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# ZCS Blue Note

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*We were reminded at devotions this morning that there is one major reason why this community should be the first or second happiest place in the country and that is because of the hope that we celebrate during this Lenten and Easter season; the hope that we receive from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of eternal life. God has blessed us with this hope. He has blessed us with the promise of eternal life. As a school family, let's continue to share that light with people here in our community and also around the world.*

## Blessed to be a Blessing

## Calendar

March 8	No Bussing Y5-5
March 9	Spring Band Concert 7:00 pm
March 11	Society Meeting 7:00 pm
March 16	TRIP Registration-7:00
March 20	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
March 23	1st-4th Choir Concert
March 25, 26	8th Grade Play
April 2-11	Spring Break
April 16	Auction

## Athletic Schedule

Check out our new Athletic website! Go to [www.zcs.org](http://www.zcs.org) under Quick Links click on Athletic Events to find announcements, dates and locations of sporting events!

- 7th Grade Girls Basketball
- 8th Grade Girls Basketball

## Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Chicken soup, B-Twisted edge pizza
Fri.	A-Crazy cheesy garlic breadsticks, B-Hot dog
Mon.	A-Cheeseburger, B-French toast sticks
Tues	A-Chicken fajita, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	A-Meatballs, B-Chicken nuggets C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.

## Keep Sharing the Good News about ZCS

As a school system, we deeply appreciate the good words you are sharing with your neighbors and your friends. We continue to get people stopping by asking about our preschool and kindergarten programs and people asking about the school in general. Please keep up the good work.

**ZCS Stickers** Speaking of promotion, the ZCS stickers on the back of people's cars create curiosity. Last year one person found out about Zeeland Christian because of one of those stickers. If you would be willing to put one on the back window of your car, they are available for free in the school office.

**No Bussing** will be available for grades Young Fives-fifth all day on Monday, March 8.

**The Executive Committee** is meeting this week and the full Board will meet next week after the Society Meeting. The Board will be talking about a variety of things including the future planning meeting we had with staff last month. That future planning meeting was a blessing for both the Board and the staff and helped us continue planning for the future.

**Society Meeting** Our annual Society Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in the Vocal Music Room. We will use the same procedure that we used last year which will allow Society members to vote for Board members and the budget online. All internet votes need to be completed by noon on March 11 and absentee ballots need to be turned in by 7:00 pm on March 11. The School Board will begin with a formal report on ballots received either by mail or

email. Based on this vote, along with the vote from any Society members who are present, the Board will be selected and a vote on the budget will be reported. This is an open meeting that the public and Society members are invited to attend. However, questions for the Board members will not be taken. Comments will be welcomed and received for information. This is the process that we have followed for the last four or five years.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

were Monday and Tuesday afternoon and evening. We deeply appreciate the parents' willingness to come in and share information about their children. Spring conferences in many schools are voluntary and poorly attended. Zeeland Christian has almost 100 percent participation at these conferences and it is a tribute to our parents who care deeply about their children. Thanks for this and please continue the good work.

**Hey Kids!** Did you tell your family about the Sled Dog presentation with Musher Dan Anderson? Be sure to tell them about meeting the dogs and what it would be like to travel the Iditarod Trail! The adventure continues as the students celebrate March is Reading Month. In April they will put this experience into writing as we celebrate being Young Authors!

**Spring Band Concert** Our Spring Band Concert is coming up on March 9 at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Please plan to attend if you are interested in a night of music and students praising God with their musical abilities.

**All School Easter Chapel** Come join us at 9:15 am on March 30 as we celebrate Easter by participating in a "Service

of the Rose". Through scripture, singing and dance we will follow the rose (Christ) as it travels from darkness into light through Christ's life, death and resurrection.

**Destination Imagination** This week Saturday, 35 of our fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will be competing in the annual Destination Imagination tournament up at Mona Shores High School in Muskegon. They have been working hard since November to get ready for this creative problem-solving competition, so we wish them the best as they represent ZCS.

**Enrollment Forms** You should be receiving your enrollment form information within the next week. If you do not receive one, please call the school office at 772-2609. Please note that these forms should be returned to school by March 22.

**Ski Club** will be going out for the last time this week Friday, March 5. Students should sign up in the office.

**After School Care:** Information about an After School Program at ZCS was sent with the Blue Note last week. This is a program we are hoping to begin next school year if there is enough parental interest. If you think your family might be able to use this service, please fill out the form that was attached to this Blue Note last week, and return it to the office by Friday, March 5. We have more forms in the office and online if you need one.

**Auction 2010-Friday, April 16** The Auction Committee met recently and would very much like to encourage every single family who has kids in ZCS to donate something for the auction. This will give us lots of affordable items that people of all income levels can bid on. Your support of the auction has a direct effect on the amount of money that the Parents' Club raises and therefore on the budget here at ZCS. Here are some of the items that you can bid on:

- Haworth office chair
- US Flag
- US Capitol tour and dinner with Pete Hoekstra
- 2 night stay at Boyne Mountain
- 1 week stay at Villa Del Arco in Cabo San Lucas-[www.villagroupresorts.com](http://www.villagroupresorts.com)
- Camp at Cran Hill and Camp Roger

**Tuition Assistance** There will no longer be paper tuition assistance applications available. You will need to apply online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). If you do not have a computer available, you may use the one in the school office. Please call the school office to make arrangements. You will need to provide information from your tax return from 2009, so plan ahead! The deadline to apply is March 12, 2010.

Also, families who participate in the Milt Kuyers plan through their church are not eligible for tuition assistance.

Tuition Assistance: Please do not enter Holland Christian on your application even if you have students at Holland Christian High School.

**Pig-n-Blankets and Apple Dumplings For Sale:** Stop in the school kitchen and take what you want from the freezer and pay the office. Pigs are \$7 per dozen and apple dumplings are \$6 per 1/2 dozen.

**Magazine Sale:** Coupons will be accepted this year, with up to \$5 off the QSP list price. ZCS makes 40% of all the sales! Remem-

ber you can always order on-line at [www.QSP.com](http://www.QSP.com). The last turn-in date will be Tuesday, March 9.

### Dear Parents of 8th graders and business owners:

If your child is a part of the 8th grade play, you can place a note and a picture of your child in the play program. You can also place an ad for a business. A half page ad is \$10 and a full page ad is \$20. Please turn money and picture with message in to the office. Please make check payable to ZCS. If you have any questions, please email Kathie Dieleman at [kdieleman@zcs.org](mailto:kdieleman@zcs.org). The ads are due by March 5.

**ZCS Basket Breakers 3 on 3** will be held Saturday, March 20 at Zeeland East High School. Call Diane at 772-1624 with questions.

**Bring in the Box Tops** We collected over \$10,000 in Box Tops in February! That makes our total for the two months over \$27,000! How fantastic! We have one more month to go so keep up the great work!

**CLC Network** will sponsor a parent seminar "ADD/ADHD and Your Child" with Robert Bulten, M.D. and Doug Bouman, Psy.S. on March 11 from 7-9 pm. at the CLC Network office (4340 Burlingame Ave. S.W., Wyoming,). Admission is free/seating is limited. Pre-register by email at [knienhuis@clcnetwork.org](mailto:knienhuis@clcnetwork.org) or call (616)855-3123.

**Water Bottles** are all sold out but we will be ordering more later this spring. Thanks for all the interest!

**Shop Ditto** for all your spring and summer clothing. The store has a fresh new look with all the colorful spring and summer clothes. Hours for Ditto: Mon.-Fri. 10 am-7 pm & Sat 10 am-6 pm.

### TRIP News

The last TRIP Registration meeting will be March 16 at 7:00 pm in the media center.

TRIP needs volunteers for the summer months. If you are interested in earning your parent club points this summer call Deb at 772-2447.

Motherhood Maternity is 11% thru March 30.

Lane Bryant/Fashion Bug is 7% thru June 1

Mobil is 2% thru March 30.

Trends Salon/\$25 at 13%-Please write in on your order form.

LL Bean is 16% thru March 30

• Holland Christian's Living Hope Singers will be presenting "A Walk Down Memory Lane" on Thursday, March 18 and Friday, March 19 at 7:00 at Christ Memorial Church. Tickets can be purchased at [www.hollandchristian.org](http://www.hollandchristian.org) under High School/Fine Arts/Choir. The order form can be found on the right hand side.

• Florida for Spring Break? Openings in Cocoa Beach April 4-11. Two units, one sleeps 4: the other sleeps 6. No smoking/pets. Family friendly, 2 pools, hot tub, Atlantic Ocean & more! \$600/\$800. Call Donna Hanegraaff at 772-9873.

• Lakefront cottage for rent on all sports Long Lake east of Ludington. 4 bed, 2 full baths, sleeps 12+\$800/wk. Call 748-0566.

• Purchase your tickets today to hear Don Piper, author of *90 minutes in heaven*, share his experience of his death and life. He will be at Fair Haven Ministries, Hudsonville, March 18 at 7 pm. Get tickets at [www.allendalechristian.com](http://www.allendalechristian.com) or ACS school office.

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## **HELPFUL LINKS:**

- To gain valuable ZCS information, go to [www.zcs.org](http://www.zcs.org)
- To view the Blue Note on line, go to ZCS's web site, click on News & Events at the top of the page.
- To subscribe to the Blue Note via email, email your request to [brininger@zcs.org](mailto:brininger@zcs.org)
- For a hot lunch menu, go to [www.zps.org](http://www.zps.org) and click on the Lunch Menu tab at the top of the page.
- For free and reduced cost lunch information and to access your student's lunch account, go to [www.zps.org](http://www.zps.org), click on Serving Parents at the left side on the page, and click on Food Service.
- To receive a cell phone or email alert if school is delayed or closed, go to <http://closings.woodtv.com/>
- To access your student's grades, go to [www.zcs.org](http://www.zcs.org) and click on Parent Portal under click links
- To join us on facebook, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Zeeland Christian School.