



ZCS Blue Note

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What a blessing it is to serve a God who puts order into our sometimes confusing lives. The order that we see this time of year is spring approaching with longer days and warmer temperatures. Please join me in praising God for these blessings and let's use the blessing of springtime to thank God for not only beautiful weather, but for sending His son, which we celebrate during this season also.

**Blessed to be
a Blessing**

Calendar

March 11	Society Meeting 7:00 pm
March 16	TRIP Registration-7:00
March 20	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
March 23	1st-4th Choir Concert
March 25, 26	8th Grade Play
March 30	Easter Chapel-9:15
April 2-11	Spring Break
April 16	Auction
April 23	Fun Night

Athletic Schedule

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

There will be a boys 8th grade volleyball tournament at Legacy Christian this Friday, March 12.

Spring sports will begin Monday, March 29. See website for more details.

Boys/girls summer basketball camp forms are in the office and can be downloaded off the athletic website.

Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Chili, B-Cheese pizza
Fri.	A-Fish sticks, B-Foot long hot dog
Mon.	A-Corn dog, B-Waffle, egg patty, sausage
Tues	A-Nachos supreme, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	A-Roast turkey, B-Chicken nuggets
C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.	

New Feature in the Blue Note!

We will be including a new feature in this week's Blue Note and in all Blue Notes in the future. This new feature will be called Question of the Week and will come right before the TRIP News on the back page. If you have a question and you think that others would benefit from the answer also, please let us know and we will try to include it in the Question of the Week section.

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 members 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.

Spring Band Concert A special word of thanks to Dave Brummel and the bands for the great job they did in the concert last night. We appreciate the hard work that Mr. Brummel and the students put into praising God through music.

All School Easter Chapel Come join us at 9:15 am on March 30 as we celebrate Easter by participating in a "Service

of the Rose". Through scripture, singing and dance we will follow the rose (Christ) as it travels from darkness into light through Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Water Issues in the World Zeeland Christian will be involved in sharing information with students and parents about one of the biggest crises in our world today and that is finding clean water. This is something that we don't often think about here in Zeeland but it is something that most of the world has to deal with on a daily basis. Please read that attached sheet carefully because we will be doing some interesting things to help our students understand the crisis that all third world countries face in finding clean water and enough food to eat on a daily basis.

As a school family, the auction is our single biggest fundraiser of the year. We have had some excellent items donated. If your family hasn't donated anything yet, please consider making a donation and either dropping off a note or the actual item here at school in the next two weeks. The auction will take place on Friday, April 16. Please set this date aside.

Auction 2010-Friday, April 16

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. Here are some of the items that you can bid on:

- Haworth office chair
- US Flag
- US Capitol tour and dinner with Pete

Hoekstra

- 2 night stay at Boyne Mountain
- 1 week stay at Villa Del Arco in Cabo San Lucas-
www.villagroupresorts.com
- Camp at Cran Hill and Camp Roger

Enrollment Forms If you did not receive your enrollment information for next school year, please call Linda Keen at 879-0302.

Curriculum Spotlight: Science Our first grade scientists are wrapping up the unit "Sorting Things Out". We spent many days sorting objects by looking at their various properties. We looked at texture, color, size, shape and flexibility. We also sorted by magnetic and nonmagnetic properties as well as an objects buoyancy. This unit helps our first grade scientists to develop their skills of organizing, finding patterns and thinking logically.

Destination ImagiNation Last week Saturday five teams from ZCS competed in the Destination ImagiNation tournament up in Norton Shores. We are pleased to announce that all of the teams were able to solve the problems that they were given and presented their solutions to the appraisers. Three of the teams even earned the right to compete at the state competition in April. We as a school system are proud of each and every one of these students!

After School Care: Information about an After School Program at ZCS was sent with the Blue Note two weeks ago. This is a program we are hoping to begin next school year if there is enough parental interest. We have had about twelve families respond so far. If you think your family might be able to use this service, please fill out the form that was attached to this Blue Note, email us at www.zcs.org, find the form online, or you may call the office at 772-2609.

Family Groups Thursday, March 11 is our next Family Group Activity. We will be making booklets about ourselves to send to the students at Grace Christian School in the Philippines. Students need to bring in a picture of themselves or their family tomorrow. (4x6 or smaller, may be a copied picture) Thanks!

Tuition Assistance The deadline for applying for assistance is this Friday, March 12. Apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com. Tuition Assistance: Please do not enter Holland Christian on your application even if you have students at Holland Christian High School.

Attention Parents of 4th, 6th and 8th Graders: The students in grades 4, 6, and 8 will be taking a survey in the next two weeks. The survey is a tool that has been used for the past 14 years by the middle school and for the past four year by the 4th grade of ZCS. Our school and community will benefit from hearing and understanding what our students say and think about real life issues they face on a daily basis. This process is one step that ZCS is taking as we strive to achieve the goal that every one of our young people feels safe, valued, and loved. If you are opposed to having your child take this survey let your child's teacher know.

April 23 is Fun Night! Mark your calendars now and plan to come for great family fun! It will be held from 5:30-8:00.

ZCS Basket Breakers 3 on 3 will be held March 20 at Zeeland East High School. Call Diane at 772-1624 with questions.

Zeeland Christian's 8th Graders invite you to see "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood". The play will be at ZCS on March 25 and 27 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$3 each or \$10 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of the performance.

More ZCS Water Bottles are on order and should be available to purchase the end of March!

Lost and Found will be donated on Monday! Stop by the room next to the office to see if anything you lost has been found!

Hot Lunch News ZPS will send you an e-mail when your lunch account drops below \$5. If you are interested in this, please email Tami Bush at tbush@zps.org. You must provide her with your student's name and the name of the school/schools. Questions? Call Tami Bush at 748-3128.

"Question of the Week" The question is : Last year we did some fundraising at the auction and collected some money for a new playground-are there any plans? The answer is: So far, we have studied what a safe playground would cost. Phase one would cost approximately \$100,000. We have collected \$28,000 so far and have not made this a huge fundraising priority because of the difficult economic times. We did talk to someone recently who has expressed a willingness to raise the additional money from people who would only give money for the playground. We will have to wait and see if this money comes through. If it does, we will have to begin the process of developing a new playground sometime this summer. If not we will have to wait until the money comes in.

TRIP News

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

TRIP needs volunteers for the summer months. If you are interested in earning your parent club points this summer call Deb at 772-2447.

TRIP is now offering \$20 Russ' cards as well as \$10 cards.

Motherhood Maternity is 11% thru March 30 and Mobil is 2% thru March 30

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

LL Bean is 16% thru March 30 & TGI Friday is 9% thru March 30

Lane Bryant/Fashion Bug is 7% thru June 1

• Cottage for Rent on beautiful Wolf Lake. Several 5 and 7 day openings available. Call 688-5144 for more information.

• Florida Anyone? Openings in Cocoa Beach March 28-April 4 & April 4-11. 3 units, 2 sleep 4; the other sleeps 6/7. No smoking/pets. Family friendly, 2 pools, tennis, Atlantic Ocean & more! \$600/\$900. Call Donna Hanegraaff at 772-9873.

• Lakefront cottage for rent on all sports Long Lake east of Ludington. 4 bed, 2 full baths, sleeps 12+\$800/wk. Call 748-0566.

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

• Garage Sale: Coffee Break Ministries will be having a garage sale at the "Bridge" on Sat. March 13 from 9-2. Located at First CRC in Zeeland, 15 S. Church St.

• Cottage for Rent: 3 bedroom cottage on all-sports lake. Located in Greenville, 1 hour from Zeeland. Call 494-0019 for more info.

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- 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.
- 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.