



ZCS Blue Note

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Within the last two weeks, Mr. Heeres passed out our 8th grade exit evaluations. I had an opportunity to read through them last week and was totally blessed by the responses of our 8th grade students to questions on their exit evaluation. Some of the most important things that students remember and some of the most important changes that they feel took place in their life over the last nine years are based on their faith in God and the examples they saw in teachers that they had here at ZCS. As a staff, we are blessed to have students like these, and we praise God for the opportunity that we and the parents of these students have had to be a blessing to them. In the question and answer section of this Blue Note, I will include some of the student responses for the next couple of weeks.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

May 1	Sports Physicals at City on a Hill 8-12
May 5	1/2 Day of School-Tulip Time
May 5	Kindergarten Visiting Day-No Kdg or Pre-school
May 6	No PM Bussing-All School-School in Session
May 11	5th-7th Grade Choir Concert

Athletic Schedule

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

7th/8th Girls Soccer
7th/8th Girls Softball
7th/8th Boys Baseball
7th/8th Boys/Girls Track
Boys/girls summer basketball camp forms are in the office and can be downloaded off the athletic website.

Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Turkey & cheese wrap, B-Hot dog
Fri.	A-Sloppy scoops, B-Twisted edge pizza
Mon.	A-Chicken nuggets, B-Sausage/egg/on English muffin
Tues	A-Mashed potato bowl with chicken nuggets B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	No hot lunch
	C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.

Fun Night has come and gone. This yearly event continues to draw many students. The support for the 8th grade class is deeply appreciated and makes it possible for them to go on their class trip to Timber Wolf Lodge. This class trip gives the 8th grade students an opportunity to have a fun day together one last time. It's also an opportunity for the staff and the students to end the day sharing funny stories, faith stories, and then ending the day with the staff having an opportunity to pray a blessing over the students before they head off to high school.

Philippines Donations Tables will be set up in the hallway for our Philippines end of the year project. Our goal is to send school supplies but other items listed below are also extremely helpful:

- T-shirts
- Tennis shoes
- Medication
- Toothpaste
- Personal hygiene items

Your generosity in the past has been deeply appreciated by our friends in the Philippines.

Walters Gardens Perennial Plants are in the front hallway once again. They will not last long and the weather is perfect for planting. Please stop by and pick up your plants as soon as possible!

Prayer Request Please keep Ardeane Koetsier, our librarian, in your prayers. Ardeane is recuperating from a fractured pelvis. If things went as planned, Ardeane should have returned to her own home this past weekend. Please also keep Tim Bosch, an 8th grade student at ZCS in your prayers. Tim was diagnosed with a blood infection and sev-

eral broken bones. He has been in the hospital since last Tuesday but they were planning on sending him home yesterday. He will be on iv antibiotics for 4-6 weeks. We are hoping that he can start back to school half-days soon. Please pray for continued healing for Tim.

Tulip Time Looking ahead, we will have a half day of school on Wednesday, May 5 for Tulip Time. Middle school will dismiss at 10:50; elementary at 11:50. We will have a full day of school on Thursday, May 6 but we will **not have bussing home** on that day for K-8.

Curriculum Spotlight: Technology Several middle school classes have been experimenting with green screens. Along with movie editing software, each student can put themselves in any scene they can imagine. Student can be on top of a mountain, in space, visiting a foreign country, or walking in the same movie clip as the president. At this time students are only beginning to see the power of this technology. The screens can definitely do more than just a weather forecast. Although using the green screens is new to ZCS, it is exciting to think about how the screens can be used in the future.

If you have outstanding TRIP or any other credit that you would like applied to your FACTS payment, please contact Linda Keen at 879-0302.

ZPS Student Transportation Information Forms went home with all children. Students in kindergarten through seventh grade received one form and students in eighth grade received a different form for transportation to Holland Christian. If your eighth grader will be attending one of the Zeeland High Schools next year, please stop in at the office to pick up the appropriate form. All forms are due by May 15. If you have any

transportation questions, call 748-3425.

Sports Physicals All ZCS students who want to participate in sports next school year MUST have a sports physical card on file at ZCS dated after April 15, 2010. On Saturday, May 1, at City on a Hill ZCS will offer sports physicals between 8-12. A \$10 donation to ZCS athletics is suggested, but not required. You will need a sports physical card available in the ZCS office.

***You can email Jim Heeres at jheeres@zcs.org or leave him a message at 772-2609 to sign-up for an hourly slot for the sports physicals at City on a Hill. Just let Mr. Heeres know if you want the 8-9, 9-10, 10-11 or 11-noon slot.

Summer Math Skills Sharpener (grades K-8) and Summer Language Arts Skills Sharpener (grade K-7)

All books are \$16. Pick-up order forms in the office and return with payment by May 7. In order to receive these books by the end of the school year, we will NOT be able to accept orders after May 7. We have copies of the books in the office if you would like to see one.

Ditto is looking for men who would like to volunteer their time on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 1-4. During this time, you would be helping out with the Ditto truck in making deliveries or picking up items. Please contact the store at 396-8870 and talk with a manager if your are interested.

Ditto is also looking for volunteers to help in the back of the store. Please contact Kristy Sall at (616)283-9778 if you are interested.

Math Pentathlon: Would you like your child to become excited about math through games and friendly competition? If your child will be in 2nd-5th grade next fall, and you would like to learn about this fun, after-school program, please come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2:45-3:30 in the conference room here at ZCS. Questions? Email Mrs. Patnott at ppatnott@zcs.org.

ZCS Golf Outing Mark your calendar now for the Zeeland Christian Golf Outing! Plan to join us on Saturday, September 11. Registration forms and more information will follow soon.

Looking for a Summer Educational Experience for your 1st-3rd grade child in August? Check out "Blast Off" Science camp opportunity. See the brochure in the office or watch for information coming with your child's classroom newsletter.

Girls Volleyball Camp at ZCS is August 23-27. Forms went home with girls entering grades 5-8 but extras are available in the office or from Mrs. Miller. Hope to see you there!

Bob's Butcher Block Meat Sale! Order forms have gone home with students for Bob's Butcher Block Meats. We have nine different meat packages available. Orders with payment are due May 6 and you can pick up your meat at Bob's Butcher Block at Felch/120th Ave. beginning on May 20. There are more order forms in the office.

HC Community Fiesta Night You are invited to Holland Christian's second annual Community Fiesta Night at Holland Christian High School on Friday, April 30, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This FREE event will feature piñatas, games, and PRIZES, crafts, face painting, and traditional Mexican food. Bring a friend and come celebrate the diversity of our community! This event is sponsored by the HCHS Spanish Department.

Thank You to all who came to Fun Night! Thanks to 8th grade parents for donating time and food to make this a great night for everyone. And thanks to our outstanding 8th graders for providing great games to play!

"Question of the Week" Does Zeeland Christian ever ask students what they think about Zeeland Christian? Every year we do an 8th grade exit evaluation to get input from our 8th graders on what their experience at ZCS was like. I will include two of the questions and answers in this Blue Note.

Question 1: What did you enjoy the most about attending ZCS and explain:

- Really getting to know the teachers because they were funny and cared about us.
- I enjoyed the friendliness of the students as well as the teachers.
- I felt that I developed great relationships.
- If you are having a bad day, the teachers try to cheer you up. All of the teachers try to make things as fun as possible.

Question 2: What did you enjoy the least about going to ZCS and explain:

- Having homework, play and basketball all at the same time (too much).
- I didn't like the homework, but that can't be helped.
- The warm drinking fountain water, and the cold water when you wash your hands.
- Twelve o'clock lunches are kind of late when you are in class thinking about food all day.

TRIP News

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

Summer TRIP dates are June 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, and Aug. 10 & 24. Instant TRIP will be available on the above dates from 9-10:30. Lane Bryant/Fashion Bug is 7% thru June 1; Bath & Body Works is 17% thru May 4; Home Dept is 4.5% thru May 4; Land's End is 17% thru May 19; Applebee's is 9% thru May 7.

- "Zeeland's Got Talent" Wed. June 23. A community-wide fundraiser to support Haiti/GLOW Ministries. We're looking for many different talents and many people of all ages to participate! For an application form, please contact Haven CRC at 772-2400.

- Cottage for Rent: Lakefront 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, on Long Lake, east of Ludington. Sleeps 12+. \$800/wk. Call 748-0566.

- Girls Hope Basketball Camp: For any girl entering (fall 2010) 3rd-12th grade. More information or a brochure can be found at www.hope.edu/camps/gbsk.html or contact Brian Morehouse at 395-7853.

- For Sale: Yamaha Piano, excellent condition. \$250 or best offer. Phone 446-9978 or 772-9211.

- Private swimming lessons-\$50. Alex is a junior at HC, Sutton a senior at WO. June 14-25, Mon-Thur. Lifesaving & swimming lesson certified, 8 students per class. Contact jkbaumann@yahoo.com.

- Wanted: PS3 in good working condition & Kayak, at least 10 ft. Call 610-3446.

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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.
- 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.
- 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.