



ZCS Blue Note

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We welcomed three **new staff members** to Zeeland Christian in April: Karyl Morin is our new Director of Learning Innovation, Lisa Fredricks is our new Communication and Enrollment Assistant, and Lois Gerritsma is our new Development Assistant. We already appreciate them and are thankful for their gifts!

We welcome the following **new teachers** to Zeeland Christian School for the 2018-2019 school year: Lauren Donkersloot - Support Services Teacher, Claire Forhan (soon to be Claire Hall) - 5th grade teacher, Chuck Commeret - 4th grade teacher, Priscilla Feuntes - 4th grade Spanish Immersion teacher, Melanie Voisin - 2nd grade Spanish Immersion teacher, and Danchao Zhang - 3rd-5th grade Mandarin Immersion teacher. We are excited to have each one part of our teaching team!

We are thankful for the following changes/shifts in roles for the 2018-2019 School year: Denia Rodriguez is moving from Spanish Immersion (SI) preschool to SI 5th grade. Yajaira Ruiz is moving from SI 4th grade to SI 1st grade. Silvia Nuñez is moving from SI 2nd grade to SI 5th grade. Matilde Gonzalez will be 1/2 time SI 3rd grade and 1/2 time SI 1st grade. Julie Sal will move from the Extended Care program to preschool teacher. Lois Gerritsma is moving from preschool to Development Assistant.

School Board News: This month reports were received from the Administrative and Educational Leadership teams. Committee reports were also received from committee chairs.

Tuition Statements will be mailed to all families in May. As we near the end of the school year we want to insure accuracy and understanding of current account balances. This will also help insure a clean transition to Smart Tuition in July. Contact Linda Keen in the Finance Office if you have any questions on your statement (616) 879-0302 or lkeen@zcs.org.

Expand(ED): Does your child love basketball or wish they had a chance to learn more about it? Sign him/her up for basketball camp this summer! Sign up for this or other summer Expand(ED) programs [here](#).

Thank You to all who came out for Fun Night! Thank you for supporting the 8th grade class. Proceeds will go to the 8th grade class trip and memorial.

Parents Points: If you would like to **keep** your current Parents Points assignment for 2018-2019 please email Jennifer Schafer jschafer@zcs.org. This is to KEEP your current spot only. At a later date there will be a link to sign up for new spots.

HCHS News: As you may or may not have heard, this past February my wife Shelly and I accepted positions with an organization called Many Hands for Haiti (www.mh4h.org) and we will be moving to Haiti sometime next fall for a minimum two-year commitment. Dr. Kristy Taylor has been named as the interim principal for next year and I'm sure you will enjoy reading her weekly Blue Note blurbs. I covet your prayer for these transitions. - Darryl DeRuijter, HCHS Principal

The Week Ahead

May 10 & 11: FULL DAY OF SCHOOL NO PM Busing and NO Hot Lunch

May 15: The "Spring Music Thing" is coming on Tuesday, May 15! This final music concert of the year will feature the bands and choirs from 5th and 6th grades in a fun hour that includes large and small performing groups, a wide variety of music, and a free ice cream sundae afterwards. Join us in the ZCS gym at 7 PM

May 18: 4th Grade Market Day

May 19: ZCS Zip registration is open! \$15 per runner/walker (price increases to \$20 after May 9)
\$45 per family of 3 or more <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=131941>

The Month Ahead

May 29: 8th Grade class trip

June 1: 8th Grade Banquet

June 4: Family Games

June 6: NO AM Busing for Middle School

June 7: 6th and 7th Grade Class Trips

June 7: Last Day of School NO AM Middle School Busing. NO PM Elementary Busing

Looking Forward

August 27: Young 5's-8th First Day of 2018-2019 School Year

September 5: First Day of Preschool

On-Going

New! [2018-2019 ZCS School Calendar](#)

[2017-2018 Calendar](#)

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](#).

[Hot Lunch](#)

School Delays/Cancellations: When Zeeland Public is delayed or canceled due to weather or other circumstances, Zeeland Christian is canceled as well. Delay/Cancellation information is available on most local tv and radio stations. You may also choose to receive text alerts via stations such as wzzm or woodtv. Sign up for alerts from ZPS at <http://www.zps.org/z-for-me/>

Infinite Campus: To access your student's 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.

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

TRIP News

All orders must be placed online! www.shopwithscrip.com. Tuesday TRIP runs as usual on a snow day. If you pay by check and think there may be a snow day, drop off your check early. Instant TRIP is on Friday from 11-1PM in the Main Office. Summer TRIP dates: June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7 & 21. Online orders are due by 11:00 AM on TRIP dates. Order will be available for pick up on the next TRIP Tuesday. There will be TRIP on June 5 with orders available on June 12. Summer Instant TRIP Dates: June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7 & 21 9:00-10:30 AM.

ZCS \$hopper

- **Royal Atrium Inn Assisted Living:** Now hiring for a part-time nurse (LPN/RN) to work in our Care Office. Please call 772-2935 if interested.
- **Career Camp for Current 6th-9th Students:** Check out the amazing summer [Career Camp](#) opportunities offered by the OAISD for our students! The registration link will open May 1st.
- Which team is better: Minnesota Vikings QB **Kirk Cousins** and the Holland Christian Alumni or the West Ottawa Alumni All-Stars, led by Tyler VanTubergen? Come on out to Holland Christian HS on **Friday, May 18** as we look to settle the score at **Game On 2018**. Our community event kicks off at **4:30** as members of the Greater Holland Community with cognitive and/or physical impairments team up with football players and cheerleaders from WO and HC and their bands to participate in a modified football event called [Victory Day](#). In addition to Game On and Victory Day, your ticket gets you a BBQ Dinner and access to yard games and other entertainment that runs from 5 to 6:30. **Tickets** for the entire event are only \$5 on or before May 11, \$7 after. <https://hcs.ticketspice.com/game-on> or buy tickets at the Holland Christian HS Main Office or Administrative Office.
- **Great Start Parent Coalition:** Take a Deep Breath! May 10th at 5:30 PM 13565 Port Sheldon St. Holland. Dinner and Childcare provided for children up to 10 yrs of age. Monica Verplank will help us learn how and why taking five simple breaths and other strategies, help us to de-stress, be more present in daily family life and enjoy the precious years with our children. RSVP ottawaparentcoalition@gmail.com
- **ADULT SPANISH AND IMMERSION SUMMER CAMPS** - Holland Christian will offer two special Spanish camps this year: Spanish for adults (evenings June 11-15 and/or mornings June 18-22) and Spanish immersion for grades 4th-6th (afternoons June 18-22). 15 hours of Spanish for only \$100! For more information register [HERE](#) or email Amanda Cisneros (acisneros@hollandchristian.org).
- **HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT** - Open your home to a high school student from Spain, China, Brazil, Denmark or one of many other countries! Students come through CETUSA, a non-profit organization, and attend public school for a semester or year. Jesús from Spain loves debate, board games and tennis! Qianping from China loves music, painting, and wants to be a teacher! Contact Amanda Cisneros (acisneros@hollandchristian.org) for more information.