



Zion Lutheran

Live Life in Christ

Panther Paws

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

The mission at Zion Lutheran School is to guide students toward academic excellence and to be Christian Leaders!

October 24 , 2025

Bible Verse of the Week

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

School News



Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

Sun. 10/26: Praise Him Choir 10:30am

Sun. 10/26: Trunk-or-Treat 4:00-6:00

Tues. 10/28: Boys Volleyball 8th Grade Night

Weds. 10/29: Parent-Teacher Conferences 2pm Dismissal

Thurs. 10/30: Parent-Teacher Conferences 2pm Dismissal

Fri. 10/31: No School

Sun. 11/02: Reformation Day Hymn Sing 2pm

Sun. 11/09: Better Together Sunday 10am

October Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

- Riley Morgan
- Violet Bono

In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Riley and Violet.
- The Brunnworth Family.

Announcements.

Help us "Trick" Hunger and "Treat" the Food Pantry

Zion Early Childhood Education Center will host its annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 26 from 4-6pm on the lot behind the school. We will be collecting donations for the local food pantry this year as we work together to "Trick" Hunger and "Treat" the Food Pantry.

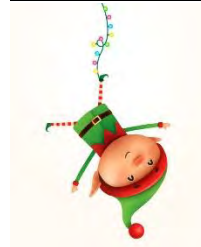


Reformation Hymn Sing

Do you love the hymns and readings of the Reformation? Do you rejoice knowing that we have been saved by

"Grace Alone"? You are invited to join Zion, Staunton for a celebration of the Reformation in word and song. We will begin at 2:00, and worship will be followed by a Chili reception. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate "Grace Alone"!

PTL Christmas Shoppe



Volunteers & donations are needed for the Christmas Shoppe. Please contact Nikki Fraser or drop donation items off in the school office - really need men/boys/teen boy items!

Zion Student Council



Honoring Veterans

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veterans that are special to them. The Student Council will begin selling the flags on Monday, October 27th.

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Thank you!

Zion Student Council



Christmas is Coming!

Help share the news of Jesus' birth by being in the Live Nativity!
Sunday December 7
from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

You can sign up for the 4-5 or 5-6 o'clock shifts. We need Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, and of course, Mary and Joseph! Make it part of your family tradition! Contact Barb Brackman at 618-315-3589 to sign up!

Mark your calendars: Choir Dates

"Joyful Noise" 3rd-8th grade

"Praise Him" 4yr PreK-2nd grade

October 26 10:30am Praise Him

November 9 10am **PreK-8 Sing for Better Together Sunday**

Lunch Bites

(Monthly Lunch Menu Attached Below)

Lunch Menu Changes for the Week of 10/27-10/30:

Monday 10/27: Fish Sticks, Macaroni and Cheese, Greenbeans, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Tuesday 10/28: Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries, Corn, Jello with Pineapple, Milk

Thursday 10/30: Mummy Dogs, Chips w/Dip, Cut Up Veggies, Dirt Cake with Creepy Crawlers, Milk



6th-12th Grade:

Meet in the school gym and bring a snack to share if you would like.

Sunday 11/2: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Sunday 11/16: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Sunday 11/30: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday Night Youth Meet-N-Greet

Joins us Wednesday evenings starting in November for a Meet-N-Greet event with Worden, Hamel and Prairietown Youth Groups RSVP the week before so that we know how many drivers we will need. Please arrive at the school by 6:15 and we will carpool over to Trinity St. Paul in Worden.

Wednesday 11/5: 7pm

Wednesday 11/12: 7pm

Wednesday 11/19: 7pm

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

In addition to adult classes, we have classes for Early Childhood (3 years old through 1st grade), Elementary (2nd- 5th grade), and Youth Bible study (6th-12th grade). Please consider joining us!

More information to come with location and teachers.

Chapel Offerings

Every Wed. the students/staff attend chapel service at 8:30am in the church. Parents and friends are invited to join us as well. Offerings are collected weekly and given to a selected charity per quarter. This quarters offerings will be collected to purchase yoga mats to be donated to OWL (Over Night Warming Locations), a non-profit organization with locations in Alton, Granite City and Edwardsville.

Sports/Activities Schedule

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.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Coaches Heather France

Practice

TBD

Games

October 21/25:

Conference Tournament A Team

Thursday, October 23 @ Trinity,
Edwardsville C/B 6:00/7:00

November 7-9 :STATE A Team
Tournament for teams who
qualify



BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Coaches BJ Davis and Josh Crouch

Practice

TBD

Games

Sat. October 25 - Conference Tournament
MELHS - games at 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12:45pm

Tues. October 28 HOME vs Edwardsville
Middle Schools - games at 6pm and 7pm

Fri. November 7 - Sun. November 9 - STATE
Tournament for teams who qualify



BOYS BASKETBALL

Coach BJ Davis

Practice (6th-8th Grade)

Wednesday 10/29: 3:30-5:30

Thursday 10/30: 3:30-5:30

Volunteers Needed: To help keep the sports program running smoothly we ask that parents and families sign up to help with concessions or working the gate or scorers table. Please click the link below for available times and dates to help with upcoming games. If you do not have a student athlete but would like to help out we would love to have you. Thank you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AAA82BA7FD0-57727712-volleyball>

Zion PTL

We had a great meeting with lively discussion about the future of PTL and upcoming events (be on the lookout for more information about this year's Christmas Shoppe event, December 12th!)

PTL board is short a member, we need a Vice President. If interested or have questions on what this role is please reach

out to Nikki Fraser, Heather France, or BJ Davis.

Next PTL meeting is scheduled for December 7th at 12 pm at Caldera's in Staunton.

Raise Right (Formerly Scrip)

Go to RaiseRight.com or download the new RaiseRight 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. You may drop off scrip orders and payments at the school, daycare, or church office during their regular hours. 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. For immediate purchases, scrip is available during school office hours. We continue to carry our local retailers and our most popular national retailers in inventory.

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!**



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

There are many local businesses that are a part of this program as well such as Mayfields, Blackbird Bakery, Bills IGA, Cavataios and R&B's Family Restaurant to name a few. You can help Zion PTL raise money and receive money off of tuition all while using your scrip cards for your everyday spending. Don't forget birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and any special occasion that comes your way! Plenty of travel scrip cards available as well.

What is Scrip?

Scrip is just another term for gift cards. Scrip fundraising is an easy, no-selling program that allows families to raise money by purchasing scrip cards at face value. Then Zion PTL purchases them for less than face value through Great Lakes Scrip Center. Retailers offer different rebate amounts on scrip cards. Half of the rebate amount goes back to the Zion PTL. **The other HALF of the rebate can be applied toward school tuition, preschool tuition, or daycare payments!** There is also the option to have all of the rebate amount return to the Zion PTL.

Get Started

Go to **RaiseRight.com** on your computer or download the new **RaiseRight** app on your phone to get started. Enroll your family by following the prompts on the screen. **You will need Zions enrollment code: FC3ALE174778** There is no cost to sign up.

There are three kinds of scrip:

Physical Scrip Cards: Many cards are available in the school office or they can be ordered.

EGift Cards: Perfect for last-minute purchases and available to print from home or pull up on your phone.

Reload Existing Card: Add funds on the spot to a card that has already been purchased from ShopWithScrip.

Payments Made Easy

RaiseRight offers three ways to pay:

***Cash or Check:** You can send cash or check to the school, daycare, or church office.

***Bank Account:** Securely link your account. There is a \$0.15 convenience fee per transaction.

***Credit Card:** Securely link your card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) with a 2.60% credit card fee per transaction.

****Online Payments** are for a more convenient, on-the-go way to pay. By making online payments, your eGift cards will be immediately ready to print from home, you will be able to instantly add money to your reloadable cards, and you can shop wherever, whenever on your phone!

How Do I Order?

Orders can be placed and received anyday, anytime. You can call, text, email or send an order form to the school, daycare or church office or contact **Michelle Rantanen: call/text (618)660-5044 or email michrant@gmail.com** Orders can be placed online at **RaiseRight.com** or from your phone with the **RaiseRight** app. There are many scrip cards available for immediate purchase in the school office. For any order not readily available, as long as your order is received by 10am on Monday, it should be ready for pick up on Thursday. Orders may be picked up at the school, daycare or church office. Let us know your preference. Watch for updates in the school Panther Paws. Family and friends can purchase as well. Contact Michelle with any orders or questions.



****Be sure to check the website/app weekly for bonus rebates on your favorite brands!****



Sat. September 27 - Opening Day Tourney Zion, Belleville - games at 1:45pm and 3:15pm plus one more TBD

Mon. October 6 @ Lincoln Middle School (Edwardsville) - games at 6pm and 7pm

Tues. October 7 @ Holy Cross, Collinsville - games at 4:15pm and 6:15pm

Thurs. October 16 @ Trinity, Edwardsville - games at 4:15pm and 6:15pm

Tues. October 21 HOME with conference games at 4:15pm and 6:15pm

Sat. October 25 - Conference Tournament MELHS - games at 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12:45pm

Tues. October 28 HOME vs Edwardsville Middle Schools - games at 6pm and 7pm

Fri. November 7 - Sun. November 9 - STATE Tournament for teams who qualify

September 19/20 C Team Tournament Zion, Belleville C TBA

Tuesday, September 23 @ Good Shepherd B/A
6:00/7:00

September 26/27 A Team Tournament Good Shepherd A TBA

September 25/26/27 D Team Tournament Zion, Belleville D TBA

Monday, September 29 @ Bethalto vs Litchfield B 7:00

Tuesday, September 30 Home vs Trinity, Edwardsville D/A 5:00/7:00

Tuesday, October 7 @ Bethalto vs Zion, Belleville D/A
5:00/7:00

October 10/11/12 Metro-East VB Classic A Team Tournament A TBA

Tuesday, October 14 Home vs. Zion, Belleville C/B
6:00/7:00

Thursday, October 16 @ Holy Cross, Collinsville D/A
5:00/7:00

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6:00/7:00

November 7-9 STATE A Team Tournament for teams who qualify A TBA

**Zion Early Childhood
Education Center**

TRUNK

OR

TREAT

**Sunday, October
26**

4:00pm - 6:00pm

**Zion Lutheran School
220 West Henry St.
Staunton, IL**



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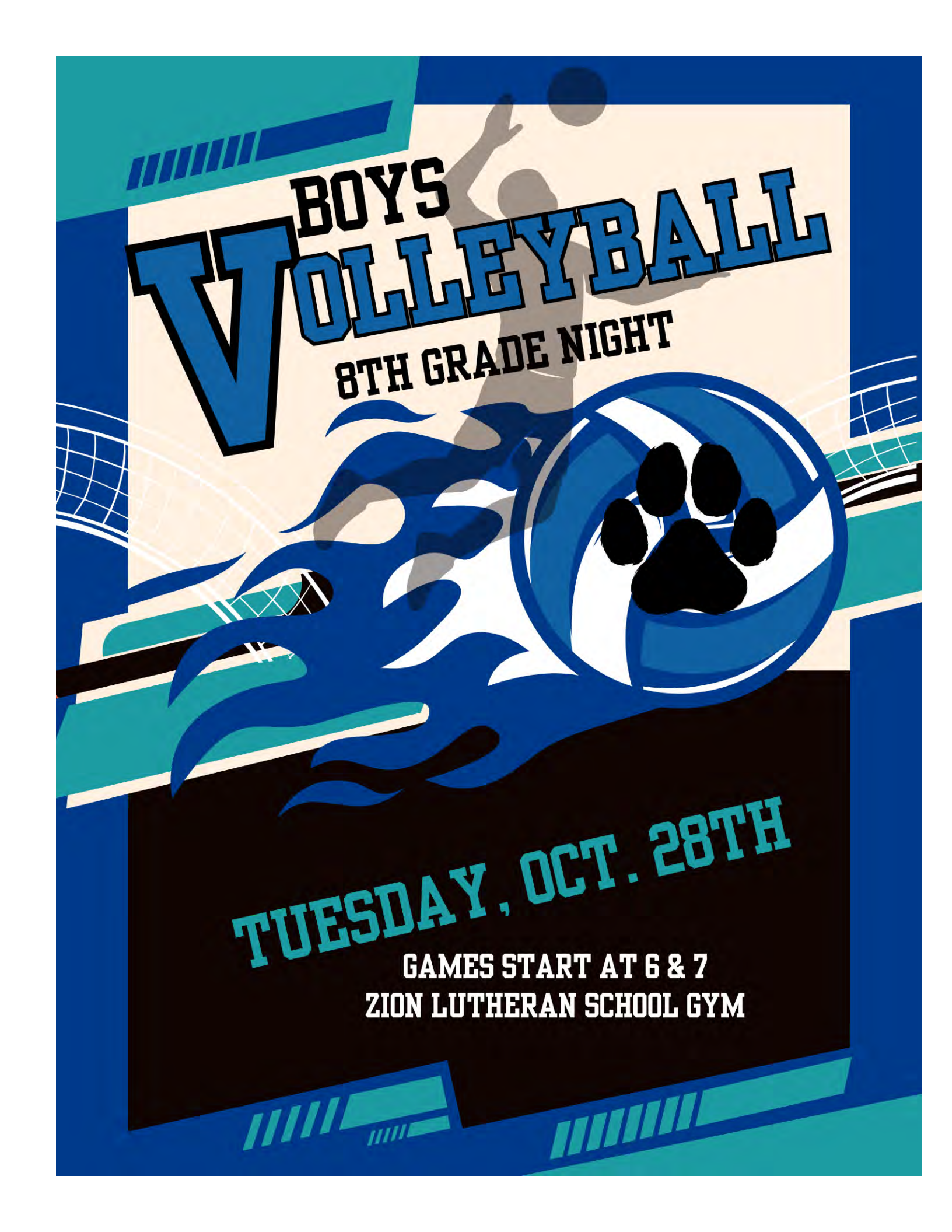
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A stylized poster for a boys' volleyball event. The background is a mix of blue, teal, and black. In the center, a grey silhouette of a volleyball player is shown in a jumping pose, reaching for a ball. To the right of the player is a large, detailed volleyball with a black paw print on its white panel. Below the player are stylized blue and white waves. The text is arranged in a dynamic, angled layout. At the top left, the word 'BOYS' is in black. Below it, 'VOLLEYBALL' is in large, bold, blue letters with a black outline. Underneath that, '8TH GRADE NIGHT' is in black. At the bottom, 'TUESDAY, OCT. 28TH' is in large, teal, slanted letters. Below that, 'GAMES START AT 6 & 7' and 'ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYM' are in white. The poster is decorated with various geometric shapes and lines in blue and teal.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

8TH GRADE NIGHT

TUESDAY, OCT. 28TH

**GAMES START AT 6 & 7
ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYM**



Better Together Sunday

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years
To Come” For over 170 years

God has been our Helper as we minister to the
members of Zion and the Staunton
community. We have no other hope than to believe
that He wants to use Zion to continue
meeting the same needs well into the future. When
we act as one body, we are much
more effective in carrying the challenge of the Great
Commission. When we worship and
fellowship together on November 9, we will get a
much better picture of what He has
done and what He will do.

Plan to participate on this special day at Zion.

Please return
your dinner reservation ASAP.



October Lunch Menu

ALTERNATE ENTRÉE Peanut butter and Jelly & Mozzarella Cheese stick		1 Chicken & Cheese Enchiladas Lettuce Salad Pineapple Milk	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL
6 Ham & Cheese Sliders Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots Apple Slices Milk	7 Smoked Sausage Roasted Baby Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Peaches Milk	8 Beef Nachos w/Cheese Sauce Corn Chips, Salsa, Sour Cream Lettuce Salad Applesauce Milk	9 French Toast Sticks Bacon Eggs Mandarin Oranges Milk	10 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Side Salad Pineapple Milk
13 No School	14 Corn Dog Nuggets Buttered Noodles Green beans Strawberry Applesauce Milk	15 Chicken Doritos Taco Salad Pinto Beans Peaches Milk	16 Chili Mac. Carrots Cornbread Mixed Fruit Milk	17 Gnocchi w/Meat Sauce Steamed Mixed Vegetables Pears Garlic Bread
20 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Tomato Soup Apples w/Peanut Butter Milk	21 Popcorn Chicken Bowls w/Mashed Potatoes and gravy, cheese and corn. Mandarin Oranges Milk	22 Beef Tacos Mexican Rice Corn Pineapple Milk	23 Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit Hashbrown Casserole "Fried" Apples Milk	24 Chicken and Dumplings Peas and Carrots Peaches Milk
27 Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Peas Pineapple Jello Milk	28 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Fries Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	29 Chicken Quesadilla Refried Beans Side Salad Mandarin Oranges Milk	30 Mummy Dogs Chips w/Dip Cut up Veggies Rice Krispy Treat Milk	31 No School



2025-2026 School Calendar

August 5	Final Registration (All families need to attend)
August 10	Blessing of the Backpacks/Back to School Service
August 13	First Day of School
August 18	First Day of 4-year-old PreK
August 19	First Day of 3-year-old PreK
August 29	No School-LESA PD Day
September 1	No school-Labor Day
October 2	12:00 Dismissal
October 3	No School-LEA Conference
October 13	No School-Columbus Day
October 17	<i>(End of 1st Quarter)</i>
October 29	2:00 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 30	2:00 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 31	No School
November 11	No School-Veterans' Day
November 24-28	No School-Thanksgiving Holiday
December 19	<i>(End of 2nd Quarter)</i>
Dec 22-Jan 5	Christmas Break
January 6	School Resumes
January 19	No School-Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 16	No School-Presidents' Day
Feb 23-Feb 27	IOWA Testing Week
March 6	12:00 Dismissal-Special Friends' Day <i>(End of 3rd Quarter)</i>
March 13	<i>(End of 3rd Quarter)</i>
March 30-April 6	No School-Easter Break
April 7	School Resumes
April 29-30	Parent-Teacher Conferences (no change to the day)
May 1	No School
May 22	12:00 Dismissal-Last day of school (if no emergency days are needed)