



ZCS Blue Note

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Over the course of this last week we have received a flurry of emails filled with pictures of smiling children and happy teachers from Grace Christian School in the Philippines. The staff and students received the boxes that we shipped before Christmas. The items from the boxes were distributed in the school and in the community. You have truly been a blessing to Grace Christian School, the students, and the staff and they would like to thank you from the bottom of their hearts for being a blessing to them.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

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
March 1	Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School

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-Hot Dog, French bread pizza
Fri.	No hot lunch-No School
Mon.	A-Mac & cheese, B-Sausage, egg & cheese on Eng. muffin
Tues	A-Chicken fajitas, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	A-Salisbury steak, B-Chicken nuggets
C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.	

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

Winter Olympics are wrapping up this week. The students in elementary have had a lot of fun with that. A special word of thanks to Mr. Bouman for organizing the Winter Olympics.

Share the Good News Please continue to share the good news about ZCS especially during this time with preschool and kindergarten registration.

Reduced Price for Small Talk! 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.

Board Shorts:

- The Board reviewed class sizes for next year. A letter was sent out to families involved.
- The Board made decisions on staffing for next year. Our staff will need to be reduced by three teachers due to combining classes.
- The Board received a report from the Endowment Committee.
- The Board reviewed nominations for the Board. We need to fill one position for next year.
- The Board reviewed a preliminary budget for the 2010/2011 school year.

Are you looking for the right preschool experience for your child? Check out Zeeland Christian Preschool. Plan now to attend our information

meeting this Thursday, Jan. 21, 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 Feb. 4 at 7:00 p.m. Please help us spread the word about our great preschool program by passing this information on to family and friends.

Kindergarten Registration/Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 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 Feb. 19.

Special Registration for Preschool, and Young Five classes will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 pm in the office for parents who currently have children in the threeschool, preschool, or young fives programs. We will only register children currently in the preschool program, not siblings who have not attended previously or children entering threeschool. Those registrations will be

taken at the open registration on Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm. A \$50 deposit is required with the registration.

Open Registration for Threeschool, Preschool and Young Fives classes will be held on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm in the preschool commons. A \$50 deposit is required with the registration. The schedule information is available on our school web site or in the office. This registration is for all programs and all locations. Please help us promote our preschool program by sharing this date with your family, friends, neighbors who have children of preschool age.

Ski Club Ski club is planning on going to Bittersweet on Thursday, Jan. 21. Ski club is for middle school students. We will leave at 3:00 and return 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 costs \$2. Additional dates for ski club are Feb. 12 and Feb. 19.

Advanced Bussing Notice: There will be no bussing all day for K-8 on Monday, February 15. There will also not be hot lunch that day. Please make a note of this on your calendar.

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. Meeuwse if you have questions.

Volunteers Needed! We are making pig-n-blankets one last time this school year on Tuesday, Feb. 9. We are looking for 3 volunteers for the am shift (8:40-10:30 am) and 10 volunteers for the pm shift (1:15-3:30 pm). Please contact Kris DenBleyker at 772-4713 or Krisdb@egl.net. if you can help.

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.

Pig-in-blankets will be for sale on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 2-5:30 pm. First come, first serve. If you want more than 10 dozen that day, please contact Kris DenBleyker before Feb. 9 to reserve your order. One dozen for \$7.

CHAMPS Coupon Books are available in the office for \$25.

Little Caesars: Order forms will be sent home with students next week.

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: Tape a baggie to the inside of a kitchen cupboard to collect box tops. That way they won't get lost in a drawer.

Job Postings We would like to include in the Blue Note a section where ZCS supporters can post job openings. Here is one

from Gentex Corporation.

• Attention Engineers! Gentex Corporation has the following Engi-
neering opportunities currently available: Electrical Design Engineer, Electrical Hardware Project Engineer, Electrical Software Project Engineer, Software Development Engineer, Software Test Engineer, Technical Team Leader. To apply, please visit our web-site at www.gentex.com or email your resume to deb.devries@gentex.com.

Wanted: Your odds and ends of craft and art material of any kind or quantity to be used at the children's activities on the night of the ZCS auction. Please call Sande at 820-4239 if you have items you would like to donate.

Russ' Nite Fundraiser: Monday, Feb 1 from 5-9 pm at all Holland Russ' locations to benefit the Holland Christian High School band & orchestra service & performance trip to Florida. Coupons available on-line at www.hollandchristian.org/florida/files/russ_coupon.pdf. Coupons will also be available at the restaurants to have 25% of your total bill donated to HC! We also have coupons in the office at Zeeland Christian School!

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, go to www.zps.org and click on the Lunch Menu tab at the top of the page.

TRIP News

Next TRIP Registration meeting is Jan. 26 at 7:00 pm in the media center. Tell your family and friends!

NO Instant TRIP this Friday because there is no school.

Motherhood Maternity is 11% thru March 30.

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

- 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. Call 394-7109.
- House Cleaning openings available by ZCS mom. Call for free estimates. Call Ann at 836-2934.
 - "The Wonders of the World of Parenting" on Jan. 31 at 5 pm at Ridge Point Community Church with speaker and author Dan Seaborn & musical artist Mark Harris. Tickets are \$7 & available by calling Ridge Point at 395-2600 or www.winningathome.com.
 - Lakefront cottage for rent on all sports Long Lake east of Ludington. 4 bed, 2 full baths, sleeps 12+ \$800/wk. 748-0566.
 - Spring Break Condo for Rent: 2 bedroom condo, full kitchen, located 20 min. from Fort Lauderdale in Westin, FL. Many extra amenities. Rental dates 4/3-4/10. Call 772-3960.
- Lost: Favorite ski hat-brown & orange with ear flaps & fur lining. Call 772-6689.

- For 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.