Cost: \$50, includes T-shirt

The Knights coaching staff and team members will lead athletes through a week of learning the basics of the game and developing skills.



Dance Camp

- **July 23-July 26, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**
- Grades K-8
- Cost: \$50, includes Bow

This camp will teach the fundamentals of dance and help students improve their skills through fun dance and activities.

TO REGISTER FOR CAMP: Go to www.melhs.org and click on the Summer Camp link on the Athletics tab. Payment can be dropped off in advance at the school office or on the first day of camp. Checks should be payable to MELHS.

Please note: grades listed are for students entering those grades for the 2024-2025 school year.

2nd Annual Youth Retreat

Chosen

July 16-18

When:

JULY 16TH AT 5PM
THROUGH
JULY 18TH AT
NOON

\$60

per person

Where:

Rustic Acres
Jellystone Park

12246 Binney Rd
New Douglas, IL 62074

Who:

Youth
entering
7th-9th grade
in the fall

Join us for a 2 night retreat at Rustic Acres!
Our YouthLead team will be leading Bible
study sessions, fun team building activities,
servant event, and some time to relax at
the pool and by the bonfire.
Space is limited! Registration will be first
come first serve.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL JUNE 16

Rustic Acres Youth Retreat 2024 Registration

Youth entering 7-9th grades in the fall are eligible to attend. The registration fee of \$60 is due with the form. **Registration fees are non-refundable and are due by Sunday, June 15.** Space is limited. Spots will be filled on a first come/first serve basis.

Name: _____

Youth phone number: _____

Grade entering in the fall: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone number: _____

Additional emergency contact name & number: _____

Email address (please print clearly): _____

T-shirt size: Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL Adult XXL

Allergies: _____

Medical conditions we should be aware of and treatment plan (ex. asthma - inhaler): _____

Additional information & a packing list will be emailed after the June 15 registration deadline. Contact Kristi Cook with any questions - Kristi.cook@zion-school.org

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2023-2024 School Calendar

- 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 1st 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 2nd Quarter)*
- January 8 School Resumes *(End of 2nd 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 3rd 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 <i>(No afternoon bus service)</i>	2pm dismissal
Dec 20 & 21 Jan 4 & 5	No School	Normal
March 8	12pm Dismissal <i>(No afternoon bus service)</i>	2pm Dismissal
April 8	No School	Normal
Mar 25/26	No School	Normal
May 22	12pm Dismissal <i>(No afternoon bus service)</i>	2pm Dismissal