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# ZCS Blue Note

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*What a blessing it is to be part of Zeeland Christian this time of year. I just came out of a meeting where teachers shared what their classes were collecting money for during this Christmas season. All of the classes in our school have selected local ministries to support instead of the traditional gifts that students have exchanged in the past. It is truly a blessing to hear how excited the students are to share their blessing with people in need in our community.*

## Blessed to be a Blessing

## Calendar

Dec. 7	Christmas Chapel-9:15
Dec. 15	Christmas Band Concert 7:00 in ZCS gym
Dec. 18	Middle School Serve and Skate Day
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Christmas Vacation
Jan. 4	Students Return
Jan. 7	Spelling Bee
Jan. 21	Preschool Information Meeting 7:00
Jan. 22	No School-End of Semester

## Athletic Schedule

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

- 7th Grade Boys Basketball
- 8th Grade Boys Basketball

## Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Fish sticks, B-Foot long hot dog
Fri.	A-Chicken soup, B-Twisted edge cheese pizza
Mon.	A-Chicken & mashed potato bowl, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Tues	A-Corn dog, B-French toast sticks
Wed.	A-Salisbury steak, B-Chicken nuggets
C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.	

**God's Gift to Us** As a staff we hope and pray that all of you had a great Thanksgiving weekend. God certainly blessed us with wonderful weather on Saturday. Now as we enter the Christmas season, we pray that as a school system we can also focus on the true meaning of Christmas and God's incredible gift to us in the birth of His Son.

**The staff** would like to thank the parents for the great cooperation in Parent/Teacher Conferences. Working as a team, we can provide the best education possible for your children and to the honor and glory of God. Thanks for your support and your prayers.

**Thanks!** A special word of thanks goes out to the students in first-third and eighth grade for their concert last night. Thank you also to Mr. Veenstra for all the time and effort that went into preparing for this concert.

**The "Change for Change" Fundraiser** has ended. We will let you know as soon as we have counted the money how much we raised in this fundraiser. We thank you in advance for your support.

**Ski Club** It's time again to sign up for Ski Club. Forms are available in the office. Ski Club is open to all students and adults associated with ZCS. We try to organize several trips for middle school students. The cost of a student ski club card is \$12. The cost of an adult card is \$10. These cards are good at all times except for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays when they are good after 3:00 p.m.

**Support for the Vander Ploeg Family** Please keep the Vander Ploeg

family in your prayers. Their son Paul, in 6th grade, had major surgery in Ann Arbor on Tuesday and is facing a 5-6 week recovery period. You can send cards to Paul at his home: Paul Vander Ploeg, 42 S. Lindy St, Zeeland, MI 49464. If you would like to help in any other way, please feel free to contact the school office. Thank you for supporting this family and for keeping them in your prayers.

**Wish List** This is the time of year when we start putting items on our Wish List. Please review the following ideas and prayerfully consider if you can help the school out in this way. We will continue to add to this list in the next few weeks.

### Elementary

Document Camera-\$450-for classrooms to show books and maps on a screen using the LCD projector in each room

\$\$ to start a Lego Club

### Middle School

Mimio Pad for 8th,7th,6th grade-\$400 each  
Mimio Interactive plus mimio wireless bundle for 7th, 6th grade-\$750 each

### Library

Children's Books on Worship-\$200

### Maintenance

Wet/Dry Viper Vacuum with Attachments-\$600

### CLC

Weighted lap pads-\$120

Classroom reading materials-\$300

Classroom computer educational games-\$80

Subscription to Reading A-Z-\$90

File Folder Learning Activities-\$50

Adapted Fine Motor Tools (specialized scissors, pencils, weights, slant boards, etc)-\$200

Needed furniture for children with physical disabilities:adjustable ladder chair-\$155, Adjustable stool-\$100, Set of 3 interlocking footrests-\$100

Also, any donations for our summer school

program for our students with disabilities would be much appreciated!

#### Preschool

Refrigerator-new or gently used-\$450

6 carbon monoxide detectors-\$130

#### Athletics

20 8th grade boys' soccer jerseys-\$500

20 8th grade girls soccer jerseys-\$500

#### Resource Room

Math materials for academic support-\$350

#### General Item

Money to purchase new playground equipment

#### Inclusion 4th-8th grade

Alternative outdoor recess activities-\$200

Fine motor skill activities-\$150

Headphones and computer games-\$100

#### El Puente Kindergarten

Money or supplies to create costumes for Bible stories. Supplies would include: fabric (any type, color, texture), buttons, wigs, hats.

**Ditto** Things have been going very well at Ditto. So well as a matter of fact that they are expanding the display area so they can add more items. Please continue to think of Ditto when you have items to donate or when you want to do some shopping! Ditto is located at 571 E. 8th Street in Holland.

**Christmas Chapel** There will be an all school Christmas chapel on Monday, December 7 at 9:15. Ventriloquist Rich Kornoelje will be our guest speaker. Everyone is invited!

**Phone Number Correction** Randy and Lynae Meyers number is listed incorrectly in the School Directory-their number should be listed as 772-9114. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

**Bob's Butcher Block Meat Sale!** This is the last week of our meat sale! We have seven different meat packages available. Bring your payment in by December 7, and pick up your meat from December 21-24. at Bob's Butcher Block in Holland. More forms are available in the office.

**Scholastic Book Fair** The Book Fair will be open through December 4. Students, teachers and parents will have time to shop for books to purchase for themselves, a classroom, or as Christmas gifts. ZCS also earns a portion of the profits!

**Yearbooks** Books cost \$13 if ordered by Dec 18. Yearbook forms are available from Mrs. Meeuwssen or your child's home-room teacher.

**Christmas Home Tour 2009** Plan to attend this year's tour which features 6 homes beautifully decorated for the season. New this year is *live music* on Thursday and *ZCS sweatshirts* for sale. Back by popular demand is the Christmas Marketplace and baked goods. The dates are Thursday, Dec. 3 from 4-8 pm and Friday, Dec. 4 from 12-6 pm. Tickets are available at the homes, in the office, Café 58, and Bunte's for \$10.

**Music Society Fundraiser** The World's Finest Chocolate sale is in progress. Candy exchange dates are Dec. 2, 3 and 9. The Dutch chocolate letters and peppermints orders are due Dec. 3 and should be delivered by December 11. Questions, call Pat at 772-9528.

**CHAMPS Coupon Books** Students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to sell CHAMPS Books. The sale starts Dec. 3 and ends Jan. 8. The books cost \$25. When the students turn in their money to their representative for their grade, they will receive \$2 for every book sold. CHAMPS has helped ZCS with thousands of dollars in athletic equipment over the last several years. Your encouragement and involvement in this fund raiser is appreciated!

**Magazines** make great Christmas gifts and ZCS benefits! Go to [www.zcs.org](http://www.zcs.org), About Us, Fundraising, QSP, and place your order! ZCS gets 40% of the sale. The official magazine sale starts in Feb. and your Christmas purchases will be applied to this.

**Looking for a Christmas time adventure** to remember and a way to help our friends at El Puente Costa Rica at the same time? Enjoy an all-inclusive week (Dec. 27-Jan. 3) at Villa Pelicano (The Pelican Villa) that overlooks the Pacific Ocean. Incredible food prepared by the Villa Chef, whitewater and surfing adventures or relaxing next to the pool await you. All proceeds will be donated to the El Puente Costa Rica project. For pricing, photos, and more info, call Bill Huizenga at ZCS, 772-2609.

### **TRIP News**

Next TRIP Registration meeting is Jan. 26 at 7:00 pm in the media center.

Last order date before Christmas is Dec. 8.

Domino's has changed to \$10 cards.

Outback has increased to 7%.

Through Dec. 18: Applebees 9%, Fashion Bug/Lane Bryant 7%, Land's End 16%, Cabela's 11%, Logan's 9%, Red Robin 10%, Old Navy/GAP 10%, Bass Pro 10%, Domino's 7%, Lands' End 18%, Burger King 4.5%, Starbucks 8%, Barnes & Noble 10%, L.L. Bean 16%, Express 11%, Lowes 5%, Home Depot 5%, Build-a-Bear 9% TGE Friday 9%, Sears 5%.

- House for Sale: 2 blocks from ZCS. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, hardwood floors. Includes all appliances & washer/dryer. \$214,900. Call 772-6466 or email: [clyzenga@gmail.com](mailto:clyzenga@gmail.com).
- For Rent: 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Zeeland. 1 stall detached garage, large backyard. Close to downtown and schools. No smoking. \$600 + utilities. Call 772-1636 for more info.
- Scottsdale, AZ Condo: Available 1 or 2 weeks in Feb. Sleeps 4. Full kitchen, washer/dryer, pool, tennis, restaurants, mountain view. \$800/week. Call 772-4022.
  - Babysitter Needed: One day a week for 1 and 5 year old. Five year old needs to be picked up from Y5's at 11:30. Please call Michelle at 875-2712.