



ZCS Blue Note

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Upcoming Calendar Dates

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

November 22 & 23: NO Preschool

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November 25-29: No School--Thanksgiving Break

December 1: Ski Club Card Deadline

December 2: Creation Ridge Virtual Exploration Event 1:30 PM

December 20-January 1: Christmas Vacation

January 4: Students Return

News

Ski Club - Ski club passes will be on sale starting this week. Please fill out the form and return \$22 to the school office by December 1st!! *These passes allow you to get discounts on lift passes and rentals. They do not cover the entire cost of skiing. We will make a separate announcement when the ski club cards are ready for pick up.* Because of COVID, we don't anticipate being able to bus students to Bittersweet Ski Resort on Friday nights this year. Please visit our ski club page at <https://www.zcs.org/skiclub/> for more information.

Creation Ridge Exploration: Are you interested in learning more about nature-based preschool? Are you curious about what it means to do school outside? If so, we would love to have you join us on ZOOM Wednesday, December 2 at 1:30 PM. This will be a LIVE tour of our Creation Ridge site at Ridge Point Community Church. Please [register here](#) to receive the link (if you are unable to join live, a recording of the event will be sent to you afterward). If you have questions you'd like us to answer during the event please email Nakisha at ndejong@zcs.org. We look forward to sharing Zeeland Christian's newest preschool site with you!

His Harvest Stand Ministries: Hey Kids! ZCS is collecting food items for **His Harvest Stand Ministries** during the month of November! We are collecting cereal and canned fruit(applesauce, pineapple, peaches, etc.). Please talk with your parents and decide what you would like to donate. Bring your items to school by Tuesday, November 24. Put it on the tables in the front of school or give it to your teacher. Thank you for blessing our community with your thoughtful gift!

TRIP News:

- Ship to Home RaiseRight App exclusive: Families can get gift cards from 250+ brands delivered right to their homes or delivered right to friends and family as holiday gifts. It's convenient and contactless. Families must pay with a bank account or credit card. A small shipping fee applies
- \$5 and \$10 Gift Cards: Available through December 28. They make for perfect stocking stuffers and small gifts for friends, teachers, coaches and more. Available while supplies last.
- ThankScripting Day November 19-20: For the first time ever, families get an extra day to take advantage of ThankScripting day earnings. They can shop for huge bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards from +120 brands.
- Holiday Bonuses & Offers: November 28-December 18: Earn even more on holiday shopping with special bonuses, app-exclusive ship to home offers, and more.

Sponsor a Student in the Philippines: We are thankful for the relationship we have had with Grace Christian Community School for over 20 years. One way we build relationships with our friends there is to sponsor over 85 students at their school. For only \$500, students can attend GCCS for an entire year. We are thankful for the many sponsors who have already signed up and would love to find sponsors for 40 more students. If you are interested in a full sponsorship (\$500) or a partial sponsorship (\$250), please contact Maria Klompaker (mklompaker@zcs.org).

Little Maroons: Due to the current safety protocols, our kindergarten through sixth grade Little Maroons basketball programming will be postponed till after Christmas break. Current registrations will be automatically registered for the new dates. City of Holland Recreation will also be postponing our 5/6er programming as well, but more specific information will be coming from them as well. The dates we are planning on at this point for our grade levels are the following:

K-2: Skill Sessions on 1/9, 1/16 and 1/23.
(10:30-12pm: Girls at Pine Ridge & Boys at High School)

3-4: Skill Sessions on 1/9, 1/16 and 1/23 & League Play 1/30, 2/6, 2/13 and 2/20.
(8:30-10am: Girls at Pine Ridge & Boys at High School)

5-6: Skill Sessions on 1/9, 1/16 and 1/23 & City of Holland Dates Coming.
(12:30-2pm: Girls at Pine Ridge & Boys at High School)

More information about specific safety protocols may be communicated as we get closer to January, but the plan is to continue with our current practice of wearing face masks, 1 spectator per participant, distancing, and washing of hands and equipment.

ZCS Global: Are you or a friend looking for a virtual school that is distinctively Christian AND offers a Spanish Immersion option? [ZCS Global](#) offers the unique opportunity for families to do school at home while still being connected to the ZCS community with Zeeland Christian teachers. If you are interested in exploring if this option might be a good fit for your family second semester please email Nakisha DeJong (ndejong@zcs.org) to start the conversation!

TERRACYCLE on hold: Thank you so much to all of our loyal supporters who have been helping us up-cycle trash through the TerraCycle program. Due to the current COVID-19 situation and how we are carefully handling things in our school, TerraCycle collections will be put on hold until further notice. Thank you for understanding!

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 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.

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) 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: New winter items have been added! <https://stores.goodink.com/zcs/shop/home>

Parent Points: If you need to sign up for new parent points assignment, please sign up [HERE](#)

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
- Instant Trip is 11am-1PM each Friday when school is in session.
- Check out the new app! 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 to put in the new teacher's name for this year. Middle schoolers may pick up TRIP for their parents in the front office.

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