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ZCS Blue Note

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The Week Ahead

CEA Convention-No School: Our teachers will be learning best practices and meeting with other educators while at the CEA Convention. NO School October 19 & 20.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Wednesday, Nov. 8 and Thursday, Nov. 9 from 4:00 - 8:30 p.m. Sign-Ups **begin** Wednesday, October 25 at 9:00 a.m. You should have received a letter from your child's teacher with the master password and the instructions for sign-up.

2017-2018 ZCS Family Handbook: [The ZCS Family Handbook](#) contains information such as school start times, cancellations and delays, calendar, dress code, hot lunch information, etc. It can be found on the [ZCS Parents page](#). Scroll down to find the link.

NO Instant TRIP on Friday, October 20.

Fall Festival of Music: 5th-8th grade bands and 6th-8th choirs. Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 PM ZCS Gym

School Board Update: At the last board meeting, the board received monthly written reports from the Educational and Administrative teams. Received committee reports. Approved Education Committee technology training proposal for K-8 faculty. Finalized and prioritized board strategic areas of focus for the months ahead.

Gift & Magazine Sale: Watch for packets to come home on Tuesday with information on our gift and magazine sale. We decided to combine these 2 great fundraisers in an effort to simplify your life and our fundraising! Email jschafer@zcs.org if you have questions. Deadline to turn in orders is November 7.

Stay Curious. Think Well. Advance The Good. On Thursday, October 26, Holland Christian will be hosting a Q Commons event for the first time in Holland. Join with 25,000 other people around the world to hear global and local speakers address the topic of Healing our Divided Nation. Find more details and register at qcommons.com/holland.

The Month Ahead

Grandparents' & Grandfriends' Day: K - 8th Grade Friday, November 3

9:10 a.m. Welcome

9:15 a.m. Chapel for K-8

10:00 a.m. Coffee

10:20-11:30 a.m. Visit Classrooms

11:30-12:00 p.m. Lunch with Grandchildren (sack lunch available for purchase, no pre-ordering necessary)

Feel free to print an [Invitation](#) and [School Map](#) to share with your Grandparents and Grandfriends!

Grades 4, 5 and 6: THANK YOU for helping us welcome our Grandparents' and Special Friends for Grandparent's Day!!

Please provide one dozen homemade cookies that our guests will be able to enjoy during the morning. Cookies may be dropped off in the school kitchen on November 2, anytime after lunch. Thank you again for making this day special!!

Preschool Grandparents' Day: November 1 & 2, during class time. Watch for more information from your teacher.

The Month Ahead

End of Marking Period: November 3. To access grades parents must have a login to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you do not have a login please complete the [acceptable use policy](#), and return it to the ZCS office to receive your login credentials.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: November 8 & 9.

Coming Soon: ZCS Apparel ordering

Banket: will be available starting November 8. \$7 a stick

School Picture Make-up/Retake Day: Thursday, November 9

NO PM Busing or Hot Lunch: November 8 & 9 **No School:** November 10

Looking Forward

Thanksgiving Break: November 22-26

Elementary Music Program: November 28 at 7:00 pm at Community Reformed Church

On Going

[2017-2018 ZCS Events Calendar](#)

Yearbooks: Don't miss out! Order your yearbook [HERE](#).

Pig in a Blankets: Available now for \$10 a dozen. This year two options are available: Flaky or Regular dough with a new meat recipe! Pigs are available for purchase in the hallway freezer near the gym.

Hot Lunch: Click [Here](#) to access menus, pay hot lunch balances and access forms to apply for Free/Reduced lunches.

Attendance: Please report your child absent or tardy at attendance@zcs.org or 616-741-0051. Please list your students name, teacher and the reason for absence.

Art Room: The Art room is looking for plastic containers, ie margarine /sour cream. Also needed are styrofoam egg cartons.

ZCS Stories: Our ZCS family has so many great stories and we don't want to miss any of them! If you know of great stories that involve current or past ZCS students could you please share it with us? Email Elizabeth Vander Zwaag (evanderzwaag@zcs.org).

After School Care Staff Needed: We are looking for one more person, ages 18 or older, to work in our after school care program one or more days a week. Hours are 3:15-6:00 pm. Please contact Nancy Pyle at npyle@zcs.org if interested.

Substitute Teachers Wanted: We are looking to grow our list of substitute teachers this year. We have a great need for substitutes that are fluent in Spanish. Please email Maria Klompmaker (mklompmaker@zcs.org) for more information.

Spanish teacher for FLES Position: (Foreign Language in the Elementary School): This teacher will go into 5 English preschool classrooms to teach Spanish at an introductory level once a week for 15 minutes. The teacher will also teach Spanish to our English and Mandarin students in nine Kindergarten-2nd grade classrooms three times a week for 30 minutes per time. Contact: Immersion Director, Jodi Pierce (jpierce@zcs.org)

TRIP NEWS

- If there is no school (Thanksgiving, Christmas Break, Snow Days, etc.) on Friday, there is NO Instant TRIP.

ZCS Shopper

- Local honey for sale! It's raw and unfiltered so it retains all the health benefits honey is known for. 1lb. bottle for \$6 or 3lb. bottle for \$15. Larger sizes available upon request. Call or text 616-403-1383. Can be picked up at Mrs. Leenstra's 3rd grade class room.
- Do you wish there was an easy way for your kids and family to eat more raw fruits and veggies? Juice Plus+ can help you add 30 different fruits and vegetables to your diet every day. For more information, please contact Stacey Nagelkirk at staceynagelkirk@gmail.com or 616.901.6853.
- Free Couch with a hide-a-bed (or sleeper sofa). Contact Monica at 616.566.2704
- [Downtown Holland Holiday Calendar](#) - Check out this calendar for local holiday events!