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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled that you are interested in Zeeland Christian Preschool! We hope through face-to-face interactions, this information packet, our website and social media platforms you will witness how God is working in the lives of kids and families at Zeeland Christian.

Please contact us whenever you have questions or simply want to talk more about how Zeeland Christian could be a fit for your child. We are here for YOU! Also, feel free to contact any of our teachers as well (zcs.org/staff). You can ask them questions about anything - including their own faith story.

If you are new to the Zeeland Christian School community, we invite you to take a tour of our classrooms. We'd love to get to know you and hear more about your educational desires. Our prayer is that every new family at ZCS feels known and welcomed.

If you have any questions about preschool or are interested in visiting while class is in session, please email Nancy Pyle (npyle@zcs.org) or call our main office at 616.772.2609.

Blessings to you and your preschooler!

Sincerely,

Tim McAboy
Head of School

Nancy Pyle
Preschool Co-Director

Stephanie Parrott
Preschool Co-Director



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Preschool Overview

Zeeland Christian Preschool is dedicated to teaching children to love God, love each other and love learning. We do that by nurturing a child's social, emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual growth.

Options for Kids age 3 and 4

Threeschool

A play-based preschool experience designed specifically for three year olds.

Preschool

A kindergarten readiness program for four year olds.

Programs

Traditional

This program is the foundation of all our preschool programs at ZCS. It is a play-based preschool program led by experienced and educated teachers (taught in English).

Inclusive Education

This beloved program welcomes students with special needs into the classroom. Inclusion benefits both the general education student and the student with special needs because it teaches that we are all created in God's image and part of the body of Christ. If you have a child with special needs, please contact Barb Newman at bnewman@zcs.org to discuss how we can serve you and your child.

Spanish Immersion

Spanish Immersion contains all the elements of our traditional program with one additional layer - classes are taught entirely in Spanish!

Mandarin Immersion

Mandarin Immersion contains all the elements of our traditional program with one additional layer - classes are taught entirely in Mandarin Chinese! (Note: We do not currently offer a Mandarin Immersion Threeschool option.)

Extended Care at ZCS

In addition to the classes listed above, we also offer Extended Care for children in threeschool-5th grade. Kids can be enrolled in childcare any time between 7:00AM-6:00PM each day.

For more details, see page 4 or visit www.zcs.org/extendedcare



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2018-2019 Preschool Schedule

Online Registration: zcspreschool.eventbrite.com

Threeschool Classes

Children must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2018

English

Session 1 Tuesday/Thursday AM – 9:00-11:45

Session 2 Mon./Wed./Fri. AM – 9:00-11:45

Drenthe Site

Session 3 Tuesday/Thursday AM - 9:00-11:45

Spanish Immersion

Session 4 Tuesday/Thursday AM – 9:00-11:45

Session 5 Mon./Wed./Fri. AM – 9:00-11:45

Young Fives, for children age 5 by Sept. 1, 2018, is now aligned to our Kindergarten schedule. For more information request the Kindergarten Information Packet or go online to zcs.org/showcase.

Four-year Old Preschool Classes

Children must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2018

English

Session 6 Tuesday/Thursday AM – 8:45-11:30

Session 7 Mon./Wed./Fri. AM – 8:45-11:30

Session 8 Monday-Thursday AM - 8:45-11:30

Drenthe Site

Session 9 Mon./Wed./Fri. AM - 8:45-11:30

Spanish Immersion

Session 10 Mon./Wed./Fri. AM – 8:45-11:30

Session 11 Mon./Wed./Fri. PM – 12:30-3:15

Session 12 Monday-Thursday AM - 8:45-11:30

Mandarin Immersion

Session 13 Mon./Wed./Fri. PM 12:30-3:15

If your child is enrolled in session 8 or 12 (M-Th am) you have the option of choosing 4 mornings plus T/Th afternoons (\$3,103 total) or 4 full days (4,363 total).

Tuition Rates - Full Year

(per month rate based on 9-month payment plan)

2 Day Session - \$909 (\$101/month)

3 Day Session - \$1,342 (\$149/month)

4 Day Session - \$1,803 (\$200/month)

4 Mornings & 2 Afternoons - \$3,103 (\$345/month)

4 Full Day Session - \$4,363 (485/month)

Extended care is available any day from 7:00am-6:00pm, as long as your child is enrolled in one class session.



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ZCS Extended Care 2018-19

Our extended care programs are designed to support family child-care needs. All children must be pre-registered in order to attend Extended Care programs.

There is a \$30 registration fee per family.

Contact Heather Mulder (hmulder@zcs.org) to register or for more information.

Before School Care

Offered everyday from 7:00am-9:00am

Offered to preschool or elementary students (PS-5th)

Nutritional breakfast provided

Cost \$6.00 for 1 child/day, \$10.00 for 2, \$14.00 for 3

Morning Care

Offered everyday from 8:30am-11:30am

Nutritional snack provided

Cost \$14.00 per child/per day

Lunch Bunch

Offered everyday from 11:30am-1:00pm

Kids bring their lunch from home and eat at school

Cost \$6.50 per child/per day

Afternoon Care

Offered everyday from 11:30am-3:30pm

Kids bring their lunch from home

Cost \$18.00 per child/per day

After School Care

Offered everyday from 3:30pm-6:00pm

Offered to preschool and elementary students (PS-5th)

Nutritional snack provided

Cost \$5.00 per child/per hour, \$9/hour for 2, \$12/hour for 3, billed in half hour increments

Full Day Preschool Care

Offered everyday from 7:00am-3:30pm

Cost \$35 per child/per day (Kids can stay for After School Care (ASC), but cost of ASC is the same)



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Frequently Asked Questions

What types of things will my child learn at Zeeland Christian Preschool?

Activities are designed to encourage growth in key developmental areas. A few examples:

Threeschool

Counting
Early literacy behaviors
Recognizing his/her name
Colors and shapes
Vocabulary development
Eye-hand coordination
Taking turns, sharing, helping each other
Worshiping with friends

Preschool

Letters, numbers, counting, colors, shapes
Name writing/recognition
Pre-writing skills
Language development and self-expression
Taking turns, sharing, helping each other
Worshiping with friends

What does it mean that ZCS is a Cooperative Parent Program?

The Cooperative Parent Program requires parents to volunteer as classroom helpers twice per school year. A parent or another special friend will help once at the start of the year and once at the time of the child's birthday or half birthday. Kids love the opportunity to show their loved ones what they do at school.

What if I can't volunteer 2 times each year because of work or other conflicts?

You can ask a grandparent or friend to fill in for you or you can take advantage of the Flexible Co-op Program. In this program, parents pay for ZCS to hire an aide to take their place (\$20/day) on their assigned days. *Note: This option is not to be used on a last minute basis. Please notify your teacher at the beginning of the year if you would like to participate in the Flexible Co-op Program.*

How do you handle food allergies?

We take allergies very seriously at ZCS and will work with you to put together a food plan. We will also try to accommodate food allergies when developing monthly menus. However, we do recommend providing "safe snacks" for children with severe allergies.

Does my child have to be potty trained?

Yes. Children enrolled in Zeeland Christian Preschool must be toilet trained and independent in the bathroom. (An exception can be made for children enrolled in inclusive education.)

Is there a registration fee?

\$55 is paid online when you register. \$50 of that fee is applied to your child's tuition.



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Frequently Asked Questions

How does ZCS keep the building secure?

Exterior doors at ZCS are kept locked during school hours except during drop-off times. Parents are given personal codes that can be used to enter the preschool entrance. Visitors must enter through the main ZCS office (off Central Ave.)

What should I expect between registration and the first day of school?

Feb. 8 @ 7pm: Register online (zcspreschool.eventbrite.com).

April: Watch for a "Welcome" email from preschool staff

June: You will receive a class list and misc. forms enrollment forms in the mail.

July 31: Misc. forms are due back to ZCS

Aug.: Your child's teacher will mail you a back-to-school letter

Sept.: Parent meetings (Dates TBD - usually evening meetings, the week before preschool begins)

Sept.: Preschool begins!



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Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) @ ZCS

Registration Meetings to sign up for TRIP are Thursday, January 25, and Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00pm in the ZCS Media Center. You must attend a registration meeting to participate with TRIP.

What is TRIP?

In order to provide current and future families an opportunity to reduce their tuition, ZCS offers the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program, or TRIP. **Gift Cards are purchased from participating businesses at a discount.** TRIP participants then purchase them at face value and the difference between the face value and the discount is applied to the participant's tuition.

TRIP currently offers gift cards for well over 100 different businesses from grocery stores to gas stations, from restaurants to local retailers and more. Weekly TRIP is online. All weekly orders must be placed online, but participants can choose whether to pay with PrestoPay online or with a check. On Fridays TRIP offers *Instant TRIP* in the main office. There are about 20 vendors on a short list that you can purchase on a first come first served basis. TRIP may be applied to your tuition account in July and January.

What do parents say?

"The TRIP program has been an easy, practical way for our family to earn money towards our children's tuition. We're always amazed when we get our TRIP earnings statement showing us what we've earned each semester just by buying certificates for businesses we already use regularly. We also love having the option to use shopwithscrip.com where we can order ScripNow! certificates which are available almost immediately to print from our computer. All in all we have saved thousands of dollars since enrolling in the TRIP program"

Stacy
2 children enrolled

"I highly encourage ZCS families to participate in TRIP since it is a very easy way to earn free money toward tuition. We primarily use TRIP for groceries and gas each week. With that alone we earn over \$500 per year toward our kids' tuition!! I know with a little more planning much more could be earned considering that many area restaurants and stores are included in the TRIP program. We also have our extended family involved, which I would also recommend. It's amazing how quickly the money can add up, and it has given our extended family the opportunity to support our decision for Christian Education."

Traci
2 children enrolled



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