



2017-18 School Year Theme

LOST in LOVE

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

1 John 4:10-11

2017-18 Back to School Information

All-School:

Absentee Reporting: Whenever your student is going to absent or late to school please notify the school office. To notify the office you may email attendance@zcs.org or leave a message on the attendance line **616-741-0051**. When reporting your absence please list your student’s name, grade, and teacher.

Activity Fees are one set fee for each middle school student and one set fee for each elementary student. These fees cover all field trips and classroom activity costs throughout the school year.

Middle School - Every Middle School child needs to pay the \$80 activity fee.

K-5 - Every student in Kindergarten - Fifth grade needs to pay the \$30 activity fee.

Please pay by September 8.

You **MAY** write one check for all of your children.

Please include each child’s name and grade in the memo line.

Please hand in or send to the OFFICE.

Athletics

Here are the start dates for those of you who have kids participating in these sports.

Most importantly, before they can participate in these sports, they must have a sports physical on file in our ZCS office.

At Holland Christian (Co-op Sport):

7th-8th Boys Football Aug. 16

7th-8th Girls Tennis Aug. 22

7th-8th Boys and Girls Cross-Country Aug. 22

For more detailed information please visit the Holland Christian website, email the coach, or contact their office.

At ZCS:

Boys Soccer Aug. 29

Girls Volleyball Aug. 30

Please use the ZCS athletic webpage for schedule information.

Busing

General Information: <http://www.zps.org/transportation/>

Form: <http://www.zps.org/files/2017/06/2017-2018-ZPS-Transportation-Form.pdf>

Door Codes will be needed again this year when entering the building outside of normal drop-off and pick-up hours. The main entry doors are open for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up but are locked during the hours between when codes are needed. Please remember to use only the front entry doors off of Central Avenue. You may always enter the front entry without a code by buzzing the office.

- Codes remain the same from year to year.
- If you are a new family and don't remember receiving your code, please email the office at zcsinfo@zcs.org and your code will be emailed to you.
- If you forgot your code, please email zcsinfo@zcs.org and we will email your code to you.

Drop Off/Pick Up:

Preschool: Park in the small lot on the west side of the building and walk your child in and out of school.

K-5: Drop-off on the south side of Central Ave for entrance "C" or in the new East parking lot by entrance "D". Parking/Standing in the drop off area is not allowed. Use of the bus drive fro drop off/pick up is not allowed.

6-8th: Drop-off in front of the ZCMS entrance labeled "E"

View [School Parking Map](#)

Please be aware of our neighbors and be conscious not to block their driveways.

Hot Lunch

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

Infinite Campus:

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal allows parents to view their own child's school records, anywhere, anytime through a secure web browser.

Link to Infinite Campus: <https://ottawami.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/zeeland.jsp>

New families: Fill out of the [acceptable use policy](#) and return to zcsinfo@zcs.org. Once this form is

filled out the school office will be able to provide login information

Existing families: If you have misplaced/lost your user name/password please email bvanginh@zps.org to have your password reset.

Open House

Come and go anytime between 4pm - 6pm on Aug. 28 for K-8th. Bring in your kiddos supplies to their classrooms and meet their teacher. **The school will not be open until 4pm on this date.**

Picture Days are scheduled for October 2, 3, 4, and 8 for Preschool - 8th grade.

- A specific date for your child will be determined based on grade level and will be published as we get closer.
- Envelopes for ordering will go home with your child.
- You will also have online ordering abilities.
- More details will be announced in future Blue Notes.

Supply List

[Click here.](#)

Technology

Please take a few minutes to complete the following [forms](#). It would be a good idea to have your child do this with you.

All forms must be completed before students may take their laptop home.

First Day of School

There will an all-school chapel at 9:00am. All parents, grandparents and friends of ZCS are encouraged to attend.

Mom's in Prayer

What if you could change the world – not just for today but for generations to come? At Moms in Prayer International, we believe that a mom can be the single greatest force for good in the lives of her children and the children around her. We believe that lives and whole communities are changed forever when moms gather together to pray to the only One who can change a human heart. Moms can make the difference as they reach out to God in prayer- moms just like you. Each week at Moms in Prayer we focus on one attribute of God, praising Him and asking for that attribute to be made manifest in our students, families and school. We also believe that confession is a key element of prayer and we dedicate a portion of the hour to silent confession. We conclude by focusing on specific prayer for our children, teachers, and staff. At Zeeland Christian, there are three opportunities for you to join us.

Monday 2:15-3:15pm

ZCS Prayer Room

Childcare provided

Wednesday 6-7am

Haven CRC

No childcare

Wednesday 8:45-9:45am

Haven CRC

No childcare

Please contact Ann Hemmeke (annhemmeke@gmail.com) for more information.

Information by Grade Level

PRESCHOOL

Hilltop Prayer and Worship - Thursday, Aug 24 at 6:30pm. Popsicles on the Playground afterwards!

Young Fives Bus Night - Aug. 28

Parent Meeting(s) - Aug. 30, Sept. 5 & 6 at 7pm

Preschool Classroom Supplies

Each child needs to bring in 3 individual 4x6 pictures plus 1 family 4x6 pictures. These will be used by the teacher and not returned to you. Please have these ready at the parent meeting.

Families are encouraged to sign up for 1 or 2 classroom supplies at the parent meeting to provide for the preschool class (ex. pipe cleaners, Kleenex, hand soap, etc.) These items can be brought to school during the first week of class.

KINDERGARTEN

Hilltop Prayer and Worship - Thursday, Aug 24 at 6:30pm. Popsicles on the Playground afterwards!

Bus Night & Parent Meeting - Aug. 28

Kindergarten families should have received an email from their child's teacher regarding a visiting/assessment time. This short time block is a chance for your child to meet his/her teacher individually and look around the classroom together. Parents should plan to wait in the hallway and may possibly fill out some information for the teacher. This is also a great time for parents to connect with their child's teacher regarding transitional kindergarten schedules, if applicable.

Extended Care is again offered for students in threeschool-5th grade. Childcare hours are available between 7:15am-6:00pm. Information is available here and online registration is available here. Please direct questions to Heather Mulder at extendedcare@zcs.org. She will also be available during the open house and preschool and kindergarten information nights to answer questions.

1ST - 5TH GRADE

Hilltop Prayer and Worship - Thursday, Aug 24 at 6:30pm. Popsicles on the Playground afterwards!

Parent Meeting - Sept. 7 at 7pm

Summer Reading Challenge bookmarks--return to classroom teacher first week of school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent Meetings - Sept. 12 at 6:00pm or 6:45pm

Band - The brand new season for all of our ZCS bands will soon kick off, and Mr Schonewill is in full preparation mode for all of the fall activities. Band parents, you should be receiving emails from Mr. S. with information about how to get ready for the fall. Email will be our regular way to communicate the details and updates, so make sure you are on our active email lists! If you have a student in band and have not heard anything yet, please contact Mr. S. to correct the issue. Here we go on a musical adventure for 2017-2018!

Interested in hosting a Guatemalan student this fall?

Zeeland Christian School will welcome Guatemalan students to campus through the Faces and Our Cultures Exchange Program. We are in need of several host families for 7.5 weeks that would be willing to host these students while they attend classes at ZCS. The program has led to wonderful friendships and provided valuable cultural experiences for both the students and host families.

The Guatemalan students will arrive here October 17, 2017 and will return to Guatemala on December 10. Host families are responsible for providing lodging, meals and welcoming the students into their homes and family life. If this sounds like an opportunity that your family would consider, please email Assistant Principal John Buteyn at jbuteyn@zcs.org

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HOLLAND CHRISTIAN FRESHMAN (via the [Maroon Messenger](#))

All freshmen will be part of our Freshman Orientation Day. This day is to be a transition day that creates a sense of comfort for incoming students and an overall supportive and positive atmosphere on our campus. The first day for freshmen will be Monday, August 21, at 8:00 am. Senior leaders will lead incoming freshmen in games, mixers and on a scavenger hunt around the school. Students will be given a copy of their schedule and meet their teachers for a few minutes in each class. Students will be treated to a pizza lunch and will be dismissed at 11:30 am. After this, freshmen can stop on Main Street between 11:30 am – 12:30 pm for pictures.

August 21 Schedule – (8:00 – 11:30 am) – with pictures to follow

Orientation – 8:00 -11:00 am

Pizza – 11:00 – 11:30 am (in Cafeteria)

Pictures – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

New 10th – 12th Grade Students and New International Students: These students will begin school on Monday, August 21 from 9 am – 11:00 am in the lecture hall. [Click here](#) for additional details.

“Laptop Boot Camp” is mandatory for all students who are new to the laptop program. You should plan to stay from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm and attend “Laptop Boot Camp,” an introduction on how we use the laptops at HCHS (understanding Moodle, exploring PowerSchool, etc.), a session on our integrated math curriculum (different from traditional math), and how to use your calculator and CP-MP-Tools, a math program we use here at HCHS. Please bring your laptop and calculator.

All Students report on Tuesday, August 22, at 8:00 am. We will begin in our chapel seats for a brief welcome and time of devotions. Be sure to have your class schedule with you.

Important Dates

August 24

Hilltop Prayer and Worship Service with Popsicles on the Playground afterwards!
6:30pm

August 28

K-8 Open House 4-6pm
Kindergarten and Young Fives Bus Night & Parents Meetings 7pm

August 29

First Day of School!
All-School & Community Chapel - 9am

August 30, Sept. 5 & 6

Preschool Parent Meetings 7pm

September 1-4

No School - Labor Day Vacation

September 7

1st - 5th Grade Parent Meetings
6pm or 6:45

September 9

ZCS Golf Outing at Winding Creek Golf Club
All skill levels welcome!
Visit zcs.org to register.

September 11, 12 & 15

Preschool Classes Begin

September 12

Middle School Parent Meetings
6pm or 6:45pm

[Printable Beginning of the School Year Calendar](#)