



Zion Lutheran School

Christ-Centered, Classical Education

2020-2021 HONORABLE MENTIONS

ACADEMICS

- I. Academics
 - a. Lutheran Scholar Bowl
 - i. 5th grade: Sara Bonsall, Aiden Freitag, Chandler Haarberg, Dane Porter
 - ii. 6th grade: Jarren Blattner, Grace Burger, Miriam Gaunt, Samuel Nikkila, Hannah Torres
 - iii. 7th grade: Elijah Boykin, Landen Eckhoff, Sterling Hollman, Eric Noyes, Elijah Torres, Colton Zehendner
 - iv. 8th grade: Abigail Burger, Blaire May, Emory Porter, Lauren Starkey, Makenna Starkey
 - b. American Scholastic League
 - i. 6th Grade School Champion: Miriam Gaunt
 - ii. 8th Grade School Champion: Colton Zehendner

ARTS

- II. Arts
 - a. Drama
 - i. Kearney Community Theatre
 - ii. Chloe Rohwer, Evelyn Salyer, Hannah Torres in this summer's production of *Shakespeare Goes to Gravel Gulch*
 - b. Yearbook Cover Contest:

ATHLETICS

III. Athletics: Honoring God with our Bodies

a. Heartland Lutheran Field Day (ZLKS was 1 of 5 schools)

i. Kindergarten (6 wins!)

1. 50 Meter Dash: Taylee Smith, Tyler May
2. Sack Race: Noah Andre
3. Book Relay: Levi Gaunt, Tyler May, Celia Ritz, Taylee Smith
4. Running Long Jump: Noah Andre
5. Standing Long Jump: Gunnar Baker

ii. First & Second Grade (7 wins!)

1. 50 Meter Dash: Harvest Wilkens, Henry Nikkila
2. 100 Meter Dash: Madison Vetter
3. 200 Meter Dash: Silas Boykin
4. Block Shuttle Run: Mia Barone, Jasiah McReynolds, Henry Nikkila
5. Sack Race: Mia Barone, Jocelyn Salyer, Elijah Burger
6. Softball throw: Harvest Wilkens, Jasiah McReynolds
7. Standing Long Jump: Emma Florang, Hayes Larson
8. Boys 4 x 100 Meter Relay: Hayes Larson, Henry Nikkila, Elijah Burger, Kingston Cline

iii. Third & Fourth Grade (10 wins!)

1. 100 Meter Dash: Harper Florang
2. 200 Meter Run: Sarah Burger, Harper Florang, Leonella Lutt, Eli May
3. Running Long Jump: Leonella Lutt, Nolan Larson
4. Standing Long Jump: Silas Boykin, Harper Florang
5. Girls 4 x 100 Meter Relay: Sarah Burger, Madison Vetter, Lilly Kusek, Harper Florang

iv. Fifth & Sixth Grade (13 wins!)

1. Boys (4 wins!)

- a. 400 Meter Run: Cooper Young
- b. Block Shuttle: A.J. Klute, Asher Splittgerber
- c. Running Long Jump: Brice Ringlein
- d. Soccer Ball Kick: Olivia Kozera
- e. Softball throw: Jarren Blattner
- f. Standing Long Jump: Jarren Blattner
- g. Boys 4 x 100 Meter Relay: A.J. Klute, Brice Ringlein, Colton Larson, Cooper Young
- h. Tug-of-War(4-6): Nolan Larson, Sam Kusek, Sterling Rector, Macon Van Amburg, Joey Kusek, Jarren Blattner

2. Girls (9 wins!)

- a. 100 Meter Run: Miriam Gaunt, Jamie Wilkens
- b. 200 Meter Run: Grace Burger, Hannah Torres
- c. Block Shuttle Run: Grace Burger, Chloe Rohwer
- d. Running Long Jump: Grace Burger
- e. Standing Long Jump: Sara Bonsall

- f. Girls 4 x 100 Meter Relay: Grace Burger, Miriam Gaunt, Hannah Torres, Jamie Wilkens
- v. Seventh & Eighth Grade (11 wins!)
 1. Boys (8 wins!)
 - a. 100 Meter Dash: Sterling Hollman
 - b. 400 Meter Run: Elijah Boykin
 - c. Shot Put: Ellie McGraw, Landen Eckhoff
 - d. Standing Long Jump: Eric Noyes
 - e. Boys 4 x 100 Meter Relay: Stephen Anderson, Elijah Boykin, Sterling Hollman, Kristian Keeton
 - f. Tug-of-War: Elijah Boykin, Landen Eckhoff, Kristian Keeton, Eric Noyes, Elijah Torres, Colton Zehendner
 2. Girls (3 wins!)
 - a. 100 Meter Dash: Blaire May
 - b. 200 Meter Dash: Abigail Burger
 - c. Running Long Jump: Makenna Starkey
 - d. Softball throw: Makenna Starkey
 - e. Standing Long Jump: Blaire May
 - f. 4 x 100 Meter Relay: Abigail Burger, Blaire May, Lauren Starkey, Makenna Starkey
- vi. Outstanding Stats:
 1. 5th/6th grade Top Girls Class: 9 events won!
 2. 7th/8th grade Top Boys Class: 8 events won!
 3. Noah Torres: took 1st place in 5 of 5 events!
 4. Zion took first in 47 events!
- vii. Zion Track Team
 1. Coach Torres Note
 2. After our first meet, we embraced the theme: *Little Things Matter*.
 3. The Zion Track team has 28 students, grades 5-8. Over half the team is made up of 5/6 graders. It was intimidating for many of our athletes lining up against kids a foot taller with full-grown mustaches and permed mullets. We knew we were little, but together we knew we were strong.
 - Competed in five invitational (4 scored meets) with an average of 11 participating teams; each athlete was competing against an average of 45 other athletes.
 - Overall, the girls claimed a 1st and 3rd place finish in Wilcox and Alma.
 - In Fremont (one team had 100 5/6 grade participants!)
 - 5/6 grade girls claimed a 5th place finish (6 total girls)
 - 7/8 grade girls claimed a 3rd place finish (4 total girls)
 - 5/6 grade boys claimed a 4th place finish (4 total boys)
 - 7/8 grade boys claimed a 5th place finish (8 total boys)
 - As a team, we won 62 medals with an average placement of third.
 - Four 7/8 Grade girls will participate in the Middle School State Track Meet tomorrow in Gothenburg.
 - o 4 x 4 Relay team (Abigail Burger, Makenna Starkey, Lauren Starkey, Blaire May) Ranked #9 in State.
 - o Abigail Burger will run the 1600 and the 800; Ranked #3 and #2

- The rest of the team will compete in the All Lutheran Championship at Concordia tomorrow.
 - o 5/6 grade boys and girls have 4 records they are within reach of breaking tomorrow.
- viii. Other
1. Kingston Cline: Completed his first year at the 8u Mite Level for the Jr. Storm Hockey
 2. Samuel Nikkila was the Kearney Hub's Star Student for the Month of October

SPECIAL THANKS

IV. Special Thanks

- a. Thank you athletic coaches: Coaches Bacon & Noyes (volleyball), Miss Dael and Mr. Vogel (basketball); Coach Torres (and other adult volunteers Rex Bauer, Kyle Larson, Adam & Jami Helmbrecht, Travis Hollman, Jamie Nikodym, Rachael Burger)
- b. Departing teachers:
 - i. Mr. Philip Vogel, who has taught at Zion since 2014, after doing both his student teaching and capstone course at Zion.
- c. Recognition of 20 years of service: Mrs. Darcy Willers
- d. Zion's Preschool was recognized as the Best of Kearney for the eighth time – thank you Zion supporters!
- e. Soli Deo Gloria – To God Alone Be the Glory!

