



ZCS Blue Note February 27, 2019

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News

2019-2020 One Page Tuition Statements are available for pickup in the school office starting **Friday, March 1**. Please help us save postage by picking up your statement. The link that parents will use for continuous enrollment will be emailed out on **Monday, March 4**.

School Board Updates:

1. The ZCS Board approved the 2019/20 school year calendar and the 2019/20 budget.
2. The Board received updates from the school's Leadership Team. Karyl Morin and Nancy Pyle did a great job of planning and leading the staff professional development day at Hemlock Crossings. The training involved our nature-rich initiative.
3. Peter Jenkins, Dir. of Advancement, shared a strategic approach to raising funds for two areas of need. These include Facilities Upgrades and an Outdoor Learning Environment.
4. The Executive Teams from ZCS and Holland Christian met to share ideas and to encourage a collaborative relationship between the two schools.
5. You are welcome to join us at the annual ZCS Society Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Prior to this meeting, you will have the chance to vote on new Board member candidates and on the 2019/20 budget. All voting will be done online.

ZCS Society Members 101:

1. Not sure if you're a Society Member? Here are the criteria (source: Organizational Constitution; Section 211):
 - a. Support the mission statement of the school
 - b. Support the school with prayer
 - c. Have either made a recorded gift in the last 12 months or currently have a child or children enrolled
2. Why are the people who fit these criteria called "Society" Members?
 - a. Zeeland Christian School was founded in 1915 as The Society for Christian Instruction. ***Fun Fact: This remains our legal name.***
3. Why is this important?
 - a. Our annual Society Meeting is happening on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the vocal music room (Room 72). The purpose of this meeting is to elect Board members and approve the budget. Board nominees, the proposed 2019-2020 budget and the full Society Report (an all-school year in review) can be viewed [HERE](#). All Society Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
 - b. Votes may be submitted [HERE](#) until March 13.

Congratulations to 8th graders Sam Knot, who came in third, and James Oosterhouse, who came in fourth, in the Regional Spelling Bee Tuesday night.

Busing Alert: Thursday, February 28 there is **NO PM** Elementary Busing. Friday, March 1 there is **NO PM** Busing for Elementary and Middle School. **Hot Lunch is available both days.**

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 5th are optional and by request of either parents or teachers. You should have received information from your children's classroom teachers including sign-up date, time, and password. The deadline to sign up is 10pm TONIGHT!

Electronic Guest/Parent sign in and out is now up and running in the front office. All parents and guests need to go through a one-time registration process to be recognized in the sign in system. Please allow a few extra minutes to register when you come to school next. We are excited for all our parents and guest to use this new system!

Tuition Assistance: Are you planning to apply for TUITION ASSISTANCE for the 2019-2020 school year? You may begin applying on Monday, March 11. The application fee is \$35.

Teacher Requests for 2019-2020: the Education Committee would like to remind parents that written requests for specific teachers must go directly to Tim McAboy, Head of School and not to individual teachers. Based on school policy, the Head of School will bring all requests to the Education Committee. All requests must be in written form and received by March 22. Requests go beyond preferences and offer input that should be considered in special circumstances

Middle School Ski Club plans on going to Bittersweet this FRIDAY (March 1). Please have your student sign the bus list outside Mr. Fischer's office. Round trip bus cost is \$3. Bus leaves at 3pm outside the middle school doors. The bus arrives back home at approximately 9:15pm.

Peter Pan: Come soar with us on a journey to *Neverland!* The ZCMS 8th grade class is nearly ready with their production of **Peter Pan** and they'd love for you to join them on this timeless adventure! Get your reserved tickets TODAY at zcs.ludus.com. Tickets will also be sold during lunch and after school in front of the main office from February 25 - March 7. Show times are as follows: March 7 @ 7 pm, March 8 @ 7 pm, March 9 @ 2 pm.

Girls and Boys Running Clubs: The time is fast approaching for the girls and boys running clubs to start! Any interested 3-6th girls and boys can get more information and [sign-up online](#). Start date will be Thursday, March 21 and the race will be Saturday, May 18. Any questions? Contact Chuck Commeret (ccommeret@zcs.org) or Erin Bremer (erinabremer@gmail.com).

Looking Forward

February 28: NO PM Busing for Elementary
March 1: NO PM Busing Elementary and MS
March 7-9: 8th Grade Play
March 14: ZCS Society Meeting 7pm
March 19: Spring Elementary Program at Community Reformed Church
March 20: 1-2 PM 8th Grade Project Based Learning presentations on the Christian persecution.
March 23: [Basket Breakers 3 on 3 Tournament](#). Registration is [OPEN!](#)
March 29-April 5: Spring Break
April 12: ZCS Auction
April 20: Middle School Sports Physicals at City on a Hill (\$10)
April 22: Spring Parade of Bands
May 3: Fun Night
May 18: ZCS Zip
May 20: Middle School Spring Choral Concert
[ZCS Google Calendar](#): Stay up to date by subscribing to the ZCS Google Calendar!
2019-2020 Calendar

On Going

Pig in a Blanket: FRESHLY MADE! Traditional and flaky Pig options are available for \$10 per dozen. Purchase your pigs in the office and pick up in the hallway freezer.

Yearbooks: There is still time to order a yearbook! [Order online today!](#)

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

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/>

Interactive Lunch Menu: Use the interactive lunch menu site to keep up to date on hot lunch changes.

http://cdn.myschoolmenus.com/instance/2039289/district/21.html?school_id=45&menu_id=8819

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.

If you have a TRIP order to pick up you may come in on Friday between 11:00am - 1:00pm as well as on Tuesday from 10:30-4:00.

Quality car wash certificates are now \$7

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>

ZCS Shopper

- Take a global stroll through the historic Colonial Clock building and feast your eyes upon uniquely decorated tablescapes from a variety of countries including Sweden, Ukraine, China, Poland, Chile, Ecuador, The Netherlands, Senegal, and more! Enjoy tea, coffee, and sweet treats from each country exhibited! **Sunday, March 3, from 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.** at the Colonial Clock Building, 201 W. Washington Ave. in Zeeland. Funds raised support Redeemer Christian Foundation which provides a free, Christian education to poor and orphaned children in Pakistan. Skype/Facetime sessions with the director of the school in Pakistan will be held at 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 PM, just before the raffles! A decorated Ukrainian Easter table display will be auctioned off as well!! Purchase tickets in advance for \$25.00 online at www.redeemerchristianfoundation.org or at the Wooden Shoe Shop at Dutch Village. Tickets purchased at the door are \$30.00. Many of the tables will have very delicate and precious items, so please consider that this may not be an appropriate event for young children.