



ZCS Blue Note

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Upcoming Calendar Dates

March 9-April 3: School Closed

April 3-10: Spring Break

April 17: AUCTION - POSTPONED

April 21: MS Information Night 6 PM

April 21: MS Band Concert 7:15

April 23: 7 PM Annual Society Meeting

April 24: NO PM Busing

April 24: 7th/8th Band Trip

April 25: 9-Noon 7th Grade Totally FREE Car Wash

April 25: MS Sports Physicals at City on a Hill *tentative date*

May 1: Fun Night

News

Zeeland Christian School, as well as schools across the region, has been receiving questions from families regarding spring break travel plans and how they might impact their student's ability to return to school once schools re-open. [Please read this letter from the Ottawa County Department of Public Health when considering your plans.](#)

OTTAWA AREA SCHOOLS OFFER INTERACTIVE MAP OF MEAL DISTRIBUTION SITES FOR SCHOOL

FAMILIES: Ottawa Area ISD has been working with local schools across the Ottawa area to ensure that all students throughout the OAISD service region are included in meal distribution plans during the school closure period amid the COVID-19 health emergency. An [interactive map](#) of meal distribution locations is available on the [Ottawa Area ISD website](#). The map is searchable by address or "use my location" information and may be accessed at oaisd.org/covid-19-freestudentmealsmap. For complete information check out this [LINK](#).

2020-2021 One-Page Tuition Sheet (OPTS) forms were mailed last week. Please complete and return to the school office via mail or via upload [HERE](#). Please return or upload your OPTS by April 2, 2020. Transportation forms should be returned to the school office when school reopens, they may not be uploaded.

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 or 879-0312.

Kindergarten and First Grade Families: The ZCS Auction Food Committee is asking for your help by donating to the Auction 2020 dinner. Please use the Sign-Up Genius that was emailed to you. Please be sure to complete the form by Tuesday, March 31. Your generosity is appreciated! (If you did not receive the Sign-up Genius or need it re-sent, please contact Krissy DeKruyter at dekruyter@sbcglobal.net)

TRIP Participants:

- Due to school closing TRIP is being moved to Deb Vanden Heuvel's house at 519 Huizenga Ave. in Zeeland.
- TRIP will be on Tuesday as usual. Pick up for TRIP orders will be on Tuesday from 10:00 am-7:00 pm.
- Instant TRIP will be available at Deb's home on Tuesdays from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.
- You are all encouraged to continue ordering Scrip Now! and Reload cards.

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.

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/)"

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.

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- Ditto is new to TRIP. \$20 gift cards at a 4.5% rebate.
- 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.
- **9% Rebate on Champs Books!** Champs Books are now available through TRIP. They may be purchased at Instant TRIP or online.

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- **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](#)