



# ZCS Blue Note

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*I was blessed this morning when I received a note from the Vander Ploeg family asking that I share their thanks with the people that supported them over the last few months through Paul's surgery. Since so many people were involved, it seems that the Blue Note is the best place to share their thankfulness with you and to say what a blessing it is to be part of a community that reaches out as a covenantal family to people in need. I praise God for the Zeeland Christian School family and for the way you share your blessings with those in need within our community, in Haiti, and clear around the world in the Philippines. God will truly bless those who bless others.*

## Blessed to be a Blessing

## Calendar

March 1	Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School
March 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences-Evening
March 8	No Bussing Y5-5
March 9	Spring Band Concert 7:00 pm
March 11	Society Meeting 7:00 pm
March 16	TRIP Registration-7:00
March 20	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

## 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 Girls Basketball
- 8th Grade Girls Basketball

## Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Breaded chicken patty, B-Hot dog
Fri.	A-Tomato soup/grilled cheese, B-Cheese pizza
Mon.	No School
Tues	A-Soft shell tacos, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	A-Chicken leg, B-ABC Chicken nuggets

C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.

**Praise the Lord!** As a school system, we praise the Lord for the incredible turnout for our kindergarten registration. We have been asking for your prayers and God's blessing with our kindergarten registration. God answered our prayers in a very significant way. This year's kindergarten class has 70 students in it. Our graduating class of 8th graders has 69 students in it. Our kindergarten class for next year has 90 students registered so far.

**An Important Letter was Mailed Out** You should have received a letter from the School Board that answers several questions that have been brought up in the last couple of months. If you did not receive that letter, please stop by the office and pick up a copy. We sent the letter out bulk mail and sometimes it takes a little longer for certain zip codes to get the letter by bulk mail.

**The Education Committee** met on Wednesday morning. The Education Committee is reviewing curriculum and room assignments for next school year. It is amazing how much time is spent this year in preparation for next year.

**Society Meeting** Our annual Society Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in the Vocal Music Room. We will use the same procedure that we used last year which will allow Society member to vote for Board members and the budget online. All internet votes need to be completed by noon on March 11 and absentee ballots need to be turned in by 7:00 pm on March 11. The School Board will begin with a formal report on ballots received either by mail or email. Based on this vote, along with the vote from any Society members who are present, the Board will be selected and a

vote on the budget will be reported. This is an open meeting that the public and Society members are invited to attend. However, questions for the Board members will not be taken. Comments will be welcomed and received for information. This is the process that we have followed for the last four or five years.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on Monday, March 1 from 3:00-8:00 pm and on Tuesday, March 2 from 4:00-7:00 pm. You should have received a letter telling you how to register online for these conferences. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Barb Rininger in the office.

**No Bussing** will be available for grades Young Fives-fifth all day on Monday, March 8.

**Curriculum Spotlight: 6-8 Math** Zeeland Christian School has adopted new Math Curriculum! Starting next year, our K-5 grades and Spanish Immersion will be using Math Expressions published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Grades 6-8 will use the Holt McDougal Curriculum, Courses 1, 2, and 3. This is an exciting change that will give classroom teachers a greater variety of differentiation resources, allow us to systematically focus on teaching math skills to mastery, and make learning math more accessible for all students.

**Please keep the students** who will be going to the Philippines in your prayers. Mr. and Mrs. Bouman, Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyk and ten 7th and 8th graders will be leaving for the Philippines in approximately four and a half weeks. This is an amazing opportunity but also a trip that needs all of your prayers. Please pray that God will bless the students in a special way on this trip.

**Auction 2010** The Auction Committee met recently and would very much like to encourage every single family who has kids in ZCS to donate something for the auction. This will give us lots of affordable items that people of all income levels can bid on. Your support of the auction has a direct effect on the amount of money that the Parents' Club raises and therefore on the budget here at ZCS. If you have any questions on the kind of items that we would like, please don't hesitate to call the school office and talk to Jennifer Schafer, the Parents' Club Coordinator.

### **Pig-n-Blankets and Apple Dumplings For Sale:**

Stop in the school kitchen and take what you want from the freezer and pay the office. Pigs are \$7 per dozen and apple dumplings are \$6 per 1/2 dozen. Supplies are going fast! This will be the last time to buy them until the craft show in the fall!

**Magazine Sale:** Coupons will be accepted this year, with up to \$5 off the QSP list price. ZCS makes 40% of all the sales! Remember you can always order on-line at [www.QSP.com](http://www.QSP.com). The next turn-in date will be Tuesday, February 23.

### **Dear Parents of 8th graders and business owners:**

If your child is a part of the 8th grade play, you can place a note and a picture of your child in the play program. You can also place an ad for a business. A half page ad is \$10 and a full page ad is \$20. Please turn money and picture with message in to the office. Please make check payable to ZCS. If you have any questions, please email Kathie Dieleman at [kdieleman@zcs.org](mailto:kdieleman@zcs.org). The ads are due by March 5.

**Tuition Assistance** There will no longer be paper tuition assistance applications available. You will need to apply online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). If you do not have a computer available, you may use the one in the school office. Please call the school office to make arrangements. You will need to provide information from your tax return from 2009, so plan ahead! The deadline to apply is March 12, 2010.

Also, families who participate in the Milt Kuyers plan through their church are not eligible for tuition assistance.

**Little Caesars:** Pizzas will be available for pick-up on February 26 from 2:30-6:00 in the kitchen next to the gym.

**ZCS Basket Breakers 3 on 3** will be held Saturday, March 20 at Zeeland East High School. Registration forms are due Feb. 27 and are available in the office or online at [zcs.org](http://zcs.org), under "Recent News and Events". Call Diane at 772-1624 with questions.

**Bring in the Box Tops** The February challenge for K-5 students ends Friday! Bring in all the box tops you can find to help your class achieve their goal of 25 per student. Those who do will receive a reward!

**ZCS Water Bottles** and hitch covers are for sale by the front office. Check them out this week and next week during conferences.

**The Holland Christian Summer Athletic Camps** are available for online sign-up. There are 14 different sporting camps available. The deadline for online sign-up is May 22. Go to [www.maroonandwhiteshop.org](http://www.maroonandwhiteshop.org) or [www.hollandchristian.org/athletics](http://www.hollandchristian.org/athletics).

**Just a Reminder:** If your child is going to be late, is sick, or if

you are going on vacation, please call the Absentee Line at 741-0051. Even if you have contacted your child's teacher, you should also keep the office informed by either calling the absentee line or the office at 772-2609. Thank you!

**CLC Network** will sponsor a parent seminar "ADD/ADHD and Your Child" with Robert Bulten, M.D. and Doug Bouman, Psy.S. on Thursday, March 11 from 7-9 pm. The seminar will be held at the CLC Network office (4340 Burlingame Ave. S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509). Admission is free but seating is limited. Pre-register by email at [knienhuis@clcnetwork.org](mailto:knienhuis@clcnetwork.org) or call Karen at (616)855-3123.

### **HELPFUL LINKS:**

- To gain valuable ZCS information, go to [www.zcs.org](http://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](mailto:brininger@zcs.org)
- For a hot lunch menu, go to [www.zps.org](http://www.zps.org) and click on the Lunch Menu tab at the top of the page.
- For free and reduced cost lunch information and to access your student's lunch account, go to [www.zps.org](http://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](http://www.zcs.org) and click on Parent Portal under click links
- To join us on facebook, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Zeeland Christian School.

### **TRIP News**

The last TRIP Registration meeting will be March 16 at 7:00 pm in the media center.

PLEASE do not seal your envelopes!!!

American Eagle is now 9%.

Lands' End is now 15%.

Motherhood Maternity is 11% thru March 30.

Lane Bryant/Fashion Bug is 7% thru June. 1

Mobil is 2% thru March 30.

Trends Salon/\$25 at 13%-Please write in on your order form.

- For Sale: 24"x48" office/study desk, 2 drawers on one side, light color finish. \$25. Call Paul Meeuwsen at 772-1466.
- For Sale: Set of bunk beds, 3 dressers, nightstand and a wooden rocker. Call 772-4139.
- Holland Christian's Living Hope Singers will be presenting "A Walk Down Memory Lane" on Thursday, March 18 and Friday, March 19 at 7:00 at Christ Memorial Church. Tickets can be purchased at [www.hollandchristian.org](http://www.hollandchristian.org) under High School/Fine Arts/Choir. The order form can be found on the right hand side.

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