



ZCS Blue Note December 5, 2018

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News

NO PM Busing: Friday, December 14

Wish List: Would you like to go above and beyond for a teacher that goes above and beyond? We ask our teachers to fill out a wish-list so that you can bless them with specific wants they have for their classrooms. [Check out the wishlist here](#). It will keep being updated as teachers send us items.

Preschool Service Opportunity: Our preschoolers are serving others this Christmas season by packing "breakfast bags" for Hand2Hand Ministries. In order to have enough materials for the kids to pack a few bags each, we need more supplies. Will you help us? Please bring donations of raisins, packages of peaches, granola bars, or oatmeal packets to the preschool entryway or main office by **Friday, December 7**. We specifically need raisins and peach packages. If you would prefer to donate a few dollars and have our teachers purchase the food items this weekend, please bring the donations to the preschool office or main office.

TRIP: The last day to order TRIP on Tuesday before Christmas is **December 11**. Make sure that your order is placed before 11:00 am on the 11th. TRIP orders placed after that date will be available on January 8. Any orders placed after the 18th and over the break will be processed on January 8 and available on January 15. Remember that you can use Reload and ScripNow! over the break.

Middle School Ski Club: The first ski club day of the season is **Friday, December 14**. Bus will leave from school at 3pm and return around 9:30 PM. Still need a ski club card? Deadline to purchase a card is Friday, December 21. Cost is \$17 and gives reduced lift ticket and ski rental prices. More info at www.zcs.org/skiclub

Language Immersion: Wondering how kids learn language? So are we! Join Betsy Sneller, language researcher at Georgetown University (also known as Mr. Sneller's daughter and a grad of ZCS), and Jodi Pierce, director of ZCS's language immersion program, for a short language acquisition seminar on **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00** in the media center. Betsy will talk about how researchers study language acquisition, what the field has uncovered so far, and some of the exciting questions they are still researching. Come with any questions you might have! The content will definitely be applicable for *both* immersion and non-immersion parents.

Language Research: Calling all 5-9 years-olds! For the next two weeks, Betsy Sneller (a ZCS grad and a language researcher at Georgetown Univ.) will be at ZCS conducting research focusing on language acquisition in children. All K-3rd grade students will be bringing home an information letter and consent form today. While it is not the focus of their research, we are highly interested in finding out if there are notable differences between students from the three language programs here. If you are interested in having your child participate, please return the consent form ASAP.

Second Grade Philippines T-shirts: Our 2nd graders designed t-shirts in order to raise money for Ralph. Ralph is a student at our sister school in the Philippines. They wanted to "tell everyone" about their project because their excitement is through the roof! You can view all 4 designs and order shirts through the unique links below.

Mr. Meyer's Class: <https://goodink.com/node/18643>

Mrs. Swartz's Class: <https://goodink.com/node/18639>

Maestra VanderPloeg's Class: <https://goodink.com/node/18647>

Maestra Duran's Class: <https://goodink.com/zcs-kid-created-1>

Lost & Found tables will be in front entry starting Monday, December 10th. Please stop by and check them out. All items will be cleared and donated at end of day on Thursday, December 20th.

Hi, my name is Kean, and I'm a kindergarten student at Grace Community Christian School in the Philippines. I am 5-years-old, and I enjoy coloring. I have two brothers, and my mom tries her best to support the three of us. She has chosen to send me to GCCS this year hoping someone will sponsor me. Would you be willing to sponsor me for \$450? It would be a wonderful Christmas gift for my mom knowing that my tuition is paid for. If you're interested, please contact Tom Joustra at tjoustra@zcs.org or check out the wall in the front hallway of school. Thank you so much!

Looking Forward

December 14: NO PM Busing
December 17 & 19: Jingle Jog
December 17: Middle School Christmas Concert
December 20: All School Chapel 9AM
December 21: Middle School Serve n' Skate
December 24-January 6: No School *Christmas Break*

ZCS Google Calendar: Stay up to date by subscribing to the ZCS Google Calendar!

Save the date for Caberfae Peaks skiing this winter. Always a great time with friends, warm fire and a potluck lunch with our own part of the lodge. Jan 21 - \$15 for the lift ticket with complimentary ski rental and lesson. Snowboards are \$8 more and helmets are \$3. Feb 18 - \$18 for the lift ticket with complimentary ski rental and lesson. Snowboards are \$8 more and helmets are \$3. Contact Rebecca Grant with questions rebgrant@charter.net

On Going

Pig in a Blanket & Bannet: Traditional and flaky Pig options are available for \$10 per dozen. Bannet is \$7 a stick. Purchase your pigs and/or bannet in the office and pick up in the hallway freezer.

Yearbooks: There is still time to order a yearbook! Order online today: <https://www.geskusphoto.com/orderform.asp>

Drop Off/Parking: Please be aware of the marked drop off spots in the front of the school during drop off and pick up. These spots are for drop off only. These are NO Parking zones. [LINK](#) to parking/drop off

***Closeout Sale* 2018 Champs** books are available in the school office for \$10! There are still a few months to get savings from a 2018 Champs book!

TRIP News

Macatawa Bank is no longer be distributing TRIP orders. TRIP may be sent home with a K-8th student (6th-8th grade pick up orders in the main office) or picked up in the main office on Tuesday from 10:30-4:00. If there is a snow day on Tuesday TRIP orders continue as usual, with pickup available the following day.

Start earning money towards tuition! We are SO EXCITED to have made the transition to online TRIP registration! Visit the [TRIP](#) page on our website for details! (<https://www.zcs.org/trip/>) or email Lisa Fredricks (lfredricks@zcs.org)

Instant TRIP Fridays 11:00-1:00 in the main office. If the school is not in session/snow day on Friday, there is no Instant TRIP. If you are having TRIP sent home with an elementary student, please update your profile to show the classroom teacher of your child. <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Account/Profile>

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- [Downtown Holland Holiday Calendar](#)