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Thank you for expressing interest in Zeeland Christian School! We believe there is no better place for your child than Zeeland Christian School.

As a Christ-centered community, we celebrate the opportunity to work hand in hand with family and church to educate students from a Christian perspective. Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, "A cord of three strands is not easily broken."

It is our goal to look at everything through the eyeglasses of scripture and give your child the very best education possible. We have an experienced staff who are learners themselves and continue to develop their abilities. Our curriculum is examined yearly to make it the very best it can be. Considering that our Christian beliefs are lived out daily by staff and students and God's presence is in all that we teach, we believe that there is no finer education environment available than what we can offer at Zeeland Christian.

Enclosed you find a wide breadth of information on what makes ZCS such a unique school. However, this information can only go so far. You are warmly encouraged and welcomed to stop by with questions, meet our staff and take a tour of our facilities. Contact us at zcsinfo@zcs.org or 616.772.2609.

We pray that God will guide you in making this spiritual and academic investment in your child/ children's future.

In Christ,

Tim McAboy
Head of School



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Overview

ZCS is dedicated to teaching children to love God, love others and love learning. We do this by nurturing a child's social, emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual growth.

Threeschool-8th Grade Programs

Traditional

The core of every classroom is teaching kids to love God and to love others. But there are many ways to do that! Experience the innovative and exciting ways we educate kids in our non-traditional 'Traditional' program.

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, contact Stacy (sdeters@zcs.org).

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, Young Fives or 8th Grade (Coming 2019!) 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 Before School Care (as early as 7:00am), Lunch Bunch, Preschool Afternoon Care or After School Care (as late as 6:00pm).

For more details, visit zcs.org/extendedcare



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2019-20 ZCS Y5-8 Tuition Schedule *Estimated*

Grades K-8	Tuition	Monthly Payments
1 Child	\$8,880+	\$740
2 Children	\$13,316+	\$1,109
3 Children	\$16,424+	\$1,322
4 Children	\$18,643+	\$1,501
5 Children	\$20,344+	\$1,695

+ A \$150 charge per student will be added to all middle school students for laptop fees.

Zeeland Christian School is a covenantal family made up of many parents. Many years ago the School Board decided that it would implement a sliding tuition schedule that would allow parents with more children to pay a lower percent of the cost of education. What this means at the present time is that a family with one child pays more than 100 percent of the cost of education; a family with more children pays less than 100 percent.

If you have financial concerns about your ability to enroll your family at ZCS, please know that we have tuition assistance (T.A.) available. Over the last few years our families and donors have worked hard to be able to offer 100% of the assistance families qualify for. The qualifying formula for T.A. is:

Step 1: $18\% \times \text{Adjusted Gross Income} = X$

Step 2: $\text{Total tuition} - X = \text{T.A. amount}$

Contact Director of Finance and Operations, Mike Arendsen (marendsen@zcs.org) with further questions.



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ZCS Extended Care 2019-20

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.

Before School Care

Offered every day from 7:00a.m.-8:40a.m.
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 every day from 8:30a.m.-11:30a.m., Nutritional Snack Provided
Cost \$14.00 per child/per day

Lunch Bunch

Offered every day from 11:50a.m.-1:00p.m.
Kids bring their lunch from home and eat at school
Cost \$6.50 per child/per day

Afternoon Care

Offered every day from 11:50a.m.-3:30p.m., Kids bring their lunch from home and eat at school
Cost \$18.00 per child/per day

After School Care

Offered every day from 3:30p.m.-6:00p.m.
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 every day from 7:00a.m.-3:30p.m.
Cost \$35 per child/per day (Kids can stay for After School Care (ASC), but cost of ASC is the same)

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

Check out zcs.org/extendedcare.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a dress code?

We do not have a dress code besides being appropriate and modest.

How do you handle food allergies?

We take allergies very seriously at ZCS and will work with you to put together a food plan. Each family is contacted before school starts to determine the best plan for that child. However, we do recommend providing "safe snacks" for children with severe allergies.

How does ZCS keep the building secure?

Exterior doors at ZCS are kept locked during school hours except during drop-off times. Visitors must enter through the main ZCS office (off Central Ave.), sign in, fill out a name tag and then sign out when they leave.

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) @ ZCS

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 through TRIP for 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. Over time, the money can really 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? Register online at www.zcs.org/trip

Families who register for TRIP when they enroll the first student in ZCS Preschool or Young Fives receive a \$500 tuition voucher when their oldest reaches 1st-grade!



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Ready to Begin Your ZCS Story?

Enrollment Process

The enrollment process consists of **4 Steps**.
(Timeframe is for January applicants.)

STEP 1: Fill out ZCS Y5-8th Admissions Form @ www.zcs.org/enrollment

Whether you are planning to enroll your child or exploring your options, this is where you begin. More specifically, this form will be used to generate your One-Page Tuition Sheet (OPTS).

STEP 2: Review One-Page Tuition Sheet/Set up SMART Account

In February, you will be mailed your families OPTS.

Additionally, every ZCS family has a SMART account which is used to pay tuition. You will receive an email from SMART tuition in February with instructions on how to set up your account and tuition payment plan.

STEP 3: Sign One-Page Tuition Sheet(OPTS)/Fill out Continuous Enrollment Opt-In Form

In late February you will be emailed a link to the Continuous Enrollment Opt-In form. Part of this form is uploading your signed OPTS.

You will fill out this form only once per child during their time at ZCS.

STEP 4: Complete the SAVE-ME-A-SEAT Checklist

This check list will be mailed to you at the beginning of May. It includes items like submitting required immunization records, health forms, etc.



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