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ZCS Blue Note

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I would like to praise God for the amazing blessing we have of our facility and property here at Zeeland Christian. One of the great things happening here this week is Winter Olympics. Without our hill in the back of school, and the incredible dedication of our teaching staff, we would never be able to have something like these Winter Olympics. These Olympics involve many events on sleds that the students in elementary have a lot of fun with. Please join me in praising God for blessing us with a wonderful facility and property and thank God that we can also share this with our community in such a positive way.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

Jan. 19-21	No AM Bussing for Middle School
Jan. 21	Preschool Information Meeting 7:00
Jan. 22	No School-End of Semester
Feb. 4	Preschool Registration- 7:00 pm
Feb. 18	Kindergarten Registration/Information Meeting 7:00 pm

Athletic Schedule

Check out our new Athletic website! Go to www.zcs.org. under Quick Links click on Athletic Events to find announcements, dates and locations of sporting events!

- 7th Grade Girls Basketball
- 8th Grade Girls Basketball

Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Chili, B-Twisted edge pizza
Fri.	No hot lunch
Mon.	A-Corn dog, B-Mini pancakes with egg patty
Tues	A-Nachos supreme, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	A-Chicken leg, B-Chicken nuggets
C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.	

Elementary: \$1.85, Middle School: \$2.10

Share the Good News about ZCS

We have lots of registrations coming up with preschool and kindergarten. As you are well aware, Zeeland Christian does not have a huge promotion budget, but we get some of the best promotion in the world from our parents. As a school system, we deeply appreciate your support and ask that you continue to share good things about ZCS with your friends and your neighbors. If you need any information or would like to offer someone a tour, please feel free to do so, and we will help out in any way we can.

The School Board will be meeting in regular session this week. Please pray for the Board as they make difficult decisions for the next school year. Your support and your prayers are vital to the success of our school and are deeply appreciated.

Are you looking for the right preschool experience for your child?

Check out Zeeland Christian Preschool. Plan now to attend our information meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the media center. The schedule information is available on our school web site or in the office. Learn about our threeschool, preschool, and young fives programs, both traditional and Spanish immersion (El Puente), view the classrooms and student projects, and ask the teachers questions. All parents of young children (ages 1-5) are welcome! This meeting is for parents only; we'd be happy to have your child visit with us at another time. Registration for preschool will be held on February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Please help us spread the word about our great preschool program by passing this information on to family, friends, and neighbors with young children.

Kindergarten Registration/Information Meeting

will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm in the media center. This is an important meeting for parents of students who will be attending kindergarten here next year. Please note that we will be offering the half-day/every day kindergarten class and both a morning and an afternoon El Puente (Spanish immersion) class if there is enough interest. This will be determined on a first come, first served basis using registration forms filled out at this meeting. If you know of anyone who is thinking of attending Zeeland Christian School, this meeting would be very helpful for them. Enrollment packets will also be available in the office beginning on February 19.

Reduced Price! A new session of parent-tot Spanish classes through Small Talk for Kids is starting on January 26 with a reduced price of \$95 (discounts for enrolling a second child). Classes run on Tuesdays through March 16, at City on a Hill Ministries. Parents and kids enjoy playing games, singing songs, and interacting with their native Spanish-speaking teacher. You may register in the Zeeland Christian office. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Pyle at npyle@zcs.org.

Family Group We are excited about our Family Group activity this week Friday, January 15. We hope to be sledding with our Family Groups and eating lunch together. There will be no hot lunch this Friday, so all students must bring a sack lunch. Please also remember to bring along warm clothes!

Ski Club registration forms are still available in the office. Ski club is planning on going to Bittersweet next week Tuesday, January 12. Ski club is for middle

school students. We will leave at 3:00 and return back to school at 9:30. Parents should be in the back parking lot ready to pick their students up at 9:30 or before. The bus ride to Bittersweet costs \$2. The rest of the fees are on the forms that were filled out by ski club participants. Additional dates are January 21, February 12 and February 19.

Items for the Philippines So far not many items have come in for the Philippines. We need to get these items to school by Jan. 20 Our focus this time is on the following items:

- Medicine
- Personal hygiene items
- Hotel samples of any kind
- Bug spray
- Clothing, shoes, sandals
- Electronics

Bussing Notice: There will be no am bussing for middle school only on January 19, 20 and 21. Also, there will be no bussing all day for K-8 on February 15. There will also not be hot lunch that day. Please make a note of this on your calendars for 2010.

Congratulations to this year's Spelling Bee winners! First place went to eighth grader Joshua Parks and second place went to Isaac De Boer. The regional spelling bee will be held sometime in February.

8th Grade Parents: If you have not yet placed a Parent Ad in the yearbook for your 8th grade student, they are due on Feb. 19. Please contact Mrs. Meeuwssen if you have questions.

Christmas Decorations ZCS wants your Christmas decorations. Do you have items that you want to get rid of? There will be a table set up in the front hallway to collect your unused and unwanted Christmas decorations. The Christmas Marketplace/Home Tour Committee will create beautiful new decorations out of them!

Apple dumplings are available for sale in the school kitchen. They cost \$6 per 1/2 dozen. Take what you want, and pay in the office. The pigs and blanket are gone! We will be making pigs one more time this school year. (February 9).

CHAMPS Coupon Books CHAMPS has helped ZCS with thousands of dollars in athletic equipment over the last several years! Books are available in the office for \$25.

Auction Alert! Please join us for the annual CLC Network Auction on Sat, Jan. 30 at Calvin Christian Middle School, 3740 Ivanrest in Grandville. Supper and Silent Auction begin at 5:00, and the Live Auction begins at 6:00. Additional auction items are still needed. Thanks for supporting inclusive community for those with disabilities. Questions? Call Bev, Julie, or Cathy at (616)245-08388.

ZCS Soft Hitch Covers are for sale for \$5 in the office!

Box Top Challenge! For the next three months (Jan-Mar) we will be doing a Classroom Challenge called *Bring in the Box Tops!* Each K-5 class that collects an average of 25 box tops per student will receive a reward at the end of the month. Please either attach the box tops to the forms sent home, or you may send them in a bag but please count them and record how many box tops you have, and your student's name. The class that collects the most at the end of March

will get a pizza party with Mr. Van Dyk!

Box Top Tip: Buy 10 box top products from Jan 10 to Jan. 20 at Meijer and get a coupon for 70 bonus box tops!

Job Postings We would like to include in the Blue Note a section where ZCS supporters can post job openings. If you are a business that has an employment opportunity, please email the job description to zcsinfo@zcs.org and we will put it in the Blue Note.

Helpful Links:

- To gain valuable ZCS information, go to www.zcs.org
- To view the Blue Note on line, go to ZCS's web site, click on News & Events at the top of the page.
- To subscribe to the Blue Note via email, email your request to brininger@zcs.org
- For a hot lunch menu, free and reduced cost lunch information, and to access your student's lunch account, go to www.zps.org, click on Serving Parents at the left side on the page, and click on Food Service.
- To receive a cell phone or email alert if school is delayed or closed, go to <http://closings.woodtv.com/>
- To access your student's grades, go to www.zcs.org and click on Parent Portal under click links
- To join us on facebook, go to www.facebook.com and search for Zeeland Christian School.

TRIP News

Next TRIP Registration meeting is Jan. 26 at 7:00 pm in the media center. Tell your family and friends! Please do not seal your envelopes!

New Vendors: Amazon.com \$25 at 3.5%. iTunes \$15 and \$25 at 4.5%. (Write both of these in).

Zager Pool & Spa 5% - pick-up a voucher slip at the TRIP office before you make your purchase.

TRIP paid out over \$25,000 from June to January.

• HCHS bands and orchestra service and performance trip to Florida has a benefit day at Russ' Restaurant! Mon, Feb. 1 from 5-9, Russ' will donate 25% of your total bill toward HCHS bands and orchestra. Visit any Holland Russ' on Feb. 1.

• Caberfae Ski Day-Friday, Jan. 22. Lift & ski rental/\$12 total, add \$8 for snowboards. All are welcome! Forms & payment collected in school office until Jan. 15. Call Carrie Beyer at 772-1477 or jebeyer3@sbcglobal.net.

• House for Sale: 3 bedrooms, 2/12 baths, on 1.71 acres. 1408 sq. ft. main floor. Daylight basement with finished rec. room & space for 2 bedrooms and 1 more full bath. Borculo area. \$199,900. Call Nate at (616)836-7966.

• Looking to have some painting done but don't want to do it yourself? Call Jon Ippel at 862-9578. Free estimates.

• Got Dance? Turning Pointe School of Dance is offering FREE ballet, jazz, and hip-hop classes and showcase for children 4 and up Jan. 30, 2:00-4:00. 437 136th Ave., Holland. For info call 394-7109.

• House Cleaning openings available by ZCS mom. Call for free estimates. Call Ann at 836-2934.

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