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## Lowering Your Out-of-Pocket Cost

Check out some of the ways we try to keep tuition costs down and how you can reduce your own tuition costs even more!

### Parent Point System (Kindergarten - 8th Grade)

The Parents' Club organizes several fundraisers throughout the year to help offset the cost of tuition. We use a point system to distribute the workload. This system helps ZCS earn over \$100,000 annually! That money helps keep the cost of tuition down.

Examples of current fundraisers include: ZCS Auction, 3-on-3 Basketball, Baked Goods Sale, Magazine Sale, etc. Each fundraiser has various jobs (cashier, food prep, first-aid, etc.) that are worth varying amount of points.

New kindergarten families are required to work 5 points at one of these fundraisers or to contribute \$125 to the ZCS Parents' Club. Sign up for new families begins on May 31!

Returning Families (with older children at ZCS) are required to work at least 10 points or more at one of these fundraisers or to contribute \$250 to the ZCS Parents' Club. Sign up for current families begins June 5.

Sign-up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/508084AABA72A1-parent3](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084AABA72A1-parent3).

If you have any questions about Parent Points, please contact [jschafer@zcs.org](mailto:jschafer@zcs.org).

### DITTO Grant (Kindergarten - 8th Grade)

Ditto Upscale Resale sells used clothing, furniture, sporting goods, home decor, etc. The store is mostly staffed by volunteers and is furnished with donated goods. The proceeds from the store are equally distributed between Zeeland Christian and Holland Christian Schools to help offset the cost of tuition.

For 2018-2019, ZCS will receive \$200 for every enrolled student. This money is already accounted for in our tuition schedule. However, all families are invited to donate the \$200 grant back if they are able. All grants donated back to school go toward the ZCS Tuition Assistance Fund. Last year over \$30,000 was donated to tuition assistance.



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### TRIP - Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (Kindergarten - 8th Grade)

Purpose: To provide current and future families an opportunity to reduce their tuition at ZCS by shopping with participating businesses.

How it works:

Families purchase gift cards from participating businesses.

The businesses give back a certain percentage of each purchase to ZCS.

The money given to ZCS goes into each family's account. This is then applied to your tuition balance in July or January upon request. Over time, the money can add up.

"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!" - Traci, ZCS Mom

Interested in participating in TRIP? Join us for an informational meeting on January 25 or March 20 at 7 pm in the media center.

### Tuition Assistance (Kindergarten- 8th Grade)

One of our strongest desires is to make ZCS affordable for more families. The ZCS Tuition Assistance Fund is a need-based tuition grant program that is administered by FACTS Management Inc. Awards are made based upon funds available. You can apply online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com) from March 12 - April 16, 2018. You can apply after April 16, but it is possible that all funds will have been dispersed. There is a \$30 fee to apply for assistance.

The goal at ZCS is to help people who are paying more than 18 percent of their adjusted gross income.



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