



ZCS Blue Note

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Upcoming Calendar Dates

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

Week of December 14: Jingle Jogs

December 20-January 1: Christmas Vacation

January 4: Students Return

January 14: ZCS Showcase (details TBD)

January 21-28: Online Young 5s-Kindergarten Open Registration

January 28: Online Preschool Registration opens at 7PM

News

Wish List: Would you like to go above and beyond for a teacher that goes above and beyond? We ask our teachers to fill out a wish-list so that you can bless them with specific classroom needs and wants. <https://www.zcs.org/school-2/teacher-wish-list/> for the current wish list items.

Busing Alert: Busing Alert: There WILL be elementary busing this Friday, December 11. The same routes that have been used for the past couple of weeks will be in place. Originally the 11th was a no bus day, due to a scheduled remote learning day for ZPS. ZPS is anticipating going back to in-person learning for elementary and middle school on Monday, December 14. If ZPS resumes in person learning on the 14th, normal bus routes will be in place for elementary and middle school students. Stay tuned for more information!

Jingle Jog is happening! It will, however, look very different this year -no spectators, running during their PE class time and only with their classmates and shortening the run time. But some things will look the same - Christmas music, Christmas decorations, festive looking runners and jingling through the gym and halls! This is the 20th Annual Jingle Jog (yes - 20th!!). We'd also like to be able to once again bless our sister school in the Philippines as well as a local charity through fundraising with this year's jog. Look for more information to come in regards to how to donate. Thanks in advance for your understanding of this (one more) change to this year's traditions and events.

Refer a Friend! It's not too late for your friends to join ZCS for the second semester of the 20-21 school year, which begins on January 19! We still have openings in all grades - including preschool at Central Ave and Creation Ridge, the school-home collaborative program, and ZCS Global. You are invited to refer a friend as a potential prospective ZCS family to Nakisha DeJong, Enrollment Coordinator, to be entered for a chance to win a Captain Sundae or DRIP Gift Certificate - fill out this quick [form here](#).

TRIP December Deadlines:

- Orders placed after 11AM on 12/8 will be processed on 12/15 and available for pick up on 1//2021.
- Last Instant TRIP day of 2020: December 18, 11AM-1PM in the lobby

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 Klompmaker (mklompmaker@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.

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](#)

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- 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.
- 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.

- Holiday Bonuses & Offers: November 28-December 18: Earn even more on holiday shopping with special bonuses, app-exclusive ship to home offers, and more.
- CHAMPS books are back for \$30 online and at Instant TRIP.
- Biggby Coffee is new to TRIP \$25 online and at Instant TRIP.