



## Thank you for expressing interest in 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](mailto: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

Sherri Tibbe  
Elementary Principal

Chuck Commeret  
Middle School Principal

**LOVE GOD • LOVE KIDS • LOVE LEARNING**



## 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

#### English

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 varied abilities special needs into the classroom. Inclusion benefits all students 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](mailto: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 offer a Mandarin Immersion Threeschool or Young Fives)

### Extended Care at ZCS

In addition to the classes listed above, we also offer Extended Care for children in three-school-5th grade. Kids can be enrolled in Before School Care (as early as 7:00 a.m.), Morning or Afternoon Preschool Care, Lunch Bunch or After School Care (as late as 6:00 p.m.). For more details, visit [zcs.org/extendedcare](http://zcs.org/extendedcare)



## 2020-21 ZCS K-8 Tuition Schedule

Grades K-8	Tuition*	Monthly Payments*
1 Child	\$4,596 - \$9,191	\$383 - \$766
2 Children	\$6,892 - \$13,783	\$575 - \$1,149
3 Children	\$8,500 - \$17,000	\$708 - \$1,417
4 Children	\$9,648 - \$19,297	\$804 - \$1,608
5 Children	\$10,529 - \$21,057	\$878 - \$1,755

+ 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.

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 80-100% of the assistance families qualify for. The qualifying formula for T.A. is:

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

**Step 2:**  $\text{Total tuition} - X = \text{T.A. amount a family qualifies for}$

Contact Dir. of Finance and Operations, Mike Arendsen ([marendsen@zcs.org](mailto:marendsen@zcs.org)) with further questions.

\*The ranges provided in the tuition schedule take into account our tuition assistance program. The largest tuition reduction a family can currently receive is 50%.



## ZCS Extended Care 2020-2021

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.

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There is a \$30 registration fee per family, paid at the start of the school year. Contact Heather Mulder ([hmulder@zcs.org](mailto:hmulder@zcs.org)) to register or for more information.

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**Before School Care** - Cost \$6.50 for 1 child/day, \$11.00 for 2, \$15.00 for 3

Offered everyday from 7:00am-9:00am

Offered to preschool or elementary students (PS-5th)

Nutritional breakfast provided

**After School Care** - Cost \$5.50 per child/per hour, \$10/hour for 2, \$13/hour for 3, billed in half hour increments

Offered everyday from 3:30pm-6:00pm

Offered to preschool and elementary students (PS-5th)

Nutritional snack provided



## 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. Parents are given personal codes that can be used to enter the preschool entrance. Visitors must enter through the main ZCS office (off Central Ave.).

### What extracurricular activities are available for elementary and middle school students?

We have a variety of opportunities for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to participate in sports at Zeeland Christian. Because of our close relationship with Holland Christian Schools we are also able to work together to offer even more opportunities, listed under Co-op sports below, that we wouldn't be able to provide on our own.

## TRIP - Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (Preschool - 8th Grade)

### 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](http://www.zcs.org/trip)



## Ready to Begin Your ZCS Story?

### Enrollment Process

Yay! We are thrilled you are enrolling your child(ren) at Zeeland Christian School. Online registration is open at [www.zcskindergarten.eventbrite.com](http://www.zcskindergarten.eventbrite.com). An enrollment form will follow.

The enrollment process consists of 3 Steps.

- 1 Fill Out Continuous Enrollment Form Online**  
This form will provide us with all the information needed to begin the process of your placing your child in a classroom. You will only fill out this form only once per child during their time at ZCS.
- 2 Set up SMART Tuition Account**  
Every ZCS family has a SMART account which is used to pay tuition. You will receive an email from SMART tuition within a week after filling out the enrollment form with instructions on how to set up your account and tuition payment plan.
- 3 Complete the SAVE-ME-A-SEAT Checklist**  
This check list will be emailed to you once your SMART account is set-up. It includes items like submitting immunization records, health forms, etc.