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# ZCS Blue Note

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## The Week Ahead

**Author Visit:** Michigan author Glenys Nellist will visit with our K-5 students on Friday, December 8. She will talk about being a writer and share her new book *Twas the Night of Christmas*. Book order information will come home with your child.

Book order forms are also available [HERE](#) or in the school office. Book orders are due Wednesday, Dec. 6.

**Winter Weather Delay/Cancellation:** ZCS follows ZPS for winter weather school delays/cancellations. The following is a portion of a communication from ZPS regarding delays/cancellation: "When possible, ZPS will cancel or announce a delay by 6:00 am. ZPS works hard to relay the information as quickly as possible through various outlets, including television, radio, web ([zps.org](http://zps.org)), Facebook ([@zpsfuture](https://www.facebook.com/zpsfuture)), Twitter ([@zeelandschools](https://twitter.com/zeelandschools)), Z For Me, and via the weather line (616.748.3040). Individuals can also sign up for text alerts via the local news outlets online at Wood TV 8 and WZZM TV 13."

**Hi! My name is Athena.** I am 5-years-old and am in kindergarten at Grace Community Christian School in the Philippines. I enjoy playing with toys and drawing, and I would like to be a nurse someday. I live with my mother and grandmother, but they are unable to pay for my tuition at GCCS. Would you be willing to sponsor me or one of my friends for \$450? Our school year is almost half over, and I still need a sponsor. If you're willing, please contact Tom Joustra at [tjoustra@zcs.org](mailto:tjoustra@zcs.org), and he will get you set up. Thanks so much!

**HCHS News:** SAVE THE DATE! It's not too early to inform you about our annual HC Showcase event. This evening is open to future/prospective parents and students and will highlight some of the great things that are part of the total educational program at HCHS and will be held on Monday, January 29, 2018 starting at 7:00PM. Please mark your calendars now and more details will be shared as we get closer to the event. - Darryl De Ruiter, HCHS Principal

**Wish List:** Consider a gift to ZCS this Christmas. Check out our Wish List [HERE](#).

**Lasagna and Spaghetti Dinner:** Please join us for a lasagna and spaghetti dinner to celebrate and support the Interpreter Initiative for ZCS 6th grader, Jacob Feak. **Friday, December 8** from 5:30-7:30 PM at ZCS. A free will offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to the ZCS Inclusion program in order to support the additional cost related to providing professional sign language interpreter services.

**TRIP News:** Your last opportunity to order TRIP and still receive it before Christmas is December 12, before 11AM. Any orders placed after that time and throughout Christmas Break will be available on January 16.

**Middle School Geography Bee:** December 12

**ZCS Apparel** orders will be available for pick up starting the afternoon of December 12 in Jen Schafer's office.

**Fall Fundraiser orders** may be picked up on Wednesday, December 13 at the end of the day in the media center.

**NO Hot Lunch or PM Busing** on Friday, December 15

## The Month Ahead

**Jingle Jogs** are coming! Look for info coming home soon with your student's jog times as well as sponsor sheets about how we can continue blessing Grace Christian School with their building expansions!

**ZCS Middle School Christmas Collage Concert:** Tuesday, December 19, 7pm in the ZCS Gym. The middle school choirs and bands will be playing and singing a fun variety of Christmas songs and carols. Admission is free, but there will be a freewill offering to support the ZCS music program.

## The Month Ahead

**All School Chapel:** December 21 at 9AM

**Middle School Serve n' Skate:** December 22

**Christmas Vacation:** December 25-January 5

## Looking Forward

**Spelling Bee:** January 16

**NO AM Busing for Middle School:** January 17-19

**ZCS Showcase:** January 18 at 7PM

**End of Semester/No School:** Monday, January 22

## On Going

### 2017-2018 ZCS Events Calendar

**Families paying tuition through FACTS:** If you receive a gift towards your tuition account, you need to contact Linda Keen at 616-879-0302 to instruct her on how you would like your gift applied to your FACTS payments.

**2017-2018 ZCS Parent Handbook:** [The ZCS Parent 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](#).

**Infinite Campus:** To access your students 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.

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

**ZCS Mugs** are available for \$10 each or 4 for \$35 **only \$25** in the ZCS office.

**Pigs in a Blanket** are available for \$10 per dozen.

**Banket:** is available for \$7 a stick

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

**Ski Club:** ZCS Ski Club forms are available [online](#) and in the school office. We travel to Bittersweet on several Friday nights each winter. Even though our Friday night trips are for middle school students only, ZCS families may also sign up for Ski Club and enjoy reduced rates. Ski Club Cards are \$16 per person. Contact Ross Fischer ([rfischer@zcs.org](mailto:rfischer@zcs.org)) for more information.

**CHAMPS Books** are available from any 5th-8th grader or in the school office for \$25. CHAMPS books are filled with money saving coupons and support athletics at ZCS.

## ZCS \$hopper

- [Downtown Holland Holiday Calendar](#) - Check out this calendar for local holiday events!
- Feel the Zeel Christmas Events can be found [here](#).
- Ski at Caberfae! Friends and Family of Zeeland Christian are invited to a day of skiing on January 22 and February 19. January 22 tickets \$12 and February 19 are \$18. Tickets include ski rental, lesson and lift ticket. Arrive between 8:30-11:00 (We will be in the Skyview lodge, left of the rental building. Lifts open at 10:00 and run until 5PM. If you are interested in skiing after 5pm, include an extra \$5 per person. Deadline for signup: Friday, January 19, hand in your check (made payable to Rebecca Grant) and form to the Zeeland Christian Office. Forms are available in the school office. You are responsible for your own transportation. Call Rebecca Grant at 616-994-3368 with questions or [rebgrant@charter.net](mailto:rebgrant@charter.net).
- Cunningham Dalman is seeking a positive, enthusiastic assistant to support the back office efforts of the firm. Duties include mail processing, coverage of reception area, filing and scanning, upkeep of conference and break rooms, library updates, local hand deliveries and other similar tasks. The ideal candidate will be very dependable and accurate, able to work independently and eager to create a positive environment for clients and employees. The schedule includes 2-3 afternoons per week, with morning hours an optional addition. Please contact Linda Vugteveen at 616-392-1821 or [lindav@cunninghamdalman.com](mailto:lindav@cunninghamdalman.com) if you are interested or if you have questions regarding this opportunity.
- Cross-train Volleyball League provides local 6-8th grade girls the opportunity to improve their volleyball skills in a Christ-centered environment. Experienced coaches facilitate fundamental skill development, position training, and team play in a 7 week league. Format includes weekly practices and four Saturday games. The league runs January 31-March 24. Register now through December 23. The league is coordinated by Hope Hoezee, former Unity Christian Varsity Volleyball coach (2004-2010). E-mail [crosstrainvb@gmail.com](mailto:crosstrainvb@gmail.com) with questions or to obtain registration forms.