



Zion School Connection

Newsletter #16

December 9, 2024

School Year Theme: "Transformed"



"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will." - Romans 12:2

Chapel Service

School families are invited to join us for our morning school chapel service next week Wednesday, December 11 at 8:05am. Parents, family and friends are always welcome!

A chapel mission offering is collected each week, and we encourage our families to take part. Our mission offering collection this year is designated to Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti. Please remember this ministry and the children it serves in your gifts and prayers.

Wednesday is Picture Retake Day

Our Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, December 11. The photographer will be available from 8:15 to 10:30am. PLEASE NOTE: Original packages MUST be returned to the Lifetouch photographer on Picture Retake Day. If your child missed the first picture day and you need an order form, extra copies are available on the table in the school entrance.

Family Gingerbread House Building Event

Bring a gingerbread house kit (or you own homemade parts to assemble) and join our school family for some Saturday morning fun (and friendly competition) on Saturday, December 14 from 10am until noon. You bring the building materials and decorations, we will supply the hot cocoa! Creations will be on display during the week of December 16-20 and judged, and the winner will be announced at the Gingerbread Pep Rally on December 19. We hope you can join us!

If participating, please RSVP to the school office by Wednesday, December 11.

Sports - Co-Ed Basketball

Co-Ed basketball is open for students in grades 3-8. They are divided into A, B, and C teams. Practices will continue this week. A and B Teams (grades 5-8) will practice on Tuesday, December 10 and Thursday, December 12 from 3-4:30pm. C Team (grades 3-4) will practice on Wednesday, December 13 from 3-4:30pm. Please contact Mr. Roth if you have any questions.

Sports - Cheerleading and Pee Wee Poms

Girls' Pee-Wee Poms (grades 1-4) and Cheerleading (grades 5-8) practices on Monday, December 9 from 3-4pm as they prepare a joint routine for the December 19 Gingerbread Pep Rally. Please speak to Mrs. Sordahl if you have any questions.

Hot Lunch This Week

A reminder that students need to have punch cards purchased to participate in hot lunch. We will notify parents if their children need to have more money put on their punch cards. If notified, please visit the school office and put money on your child's punch card to keep their account from being in arrears. A reminder that additions and changes to hot lunch orders must be called in to Amy Vanisacker in the office directly. This is especially important for pizza orders, as we have to order pizza on Mondays for the following Friday.

This week's hot lunches:

Monday, December 9 - Chili or Chicken Chili

Monday, December 11 - Spaghetti

Friday, December 13 - Pizza (Please note. We will be serving **Buscemi's Pizza** this Friday, as Pizza Hut has been having difficulty getting our order accurate. Please let the school office know if this will change your child's pizza order.)

Winter Clothing

We go outside for recess! Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor play as the weather turns colder: winter coat, gloves, hat, and boots and snow pants if they wish to be in the snow.

School Christmas Services

Our students are busy preparing the school Christmas services for Wednesday, December 18. This is a very important service where our students have the privilege of doing “angels’ and shepherds’ work” as they share the message of Jesus with family and friends. **All Zion students are expected to participate.** Our Warrior Voices and handchime choirs will also be presenting. Please help your child to prepare their recitations and songs, and invite family and friends to this special worship service!

Zion School Christmas Services - Wednesday, December 18:

Preschool Christmas Services - 10:40am (Preschool AM) and 2:40pm (Preschool PM)

K-8 Childrens’ Christmas Service - 6:30pm (K-8 students should be at school by 6pm to prepare)

St. Paul’s Playgroup - Parents and Littles!

Parents and their toddler and preschool littles are invited to join the St. Paul’s Playgroup on Mondays at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church on W. Albain from 8:30 to 10:30am. Kindergarten or younger along with their parents are welcome. Come for Christian fellowship with devotion, games, crafts and snacks. For updates and special announcements, please join their Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/801867454868053/?mibextid=NSMWBT>
Any further questions please contact Chelsea Kowalski 507-766-5679

Warrior Oasis

The Zion Upper Grades “Warrior Oasis” are selling milk and juice options for lunches to students daily. Students in grades K-8 wanting to purchase milk or juice for lunch can do so across from the school library at the start of lunch hour, 11:45 to 11:55 a.m.

Drink items available: *Horizon Organic Whole Milk (White or Strawberry) or Quik Chocolate Milk \$1.25*

Juicy Juice Boxes \$0.50 (Apple, Fruit Punch, Grape, Berry) Orange Juice (bottle) \$1.00

Purchases are cash only. Profits will go towards the upper grade field trip fund.

Coffee with Friends!

The Warrior Oasis Cafe is open on TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS in the gym. After dropping off the kiddos, come enjoy a great cup of Kaladi’s coffee or hot tea with fellow parents and friends before heading out for the day, or grab a cup to go. Coffee is served starting at 7:45am. Cost is a free-will donation to the Upper Grade Field Trip Fund.

On the calendar this week and next...

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| Monday, December 9 - | <i>Hot Lunch - Chili or Chicken Chili</i>
Grade 3-5 Henry Ford Field Trip
Parents and Littles Playgroup at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church 8:30-10:30am
Cheerleading and Pee Wee Poms Practice 3-4pm |
| Tuesday, December 10 - | <i>Warrior Oasis Coffee available in the gym 7:45-8:15am</i>
Preschool Cookie Decorating 10:40am and 2:40pm
A and B Teams Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm |
| Wednesday, December 11 - | <i>Hot Lunch - Spaghetti</i>
PICTURE RETAKE DAY 8:15-10:30am
C Team Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm
<i>ADVENT Worship Service at Zion Lutheran 7pm</i> |
| Thursday, December 12 - | A and B Teams Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm |
| Friday, December 13 - | <i>Hot Lunch - Pizza</i>
<i>Warrior Oasis Coffee available in the gym 7:45-8:15am</i> |
| Saturday, December 14 - | Family Gingerbread House Building Event 9-11am |
| Sunday, December 15 - | Worship Service at Zion Lutheran 9am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:15am
Jesus Cares Special Needs Worship Service 1pm |