



ZCS Blue Note September 18, 2019

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News

Upcoming Calendar Dates:

September 20: **NO PM Busing**

September 27: **No School** *Staff Professional Development*

September 30-October 2: School Pictures

October 11: **NO PM Busing**

October 11: 9 am All School Chapel

October 21 & 22: Y5-8th grade Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)

October 23-25: NO School CEA Conference and Professional Development

October 30 & 31: Threeschool/Preschool Grandparents/Grandfriends Day

November 1: Young 5s-8th Grade Grandparents/Grandfriends Day 9-Noon. Chapel at 9 AM

MAP Growth Assessments: 3rd through 8th graders will be taking MAP Growth assessments between Monday, September 16 and Friday, September 20. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress. Assessments in Math, Reading, and Language help teachers understand what will be ready to learn in the upcoming school year. Please look for more information from your child's teacher with regards to specific dates and how to best encourage your child!

School Pictures will be taken on September 30, October 1, 2, and 4. Order envelopes will be coming home in your child's backpack this week. Threeschool envelopes will not have printed names specific for students. Y5-8th will be pre-printed with your child's name. **Please return the pre-printed envelopes to school with your child on picture day (even if you are not purchasing photos)!**

Threeschool: Your child will have a Group Photo taken. There will be no individual photos. They *will not be included* in the yearbook.

Preschool: Your child will have a Group Photo and an Individual Photo taken. They *will not be included* in the yearbook.

Young Fives - 8th Grade: Your child will have an Individual Photo taken, will be part of a Class Composite, and *will be included* in the Yearbook.

[2019-2020 Photo Schedule HERE](#)

Sponsor a Student in the Philippines: We are thankful for the relationship we have had with Grace Christian Community School for the past 20 years. One way we build relationships with our friends there is to sponsor over 80 students at their school. For only \$450, students can attend GCCS for an entire year. We are thankful for the many sponsors who have already signed up and would love to find sponsors for 30 more students. If you are interested in a full sponsorship (\$450) or a partial sponsorship (\$150 or \$300), please contact Maria Klompaker (mklompaker@zcs.org).

Playground After School: Our after school care program is blessed with a large number of students. They use the playground between 3:50-4:30 p.m. every day. These children receive supervision from school staff, and they are expected to follow school rules. If families decide to have their children on the playground during this time, they must be supervised by a parent/caretaker and they must also follow school rules for which playground structures they may play on and behavior expectations. Thank you!

Art Room Needs: Plastic tubs (margarine, cool whip style) and styrofoam egg carton are needed in the art room! Recycle with us!

Pig in a Blanket: A sure sign of Fall is Pigs in a Blanket! Traditional and flaky options are available for \$10 per dozen. Purchase your pigs in the office and pick up in the hallway freezer.

Moms in Prayer: Do you want to join with other praying moms and pray for your children and ZCS? We would love to have you join one of the ZCS Moms in Prayer groups. Moms in Prayer is a worldwide ministry that seeks to gather moms to pray together for their kids and schools. We have had a group at ZCS for over 30 years and this year may be the year God is calling you to join! Choose from 3 groups or we can help you start a new group that works with your schedule.

- **Wednesday at 6:00 am** the College and Career/Grandma group meets at Haven CRC. They meet year-round. Contact person is Grace Datema (616) 403-5844.
- **Wednesday at 8:45 am** a group that focuses on praying for ZCS and HCHS meets at Haven CRC during the school year. Contact persons are Laurie Wierda (616) 403-6633 or Wendi Los (616) 610-2168. Childcare will be considered if needed. If you would be interested in providing childcare at the church nursery let us know.
- **Thursday at 8:45 am** in the prayer room at ZCS is a group that focuses on praying for ZCS and HCHS. Contact person is Erica Boerman (202) 316-5123.

Links

Questions about Busing/Transportation? ZPS Transportation 616-748-3425. **ZPass Plus:** ZPS has issued new bus tags for all students this year. Parents will have to re-enroll in the ZPassPlus, with their child(s) new bus tag RFID # AND enter their child(s) name in ALL CAPS (case sensitive). www.zpassplus.com

Questions about Hot Lunch/Food Service? ZPS Food Service 616-748-3128.

August/September Menu: <https://www.zcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Zeeland-Christian-August-September-2019-1.pdf>

***NEW* Hot Lunch Account Link:** <https://meals.zps.org/Login.aspx>

Infinite Campus Parent Portal: For new users, please complete the Acceptable Use Policy and turn into the office: https://www.zcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Parent_Portal_-_Acceptable_Use_Policy_.pdf

Link to Parent Portal: <https://ottawami.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/zeeland.jsp>

TRIP

- Parents of Young 5s-5th grade may have TRIP sent home with your child. Please update your profile with your child's name and their new teacher's name.
- Middle school students need to pick up TRIP for their parents in the front office.
- TRIP orders may be picked up in the front office anytime during office hours.
- You may now use your credit card to purchase TRIP. You will need to enter your information at shopwithscrip.com. You can use a VISA or Mastercard. Your rebate will remain unchanged, but there is a 2.6% charge for using the credit card.
- New to TRIP: Forest Grove Auto is new to TRIP. They are located at 4010 Byron Rd. They will give 5% to your TRIP account if you pay with check or cash. If you use a credit card the rebate is 2.5%.

ZCS Shopper

- **Administrative Assistant job opening** – Christian Schools International has an opening for an Administrative Assistant. The ideal candidate will have a strong belief and dedication to Christian education. The successful candidate will support the efficient operation of the Benefits Department by performing a variety of clerical and administrative tasks. Excellent computer skills and verbal and written communication skills are required. Apply by sending a resume to Howard VanMersbergen at hvanmersbergen@csionline.org.
- **FREE Electronics & Metal Recycling Day.** Saturday, October 5 8:00am-12:00 PM @ Noordeloos Christian Reformed Church (4055 112th Avenue, Holland, MI 49424) Almost anything with a cord, battery or motor; and anything metal. NO TV's, CRT monitors or Household Batteries.