



## ZCS Blue Note

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## Upcoming Calendar Dates

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

**September 25:** ½ Day of School, **no afternoon busing 8:40AM (start time) to 11:45am end time**

September 28-October 1: School Pictures. More information to come!

October 8: Prospective Family Open House

October 15 & 19: Y5-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences \*Evening, School in Session\*

October 21-23: No School \*Teacher Professional Development and CEA Conference\*

October 30: End of First Marking Period

## News

**Barb Newman Visitation and Funeral:** A visitation will be Thursday, September 24, 2020, from 5 until 8pm at Zeeland Christian School in Zeeland, Michigan. A service honoring her life will be held at Moran Park Church Friday, September 25 at 1pm for her family and close friends and Moran Park community. It will be streamed online and to several locations for in-person gatherings. See [allbelong.org](http://allbelong.org) for those locations. Persons in attendance are encouraged to wear Barb's favorite color, purple, in remembrance.

Barb was very specific with instructions regarding gifts; her final words on the matter were, "forget the flowers! Give to All Belong Church Services and to Zeeland Christian." Thank you for doing this to continue her life's work.

**Note on ½ days:** ALL students will be at school from 8:40AM (start time) to 11:45am end time on ½ days. This will be true of all our ½ days this year. If Middle School Students need to ride a bus, they can wait at school until classes begin. We will have a before school power hour if needed.

**Parent Points:** If you would like to keep your current Parent Points assignment for the 20-21 school year please email Jennifer Schafer ([jschafer@zcs.org](mailto:jschafer@zcs.org)). This is to KEEP your current spot only. There will be a link to sign up for new spots sent out in the future.

**Prospective Family Open House:** Over 90% of new families hear about ZCS through friends and family. Do you have a friend or family member who you would love to see at ZCS? If so, we want YOU to bring them on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 pm so they can get a first-hand look at ZCS. If you do, you will both be entered to win \$200 off your tuition! Four \$200 vouchers will be awarded (2 for current families and 2 for newly enrolled families)!

**School Pictures** will be taken on September 28, 29, 30, and October 1. Order envelopes should have come home with your child last week. 4's Preschool-8th will be pre-printed with your child's name. **Please return the pre-printed envelopes to school with your child on picture day!**

**Threeschool:** Your child will not have photos taken.

**Preschool:** Your child will have an Individual Photo taken and will be part of a Class Composite. 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.

[2020-2021 Photo Schedule HERE](#)

**Gift & Magazine Sale:** Our annual gift and magazine sale has begun! All orders need to be placed online by Thursday, October 1 at [www.shopfund.com](http://www.shopfund.com). Email [jschafer@zcs.org](mailto:jschafer@zcs.org) if you have any questions.

**Attendance:** Whenever your student is going to be absent or late to school, please notify the school office. To notify the office, you may email [attendance@zcs.org](mailto:attendance@zcs.org) or leave a message on the attendance line **616-741-0051**. When reporting your absence, please list your student's name, grade, the reason for absence, and teacher.

**USDA Announces Free Meals for Students:** On Monday August 31st, the USDA announced they will be extending the Summer Food Service Program for all students through December 31st or until funds run out. The SFSP is a continuation of the meal program operated during the spring/summer school closure. All lunches will be served at NO COST to children 18 and under (or up through age 26 for individuals with special needs). These new rules apply retroactively to the first day of school, reimbursable meals that have been charged will be credited back on to students accounts. Please note only reimbursable meals will be at no cost (entree, fruit/veg, milk). Any items such as snacks, beverages including milk only, extra entrees will be charged at full price. Free/Reduced Meal Applications will still be collected. Once SFSP has ended, we must revert back to charging meals based on eligibility. Families will need an approved application on file in order to keep receiving free or reduced priced meals. if you have additional questions, email [foodservice@zps.org](mailto:foodservice@zps.org) or call (616)748-3128.

**Yearbooks:** If you ordered a yearbook and have not picked it up yet, please stop by the office as soon as possible to pick up your book.

**ditto** is in need of clothing donations, clean couches & accent chairs. You can now call to schedule a furniture donation pickup at 616-396-8870. Thanks for your continued support!

### **We would love to add more potential subs to our list for English, Spanish, and Mandarin!**

- Subs are able to choose which jobs they accept, which grade levels they are interested in, etc.
- We are looking for adults who love God, love kids, love learning, and have completed at least 90 college credit hours.
- Time commitment is roughly 7:15-2:45 for middle school and roughly 8:15-3:45 for elementary.
- Pre-tax payment is \$106.50 for a full day
- To ask questions or move forward with being added to the list, contact Maria Klompmaker ([mklompmaker@zcs.org](mailto:mklompmaker@zcs.org)) to fill out an application and get details about fingerprinting.

### **Helpful Links:**

[Parent Handbook](#)

[Immersion Handbook](#)

[Middle School Handbook](#)

[Preschool Handbook](#)

[Zeeland Christian School Back To School Plan - 2020-2021](#)

[Zeeland Christian Preschool Back To School Plan - 2020-2021](#)

[Zeeland Christian School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Protocols - 2020-2021](#)

**ZCS Apparel:** <https://stores.goodink.com/zcs/shop/home>

The [ZCS 101 page](#) is not an exhaustive list but includes helpful information as you learn the 'lingo' of our community. It has been updated to include terms like "power hour", "blended learning", and "WAAG (week at a glance)" which are terms you may hear this year. You may find it helpful to bookmark this document and use it as a quick reference guide throughout the year.

# TRIP

- All online orders are due by 11:00 on Tuesdays
- Check out the new app! [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com)
- If parents of Y-5s-5th grade want their children to take home their TRIP they need to update their profiles on [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to put in the new teacher's name for this year. Middle schoolers may pick up TRIP for their parents in the front office.

# ZCS Shopper

- We invite students of all ages to check out the Holland Area Arts Council's fall programming. Attached is our program guide. Fall classes begin this month with offerings in Music, Graphic Story Creation, Ceramics, Painting/Drawing, and Fiber Arts! Scholarships available! Limited class sizes Virtual options to fit your schedule Call 616-396-3278 to register or visit <https://www.hollandarts.org/kids-classes-and-camps.html> for full class information.
- **Hey MOMS!** Looking for a place to plug-in with other moms to build community, be encouraged in your faith and to just to get some well-deserved ME TIME? Then you need to check out MOMS at Ridge Point Community Church! Starting October 1, we'll meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 9:30-11 AM (with childcare) and 6:30-8 PM (without childcare). To register or for more information email Karen VanHaitsma at [moms@fearlessfollower.org](mailto:moms@fearlessfollower.org).