



## ZCS Blue Note

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## Upcoming Calendar Dates

March 13: NO PM Busing

March 17: 6:45 PM Grades 2-5 Elementary Music Showcase at Community Reformed Church \*time change\*

March 17: 8th Grade Persecuted Church Presentations 1PM

March 20: End of 3rd Marking Period

March 23 & 24: **No Preschool.** Preschool Conferences

March 28: [Basket Breakers 3-on-3 tournament](#) Registration is OPEN! Register [HERE](#)

April 3-10: Spring Break

April 17: AUCTION

April 23: 7PM Annual Society Meeting

April 24: NO PM Busing

April 25: MS Sports Physicals at City on a Hill

May 1: Fun Night

## News

**Thank You** to Mrs. Gontjes and Ms. Van Erp and the entire cast of the 8th grade play **Charlotte's Web** for sharing this fabulous story of friendship and cooperation.

**Elementary Music Showcase:** Join us Tuesday March 17 for an Elementary Music Showcase at Community Reformed Church. The 2nd through 5th grades will be sharing a variety of songs and activities from their music classes in a fun and 'praiseful' hour. Join us at 6:45 PM!

**Teacher Requests for 2020-2021:** 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 20**.

\*Requests go beyond preferences and offer input that should be considered in special circumstances.

**ZCS Bylaws:** On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Policy Committee is pleased to present an updated version of the Bylaws. These Bylaws will provide sound governance for years to come, as we strive to be faithful to the mission of ZCS. Society members will vote to approve these Bylaws at our Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 23. Watch for more information and voting instructions in the next few weeks. Please read the Bylaws [HERE](#). You may email Ann Hemmeke, [annhemmeke@gmail.com](mailto:annhemmeke@gmail.com), with any questions.

**Tuition Assistance:** The application window for TUITION ASSISTANCE for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. Go to the ZCS homepage, click on ENROLLMENT, scroll down to FINANCIAL AID, and click on TUITION ASSISTANCE. You will be directed to the FACTS website where you can sign in if you are a returning applicant or create an account if you are new to the system.

You may apply through Monday, April 20. Questions? Contact Mike Arendsen, Director of Finance and Operations at [marendsen@zcs.org](mailto:marendsen@zcs.org) or 879-0312.

**Girls and Boys Running Clubs:** The time is fast approaching for the girls and boys running clubs to start! Any interested girls and boys can get more information and sign-up online at <https://sites.google.com/zcs.org/zcs-running-clubs>. The start date will be Monday, March 23 and the race will be Saturday, May 16. Any questions? Contact Chuck Commeret ([ccommeret@zcs.org](mailto:ccommeret@zcs.org)) or Erin Bremer ([erinabremer@gmail.com](mailto:erinabremer@gmail.com))

**The 8th grade students** have been working on a PBL on Christian persecution. In doing so, they have studied both past and present day Christian persecution. On Tuesday, March 17 from 1:00-2:00, students will be setting up exhibits in the middle school wing displaying the information they have learned. We would love for you to join and see what we have learned! In addition, consider bringing money to donate. We will be collecting money for organizations who are currently helping our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Auction:** It is time for the Chicken & Pig Roast at Auction 2020. Join us on April 17 for dinner before bidding begins. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit ZCS! Dinner will be served from 5-6:30PM. Take out dinners are also available.

**Golf Carts:** Buy A Line(s) for a chance to win one of two Golf Carts! The TWO winning lines will be randomly selected during the LIVE ZCS Auction on Friday, April 17, 2020. You DO NOT need to be present to win. Good Luck! Buy your lines [HERE](#)

**Sports Physicals:** Middle School Sports Physicals will be on April 25 at City on a Hill. \$15 per student. A sign up genius will be sent out soon.

**March is Reading Month:** It's 'March is Reading Month!' The classrooms are bursting with wonderful books to read! Books to read to self, books to read aloud, books to share interactive reading, books to listen to on iPads. Our Kindergarten teachers have planned an exciting month of reading activities centering around Dr. Seuss! Weekly activities are planned for each week, celebrating the many titles! 'March is Reading Month' is a fun way to celebrate reading! You can celebrate 'March is Reading Month' at home, too! There are many books to explore! Snuggle up with your child and read!

**Whitecaps Reading Program:** Baseball and Reading! What an exciting way to celebrate spring! Elementary Students read books to earn free tickets to a West Michigan Whitecaps Baseball game! The reading logs and voucher information came home last week. Be sure to ask your child about this exciting spring event! We are excited to partner with the West Michigan Whitecaps again this year!

**Expand(ED):** Registration for this summer's Expand(ED) programs is now available. You can find out what is being offered and register on this [website](#). Camps being offered this summer include: Mandarin, Spanish, Spanish cooking, fairy gardens, girls running with Jesus, basketball, soccer, volleyball, golf, tutoring, math, and leveled-library check out.

The **Holland Christian Spirit Shop** for Spring Athletic Apparel is open and ready for purchases from now through March 17th. All individual spring sports have a shop with individual items as well as a general HC Maroons shop with individual items as well. You are invited to take a few minutes to click through the options at the following link: <https://www.hollandchristian.org/athletics/spirit-shop-2/>. Orders will be fulfilled and ready for pick up at the high school office during the week following spring break.

**SAILING SEASON** is almost here! 7th and 8th graders are invited to participate on the HCHS sailing team! The spring season is March 31, 2020 - May 22, 2020. No previous sailing or racing experience necessary! Practices are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 3:30 - 6:30. (Feel free to begin the season after spring break if you will be out of town.) Come get the boats ready for the season on March 31 from 3:30 - 6:30 at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. Parent and sailor meeting to follow at 6:30. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Nick Hovland at [nick@mbja.org](mailto:nick@mbja.org) or ZCS mom Carrie Traver at [cktraver@gmail.com](mailto:cktraver@gmail.com) More information can be found at [mbja.org](http://mbja.org)

**2020-2021 Calendar:** Find the 2020-2021 calendar [HERE](#)

It may seem crazy to think about summer sports camps already, but **Holland Christian Summer Sports Camps are ready for registration!** From basketball to volleyball and kindergarteners to seniors, there is a variety of Christ-centered sports offerings for all ages. We invite you to click on this [blog post](#) for more information about summer sports camps and how to register! ([www.hollandchristian.org/summer-sports-camp-registration/](http://www.hollandchristian.org/summer-sports-camp-registration/))"

**ZCS Apparel Sale:** We are excited to announce our new apparel shop in partnership with GoodInk!

<https://stores.goodink.com/zcs/shop/home> Orders will ship once a month directly to your house.

**Pig 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.

**All Belong** (formerly CLC Network) is offering an exciting opportunity for friend groups in member schools. On Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 PM at the Celebration Cinema in Grand Rapids they have booked out a theater for a free showing of Inside Out (sensory friendly, of course). This is intended for friends within classrooms grades K-5 who represent friends of all abilities. So, if you are part of a classroom with a friend who may have Down syndrome, autism, a physical difference, etc, gather up a few friends from your room and head to a free movie together! RSVP by March 14 at [allbelong.org/insideout](http://allbelong.org/insideout). We hope MANY friend groups from ZCS will take advantage of this opportunity.

## TRIP

- Ditto is new to TRIP. \$20 gift cards at a 4.5% rebate.
- Instant TRIP: 11AM-1PM on Fridays when school is in session.
- 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.
- Tuesday TRIP continues as usual if there is a snow day. If there is a snow day on Friday there will be no Instant TRIP.
- 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. TRIP is delivered to the office each week on Tuesday after 10:30 AM
- You may now use your credit card to purchase TRIP. You will need to enter your information at [shopwithscrip.com](http://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.
- **9% Rebate on Champs Books!** Champs Books are now available through TRIP. They may be purchased at Instant TRIP or online.

## ZCS Shopper

- **Kirk Cousins Football Camp:** June 26 & 27, 2020. Middle School Boys' Football Camp for campers entering 6th-8th grade in the fall of 2020. On the Campus of Hope College Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. Register [HERE](#)
- **Trauma and How To Care:** Saturday, March 21 9AM-1PM at First Baptist Church of Zeeland (246 W. Main Ave.) Allison Nelson, MPA, CTP-E will cover: What is trauma?, How to create trauma sensitive areas, Trauma informed practices, Stress Response system. Come learn how to understand and respond more effectively to the needs of students and children with trauma. No cost to attend. Appropriate for those 16 and above. Register at [fbczeeland.org](http://fbczeeland.org)