



## ZCS Blue Note

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## Upcoming Calendar Dates

Per the Governor's order, we have moved 100% to Distance Learning for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Please visit [www.zcs.org/covid-19](https://www.zcs.org/covid-19) to read the latest update regarding our Vision and Design for Phase 2 of Distance Learning.

We are praying for you and your families and it's been wonderful seeing many of you via ZOOM already this week.

## News

**Our annual Society Meeting is happening virtually on April 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**

- Board nominees, the proposed 2020-2021 budget and the full Society Report (all-school year in review) can be viewed [HERE](#).
- Votes may be submitted [HERE](#) until April 22, 2020.
- The Society meeting will be held using the Zoom meeting platform. The Meeting ID link will be published at a later date, along with more specific instructions. In the meantime, please familiarize yourself with Zoom and install the app on your phone or computer.

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE IS APPROACHING QUICKLY!** The application window will be open until MONDAY, APRIL 20. Please apply by the deadline in order to help us plan for the upcoming school year. 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. Contact Mike Arendsen, Director of Finance and Operations at [marendsen@zcs.org](mailto:marendsen@zcs.org) or 879-0312 if you have questions.

**Thank You! Essential Workers:** Because we can't get together in person we want to encourage those working hard outside their homes by sending notes in the mail, and we need your help! We are looking for names of people associated with ZCS who are working in an essential role right now AND we are looking for families who are willing to send encouraging notes to them! Feel free to submit a name(s) via this [link](#).

**VIRTUAL RUNNING CLUB:** Running together while we're apart! [Learn more and sign up your family here!](#)

### 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](https://oaisd.org/covid-19-freestudentmealsmap). For complete information check out this [LINK](#).

**ZPS Food Service Meal Distribution:** ZPS will host 27 locations to provide meals to community members ages 18 and under. Routes will run every Monday and Thursday. Please note parents can pick up meals for children and children do not need to be present to receive food. Children do not need to be ZPS students to receive food. This service is open to all families in our community. If your child has a food allergy, please email [foodservice@zps.org](mailto:foodservice@zps.org) for full assistance. <https://www.zps.org/covid/>

**Low/No-Cost Internet Options:** Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

<https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/media-companies-to-offer-free-internet-to-low-income-families-during-coronavirus-crisis>

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.](#)

**Emergency Tuition Assistance:** *If you need assistance in paying tuition* during this time, please reach out. You can [email Mike Arendsen](#), Dir. of Finance. *If you are in a position to give* to the [ZCS Tuition Assistance Fund](#) for families in crisis, please pray about how generous you can be so more families can be helped through this time. Thank you.

**2020-2021 One-Page Tuition Sheet (OPTS)** forms have been mailed. Thank you to those who have returned them to school. If you have not already done so please complete and return your OPTS to the school office via mail or upload [HERE](#) by the end of this week. Transportation forms should be returned to the school office when school reopens, they may not be uploaded. Please contact [Mike Arendsen](#) with any questions.

**Sports Physicals:** Our hope is to reschedule sports physicals that were supposed to take place on April 25 to a later date in the summer, depending on the situation at that time. This will also depend on the availability of volunteer doctors and nurses who make these physicals happen.

**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/](http://www.hollandchristian.org/summer-sports-camp-registration/))"

**ZCS Apparel Sale:** Need some retail therapy during this quarantine? Check out the new ZCS online apparel store! <https://stores.goodink.com/zcs/shop/home> Orders will ship once a month directly to your house.

## TRIP

- 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.
- 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](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](#)