



ZCS Blue Note

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In this Christmas season of the year, what an incredible blessing it is to see the incredible support we get from parents and grandparents. Examples of this are the concerts that we have had lately and the Jingle Jog that is going on this week. Parental and grandparent support at ZCS is one of the things that makes our school special. This is a blessing that many communities don't have. Please join me in praising God for this blessing, and let's make sure we share this love with the entire school community.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

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. 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-Cheeseburger sliders, B-Hot dog
Fri.	A-Cheese pizza, B-Pepperoni pizza
January 2010	
Mon.	A-Dino spaghetti, B-French toast sticks
Tues	A-Soft shell taco, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	A-Meatballs, B-Chicken nuggets
	C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.

Blessing Others Last week we shared a list of ways that grade levels are blessing this community. I praise God for that incredible support. Several of the classes have also reached out to help families of students in need right here at Zeeland Christian. What a blessing it is to be part of such a giving community.

Back Parking Lot Just a reminder that whether the rope is up or not, the west part of the parking lot in the back of school is a playground and off limits to vehicles. Please stay out of this area in the morning. In the afternoon you are welcome to use it when it is no longer a playground.

Ski Club There are a limited amount of ski club cards in the office for sale. You can pick them up immediately after you drop off your application. They are on a first come, first serve basis and will allow you to ski at Bittersweet for a significantly reduced cost over Christmas vacation.

In this last Blue Note before Christmas and New Year's, the staff at Zeeland Christian would like to wish all of you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! We pray that God will bless you and your family as we move into the year 2010.

Board Shorts The School Board had its December board meeting at the Wooden Shoe Restaurant to celebrate Christmas.

- The Board reviewed class sizes and will be sending a letter out to parents of students this may affect.
- The Board received a report from the Endowment Committee. New members on this committee are Dan Manes, Brad Balder, and Dave Arendsen.
- The Board received a report from the Maintenance Committee that we are

getting some great classroom equipment from Allendale Public at pennies on the dollar.

- The School Board would like to offer a special word of thanks to the families who opened up their homes to the Christmas Home Tour and for all the people who helped organize it.

Wish List We have received one check for items on our Wish List. Please consider supporting ZCS during the Christmas season.

Elementary

Document Camera-\$450-for classrooms to show books and maps on a screen using the LCD projector in each room
\$\$ to start an Elementary Lego League
Book holders for Technology use-\$45

Middle School

Mimio Pad for 8th,7th,6th grade-\$400 each
Mimio Interactive plus mimio wireless bundle for 7th, 6th grade-\$750 each
\$\$ to start a Middle School Lego League

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

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

Money to purchase speakers, transmitter, stereo receiver etc.

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.

Advance 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.

Family Groups Yesterday, as Family Groups we celebrated Jesus' birth with devotions centering around a "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake. If you would like to have a special devotions time for your family, you can find the information on the ZCS website. A special thanks to all the moms who baked cakes and to Laurie Wierda for coordinating the cake bakers.

Phone Number Correction: Craig and Sherri Gebben's phone number is listed wrong in the directory. It should be 741-9511. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Christmas Marketplace items have been marked down! Check out the great decorations at a great price!

Christmas Break Office Hours: The office will be open Dec. 21-23, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. We will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 3.

For Sale: Many of you do a great job of advertising for ZCS with stickers on the back of your cars. If you don't have one, please stop by the school office and we will be happy to give you one or two!

Bob's Butcher Block Meat Sale! Orders will be available from December 21-24 at Bob's Butcher Block in Holland.

Yearbooks Books cost \$13 and must be ordered by Dec 18. 8th Grade Parents: Please remember to place your ad for your student if you would like .

CHAMPS Coupon Books Students in grades 5-8 are selling CHAMPS books for \$25. The sale ends Jan. 8. When they turn in their money they will receive \$2 for every book sold. CHAMPS has helped ZCS with thousands of dollars in athletic equipment over the last several years! Books will still be available in the office after the student sale is over.

Looking for a Christmas time adventure? Enjoy an

all-inclusive week (Dec. 27-Jan. 3) at Villa Pelicano that overlooks the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy incredible food prepared by the Villa Chef, whitewater and surfing adventures or relaxing next to the pool. All proceeds will be donated to the El Puente Costa Rica project. For pricing and photos, call Bill Huizenga at ZCS, 772-2609.

Sweatshirts will be available for pick up in Jennifer Schafer's office this week.

ZCS Soft Hitch Covers are for sale for \$5 in the office! It's a great last minute Christmas gift idea for your favorite dad!

Christmas Tour Missing Shoes Ladies! Please double check the black shoes you wore to the tour. We are missing a pair, and have a miss-matched pair. Please call school at 772-2609 if you have notice you have the wrong shoes!

Zeeland Rec News: The ZCS office has forms for girls' softball and boys' baseball for spring. Zeeland Rec now also has all registration forms online.

Magazines make great Christmas gifts and ZCS benefits! Go to 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.

Box Top Challenge! Students~In January we will begin another classroom challenge! This time it is Box Tops. So as you visit relatives over Christmas break, start collecting as many Box Tops as you can! More info to follow!

TRIP News

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

If there ever is a Snow Day on a Friday, there will be NO Instant TRIP.

New to ZCS TRIP: Century Driving School 2.5%, Segment 1-\$345, Segment 2-\$35, Road Test-\$45. AND Macatawa Driving School 3.5% Segment 1 \$330, Segment 2 \$30. Write in on your order form.

- Join Pastor Bill and Lyn Vanden Bosch on a Biblical Pilgrimage to Israel, April 5-16, 2010. Call (616)245-5514, email wvdb@sbcglobal.net or visit the website <http://web.mac.com/Lynvdb> for more information.
- Starlight Ministries at Ridgewood Church in Jenison, (1571 Baldwin St.) will host a non-profit Christian ministry seeking to bring hope to children who are experiencing the death loss of someone in their lives. There is no cost. Visit the website at www.starlightmin.org. or call Van Wiene's at (616)212-1999.
 - For Rent: 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Zeeland. 1 stall attached garage and large backyard. Close to downtown and schools. No smoking. \$600 + utilities. Call 772-1636 for more info.
 - "Showcase 2010" Holland Christian's Living Hope Singers will be presenting "A Walk Down Memory Lane" on March 18 & 19. For tickets, go to HC's website, home page, under Living Hope. Or you can call Julie at 399-9894 or Judy at 392-2120.
 - Wanted to Buy: Rosetta Stone-Spanish version. Call 772-4676.

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