



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

May 15, 2024

Bible Verse of the Week

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28

Important Upcoming Dates

Have a great summer!

August 5: Final Registration: 9am-2pm & 5pm-7pm
August 13: Orientation Night
All families must attend both final registration and Orientation

Birthdays

5/18 Jolee Herendeen
5/21 Eleanor Krayniak
5/29 Lilly Bratten
5/30 Colton Sharp

Please Pray For

- Jolee Herendeen, Eleanor Krayniak, Lilly Bratten, Colton Sharp, Stella Stutz, Isaac Rantanen, Brooke Hemken, Amelia DeVries, Aleah Wyatt, Jacob Foulk, Eli McMahon, Paul Beckwith, and Elizabeth Schoen.
- The Board of Parish Education
- The Board of Zion Church Youth

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.



Summer Office Hours

There are no set hours in the office for the summer. Mrs. Bertels will be in and out sporadically. Please email shelby.bertels@zion-school.org to make arrangements if you would like to meet. Thank you.

Final Grades

Final report cards will be emailed out on Friday, May 24, 2024.

State Bound

Zion track athletes are state bound! Please pray for safe travels for our athletes, coaches, and families. Good luck to Landon DeVries, Mattie Marburger, Anna Mosser, Jace Sharp, and Aleah Wyatt.

Tuition Payments

May invoices have been sent out. The due date is May 31. This is the last payment of the 23-24 school year.

- If you indicated on your 2024-2025 registration form you plan to be on the 12 month plan, you will receive your first invoice for next school year in June 2024. Please contact the office before the end of May, if you changed your mind about selecting the 10 mos. or 12 mos. plan.
- Those signed up for the 10 mos. plan will receive their first invoice in August. Preschool invoices will begin in August as well.

2024-2025 School Year Documentation

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

K Immunizations:

- 2 Varicella
- Hep B Series (3)
- 2 MMR
- DTap series (4)
- Polio Series (3)
- Hib Series
- Pneumococcal Series

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!

- Eye Exams: Must be completed by an Optometrist. Eye exams are valid for 12 months prior to the October 15, 2024 deadline
- Dental Exam: Must be completed within 18 months prior to May 15th deadline
- If your child is playing catch up on immunizations, there must be a written note from your physician.

There are health forms in the office if you need one for your appointment.

Summer Reading:

15 minutes seems to be the "magic number" at which students start seeing substantial positive gains in reading achievement; students who read just over a half-hour to an hour per day see the greatest gains of all.

Reading Growth and the Benefits of Reading 15 Minutes | Renaissance

<https://www.renaissance.com/2018/01/23/blog-magic-15-minutes-reading-practice-reading-growth/#blog-main-header-1>

Now Hiring:

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we have one teaching position available: an elementary teacher and/or middle school teacher. Our team of experienced staff members is capable of teaching across various grade levels, ensuring continuity and excellence in education. We look forward to welcoming a new staff member for our 2024-2025 school year who can meet the needs of our school.

We are also seeking a talented Head Cook to join our team.

If interested, please reach out to Mrs. Crouch at Jamie.crouch@zion-school.org or contact our school office at 618-635-3060 ext. 1. Applications can be collected in the school office.

Metro-East Lutheran High School has an opening for a full-time English teacher to join our dynamic and growing school community for the 24/25 school year. Interested candidates should send a resume to Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, at jay.krause@melhs.org. If you have specific questions please call 618-656-0043

SWAP

The S.W.A.P. Program at Zion is open to all area children. You do not have to be a student at Zion Lutheran School or a member of Zion Lutheran Church. For more information regarding the S.W.A.P. Program, please contact Mrs. Pam Kleckner at 635-3060 or email: pam.kleckner@zion-school.org. and see details below.

Summer Instrumental Music Lessons:

Mr. Meador will be offering summer lessons starting the week of May 29th. These lessons are perfect for middle/high school students playing a band instrument who have 1 year of playing experience and are interested in advancing their skills over the summer! Lessons will be \$25 for a half hour lesson and will take place in the music room at MELHS. If you are interested, please email Mr. Meador at joseph.meador@melhs.org.

The 4th Grade Rockets-Written by the 4th Grade 4th grade built rockets with soda bottles to launch our Eggernauts into space. We built a capsule for our eggernauts . We used lent,bubble wrap,easter grass, cotton balls and stuffed animals to keep our eggernauts safe. We had 3 die and 3 survived ! We had groups of 2. Some went high and some went low. The more weight you had the lower your rocket went.We had fun building and launching our rockets!

What Makes Zion Special: from Zion 7th Grade

"Zion.....is THE PERFECT school for me.....and I.....encourage you to follow my choices...and attend Zion...Lutheran...School"

"It's not just about learning subjects, doing homework, getting good grades, it's also about making new friends which create memories that will forever be in your heart."

"Going to Zion has molded all its students into wonderful people that are connected with Jesus."

"Zion sports are not competitive. The coaches do not stress if our team is winning or losing the game. They encourage us to play our hardest and to not give up."

"My favorite thing about sports was enjoying the time with my friends and getting to play with them."

"Sports is one of the major aspects of what makes Zion special to me. I will always remember the memories and friends that I have made playing sports. Thank you."

"Some memories are unforgettable, remaining ever vivid and heartwarming."-Joseph B Wirthlin
"Memories are what makes Zion so special."

"I can't imagine myself going to a different school. Zion really is the best school I could ever ask for. Thank you to my Zion family!"

"Together, we have tackled challenges with determination, and celebrated victories big and small. We share the memories of the people close to us and those who have touched our lives."

Staunton Sportsman Club Fishing Derby

The Staunton Sportsmans Club will be hosting their annual fishing derby on May 19. There will be food, prizes, and trophies. Every child gets a fishing derby t-shirt.

- K-2nd grades fish from 1:00-2:00pm
- 3rd -8th grades fish from 1:00-3:00

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 Youth Group until next school year. Have a great summer!

Youth Group (6th-12th gr.)

Middle/High School Youth Group:

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.

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

Practices: Practices for our state qualifiers will be sent out privately from Mrs. Mosser

Meets:

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

Good Luck to our State Qualifiers:

Landon DeVries, Mattie Marburger, Anna Mosser, Jace Sharp, and Aleah Wyatt

PTL Dates & Fundraisers

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

Below are links for the sign up genius for the Zion PTL Fish Stand and Golf Tournament. It is early, however it is imperative that we have enough Zion family support to make these successful events. Please consider a spot or two at each of these events.

Fish Stand:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAAF2DA1FEC61-49243707-zion>

Golf Tournament:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAAF2DA1FEC61-49244956-zion>

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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!

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.

Ongoing Information

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

Zion Lutheran School Sideline Store:

<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

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:

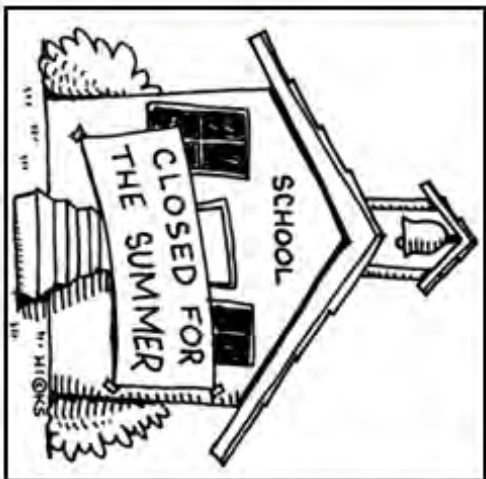
- Experience is preferred but not required.
- Knowledge of food safety and sanitation practices.
- Familiarity with menu planning and recipe development.
- Excellent communication and teamwork abilities
- Flexibility to menu changes, schedules, and dietary requirements.
- High School Diploma or GED equivalent
- 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



**ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL
2024
S.W.A.P. PROGRAM**



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S.W.A.P.
(Summer With A Purpose)

Zion Lutheran School
220 W. Henry Street
Staunton, IL 62088
618-635-3060

FUN CAMP
June 10-13

Ages: Entering Kindergarten-11 years of age
Monday-Thursday: 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Join us for a fun filled week of activities.

Monday: Craft Day
Tuesday: Cooking Day
Wednesday: Game Day
Thursday: Outdoor Fun Day
*Cost: \$45.00

ART CAMP
June 17-20

Ages: Entering Kindergarten -11 years of age
Monday-Thursday 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Join us for a week of art exploration! Get creative while drawing and painting many different types of art projects.
Cost: \$45.00

MESS CAMP
June 24-27

Ages: Entering Kindergarten-11 year of age
Mon.-Thurs. 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Come dressed for some messy fun as we explore!
Cost: \$45.00

SCIENCE CAMP
July 8-11

Ages: Entering Kindergarten-11 years of age
Monday-Thursday 1:00 pm-3:30 pm.
Explore the world of science and STEM through fun and exciting hands-on experiments.
Cost \$45.00

CHOCOLATE CAMP
July 15-18

Ages: Entering Kindergarten-11 years of age
Monday-Thursday 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Do you know how chocolate is made? Come learn about chocolate and eat some also. We will read the book "The Chocolate Touch."

Vacation Bible School
Celebrate the Savior
July 22-26

Ages: Preschool -entering 5th grade
Older students may be helpers.
Monday-Friday: 9:00 am -11:45 am
Join us as we learn about Jesus through stories, music, crafts, and more.

Payment must accompany registration. No refunds will be issued unless the camp or event is cancelled. Registration fee can be transferred to another camp.



SWAP 2024 REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Phone Number: _____

Age: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Year of school completed: _____ Birth Date: _____

Please list any allergies: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Please Mark Appropriate Activity

_____ Fun Camp, June 10-13 \$45.00
_____ Art Camp, June 17-20 \$45.00
_____ Mess Camp: June 24-27 \$45.00

_____ Science Camp: July 8-11 \$45.00
_____ Chocolate Camp: July 15-18 \$45.00
_____ VBS: July 22-26 Free (separate registration Form required)

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



Zion Lutheran

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	<i>(End of 1st Quarter)</i>
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 <i>(End of 2nd Quarter)</i>
January 8	School Resumes <i>(End of 2nd Quarter)</i>
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 <i>(End of 3rd Quarter)</i>
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
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August 30	No School-LESA PD Day
September 2	No school-Labor Day
October 11	No School-SID PD Day
October 18	<i>(End of 1st Quarter)</i>
October 23	2:00 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 24	2:00 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 25	No School
November 11	No School-Veterans' Day
November 25-29	No School-Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 23-Jan 6	Christmas Break <i>(End of 2nd Quarter)</i>
January 7	School Resumes
January 20	No School-Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 17	No School-Presidents' Day
Feb 24-Feb 28	IOWA Testing Week
March 7	12:00 Dismissal-Special Friends' Day
March 14	<i>(End of 3rd Quarter)</i>
Apr 14-Apr 21	No School-Easter Break
Apr 22	School Resumes
Apr 30-May 1	Parent-Teacher Conferences (no change to the day)
May 2	No School
May 16	12:00 Dismissal-Last day of school (if no emergency days are needed)

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Nov. 4 & 5	Normal <i>(No afternoon bus service)</i>	No School
Nov. 25 & 26	No School	Normal
February 14	Normal	No School
March 7	11.45 Dismissal	Normal
March 14	Normal <i>(No afternoon bus service)</i>	2pm Dismissal
March 28	Normal	No School
May 2	No School	Normal