



The Crusader – Parent Information Note (PIN) January 17, 2020

UPCOMING DATES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday-Sunday, January 18-19	Girls Roundball Tournament @ North Platte
Monday-Friday, January 20-24	MAPS Testing
Friday, January 24	Storyteller in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00pm
Saturday-Sunday, January 25-26	Boys Roundball Tournament @ Christ Juniata in Kenesaw
Friday, January 31	NO SCHOOL – Teacher in-service
Saturday, February 1	Boys Basketball @ Trinity GI Tournament
Monday, February 3	Bookmobile
Thursday, February 6	PM Pre-Kindergarten to Mother Hull Home
Tuesday, February 11	Girls and Boys Basketball HOME vs. York 5:00pm and 6:00 pm
Thursday, February 13	8 th Grade Quiz Bowl Horizon Middle School
Thursday-Friday, February 13-14	NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher Conference
Saturday, February 15	Girls & Boys Basketball @ Bee Staplehurst Tournament
Tuesday, February 18	Spring Picture Day
Saturday-Sunday, February 22-23	Girls & Boys C-Club Basketball Tournament @ Concordia, Seward

P.E.A.C.E – MARCH 21, 2020

All Zion Lutheran School families should have just received our P.E.A.C.E. Auction and Dinner donation letter. We ask for your support on this important fundraiser. A lot of help is required to have a successful auction. Below is a current list of ways you can volunteer:

- Collect auction items from businesses that have items to be picked up
- Call businesses to request donations
- Talk to your place of business and to see if they are able to donate to the auction. Close to 500 area businesses have also received the donation letter but personal connections usually help in receiving donations.
- Bundle and assemble silent auction baskets
- Provide ideas and help with procuring live auction packages
- Donate to the class baskets. In the following weeks, teachers will decide on a class theme and notes will be sent out requesting donations.
- Attend the auction and dinner as well as invite friends and family. The P.E.A.C.E. Auction and Dinner is a great time of fellowship and a great evening to celebrate the opportunity of Christian education. Reservations can be made at the office or online.

If you are interested in helping out with the auction in any way, please stop by the office or email zionkearney@hotmail.com. Thank you.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten through 8th grade are scheduled for Thursday, February 13. Please return the form attached to this newsletter, by Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

REGISTRATION

Zion has begun registration for everyone. If you know of anyone that is interested in attending Zion please encourage them to register.

BOOK FAIR

The theme for the book fair is Book Fair Jungle-Elephants, Tigers, Books, Oh my!

The book fair is coming! It will be from March 2-7, 2020. Our students look forward to this great event during Lutheran Schools Week, March 1-7. Every year the proceeds help us add dozens of new titles to our school and classroom libraries.

Your help is needed to make this a fun and valuable event for our school. We need a lot of help this year! Here are some examples of opportunities to help:

- Setting up the displays
- Organizing the used book fair
- Donating single serve snacks
- Cashier before and after school
- Packing up the fair

Scholastic organizes a user-friendly fair for us. It's a fun, easy-going week! If you are able to participate or learn more, please contact Liz Gaunt (ekgaunt@gmail.com, 308-293-5689). We are grateful for your help!

STORYTELLER FESTIVAL

On Friday, January 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, Zion will be hosting national storyteller Noa Baum. Please feel free to come and be entertained.

SPRING PICTURE DAY

Spring picture day is coming on Tuesday, February 18th. If you have a student that attends M/W/F preschool and would like their picture taken, please make arrangements to bring them on Tuesday for a picture. This is the only day the photographer will be at Zion.

SCHOOL LUNCHES & MILK

Student lunches will be \$2.60 and extra milk will be \$.50. Adult lunches are \$3.75. There will be 19 meals served in January. If your child eats lunch every day in January the cost will be \$49.40. If your child has milk every day at snack the cost will be \$9.50. Both lunch and milk will be \$58.90.

MAPS TESTING

MAPS Testing will be the week of January 20-24. Please make sure your student(s) are well rested and fed.

ILLNESS

Just a reminder that it is cold and flu season if your child is exhibiting signs of illness or a temperature of 100 degrees or more please keep them home.

SECONDED SEMESTER TUITION PAYMENTS

Reminder to families who pay their tuition in 2 payments, second semester tuition is now due. Payments may be dropped off at the office.

PICTURES

We are collecting pictures that parents and staff have taken of field trips, classroom activities (gingerbread houses), parties (Thank You God, 50th Day of School), sporting events, etc. We would like to try to use these pictures for the slide show that is made for the PEACE Auction and Dinner and/or for the yearbook. If you have taken pictures and are willing to share, you can email them to zionkearney@hotmail.com or bring a disk or memory card into the school office for Jessica to upload to our computer. The more pictures we have the better, so please share your pictures if you have them. Thank You!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

We are excited to continue the tradition of celebrating Grandparent's Day this year on Friday, March 6 for all Kindergarten-8th grade students. Please invite your child's grandparents! If your child does not have a grandparent who is able to attend, you are welcome to invite a family friend. We also know many special friends of Zion who would be thrilled to spend the afternoon with your child, so we will be able to see that your child has someone to be with during the day.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Girls Basketball Schedule

1/18-19	Roundball @ North Platte 12:00 pm
2/11	Home vs. York 5:00pm
2/15	@ Bee Staplehurst Tournament
2/21-23	C-Club Tournament @ Concordia Seward

Boys Basketball Schedule

1/25-26	Roundball @ Christ Juniata in Kenesaw
2/01	@Trinity GI Tournament
2/11	Home vs York 6:00pm
2/15	@ Bee Staplehurst Tournament
2/21-23	C-Club Tournament @ Concordia Seward

Zion Mission Statement

Our Purpose: At Zion Lutheran School we strive to provide an excellent, classical education in a safe environment, while connecting students to Christ for life in the Church, world, and eternity.

WEATHER CLOSINGS

With winter weather, it is inevitable that there will be times when the snow, ice, cold temperatures, etc. will make it necessary to close school for safety reasons. We will do our best to correlate our school closings to Kearney Public Schools; however, there may be times that we will close earlier. We will send a text message to all families who have given us their cell phone number and carrier information. If you need to sign up for this please stop by the office. We will continue to broadcast the information using the following media: www.zionkearney.org KGFW Radio, KRNY Radio, KKPR Radio NTV (Channel 13) KOLN (Channel 10/11) KHAS TV (Channel 5) Please prepare back-up plans for your child's transportation to and from school as well as day-care in case we need to adjust school hours or cancel for the day. Remember that you, as a parent, have the final decision-making authority on whether your child attends school during inclement weather.

GIFT CARDS/SCRIP

Zion currently carries gift cards for over 30 local businesses. You can use the gift cards for everyday expenses such as food, gas, clothing, etc. With every purchase you earn revenue for you and Zion School. Our organization buys the gift cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is our organization's revenue. When you enroll in Zion's Scrip Program, **you are able to apply 50% of the credit you earn through toward tuition** and 50% to the Zion Lutheran Building Fund. There are several families that take advantage of this and this has paid for several months' tuition for their family. It is a great program. Stop by the school office to purchase gift cards or to find out more information!

PRAYER REQUESTS

The members of Zion Lutheran Church and other school families want to be able to pray for you and your family. Parents are asked to complete a prayer request form to inform the office staff if your family has a prayer request. Parents are able to choose to have their prayer request added to the school prayer list which will be included in the school newsletter; the school and church prayer list; or to only share with pastoral staff. Pastor DeLoach and Pastor Gaunt are also available to speak with if you so desire.

CHAPEL OFFERING

The offering that is collected this year during chapel on Wednesday mornings will be going for different missions each quarter.

WORSHIP TIMES

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at Zion. Worship is at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday school and adult Bible study meet at 10:30 a.m. There is also a Saturday evening worship service at 5:00 p.m. Pastor DeLoach or Pastor Gaunt are also available to speak with if you have any questions or are interested in learning more about Zion Lutheran Church or the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.



Parent Pages

RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY



Learning from Mistake Mistakes

Most parents realize and accept the fact that their children lack perfection, even though some may not act this way. This realization is a good thing because we would be hard-pressed to find a perfect parent. The tricky issue is how to handle situations when your children make mistakes. Is it best to comfort them? Do we ignore the error? Or perhaps show them our tough side? One thing is for sure: it is not helpful to push the blame for the mistake onto a teacher, friend or coach. The way we handle the mistakes of our children has the potential to teach significant lessons.

As Christian parents, we remember that God shows us the perfect procedure for the mistakes we understand to be a sin. God forgives our sins and creates a path for growth. God does not turn a blind eye to our sin, allowing us to pass blame or ignore the problem. Neither does God turn a deaf ear to our pleas for mercy. The blessing of repentance and forgiveness is that while we are not encouraged to sin, we know God has a plan in place to deal with it.

It is beneficial to have a plan in place for how to help your children grow from mistakes. Children, young ones especially, do not see differences among making a mistake, having a weakness and committing a sin. For children, each is a source of shame. Their shame may leave them stuck in feelings of hopelessness or worthlessness. If shame leads to feelings of guilt, then the child is in a healthy mindset because guilt is part of



admitting to wrongdoing. Guilt is the first step toward growth. If I recognize my mistake, I can learn a better way; if I find a weakness, I can build it into a strength.

Look at this verse from the Book of Psalms and see the connections made between admitting to guilt and forgiveness/healing:

“As for me, I said, ‘O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!’” (PS. 41:4).

The connection between forgiveness and healing/growth is the same connection we want our children to realize when mistakes happen. A mistake is an opportunity for learning. Any learning, from the infant learning to walk to the teenager pouring over calculus, requires risk-taking. If our children only do what they are good at, they will miss the opportunity to learn something new. Infants must pull themselves up and launch into a walk. Each time they fall, their brain and body learn something new about balance and movement, and that knowledge will be used later to learn to run, jump and ride a bike. In much the same way, children who make mistakes on the field, in the practice room or on a test, are allowing their brains to learn something that will help them to grow in future learning. Mistakes aren't fun, but they are necessary for proper brain development.

The key to dealing with blunders and mishaps is to create a healthy mistake culture. The best of such cultures includes four critical aspects:

Acceptance: Teach your children to be willing to admit to a mistake. They should know that there might be

a negative consequence, but that there is also a potential for growth. Assure them that you love them and are proud of them, no matter what.

Value the struggle: It is easy to remember to praise our children when they do well, but do we appreciate work when they are in the middle of a struggle? When we compliment children for persisting, trying again or stepping back to look for another solution, we are telling them that it is OK to have to work at a skill to be good at it. No one gets to be an expert without hard work.

Look back: It is essential to stop and pay attention to progress made over time, especially when children are struggling with repeated mistakes. When children begin a skill, such as a new sport, they likely realize that mistakes are part of the process. It is also likely that work accomplished at the beginning of learning results in big gains. Later in the process more work is needed to achieve smaller increases in skill. This is the time to reflect on how far skill development had progressed in the previous months or years.

Talk about it: the most crucial aspect of creating a healthy culture for dealing with mistakes is to help your children to realize that they can talk to you about mistakes. If they are afraid to do this, they will learn to hide problems from you. If they find acceptance, perspective and encouragement, they will be more likely to seek wisdom from you when life throws them tough situations.



As adults, we see a difference between mistakes on a math paper and sins against God. We are blessed to know our God has a plan for both. When our children realize the beauty of God's forgiveness, they can take that same attitude and apply it to learning from mistakes. God loves us through our sin, and because of this, we can love our children through their mistakes as we work with them to grow in learning about the world and in learning about God's love for them.

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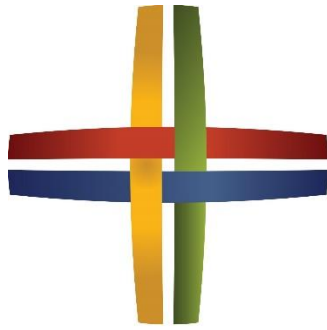
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Zion Lutheran School

Christ-Centered, Classical Education

January 17, 2020

Dear Zion Parents,

It's time to schedule Kindergarten-8th grade Parent-Teacher conferences for the week of February 10th-14th. There will be NO SCHOOL on Thursday the 13th, and no conferences are scheduled beyond 5:00 pm unless special arrangements are made with the teacher. There will also be NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 14th.

Please mark your **FIRST** and **SECOND** choice on the schedule of times below and **return to your child's teacher by Wednesday, January 22, 2020.** We try to keep appointments to 15 minutes; if you think you may need more time, please reserve two slots.

Name of Student(s) _____

Thursday, February 13

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Monday, Feb. 10

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Tuesday, Feb. 11*

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Wednesday, Feb. 12

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*Note that on Tuesday, Feb. 11, because scheduled basketball games, after school conferences are not available for grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. Kindergarten and 2nd grade are the only classes available this day.

You will be notified of your appointed time. Thanks!

In Christ,

Anthony Splittgerber
Principal