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ZCS Blue Note

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God has blessed us with many great opportunities this year and continues to bless us with opportunities at the end of our school year. Students had the opportunity to thank teachers for a great year. Teachers have an opportunity to thank students. Parents and teachers alike have an opportunity to praise God that we can work together to raise God's children to His honor and glory. In this last week of school, we also have the responsibility that is both a joy and sorrow to say goodbye to our 8th grade class. They have been excellent leaders this year and have truly blessed Zeeland Christian. As a staff, we look forward to praying a blessing over them at the end of their class trip on Wednesday. We pray that God will use them and all of our students both present and future as blessings in this community.

Calendar

June 3	8th Grade Banquet
June 3	No AM Bussing Middle School, No PM Bussing Elementary, No Hot Lunch
June 3	8th Grade Banquet, 5:30 punch-no school for 8th graders June 4
June 4	Last Day of School Full Day, No PM Bussing, No Hot Lunch

Athletic Schedule

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

Hot Lunch

Thur.	No Hot Lunch
Fri.	No Hot Lunch

Thank you, Parents As a staff at ZCS, we would like to thank you as parents for blessing us in so many ways this year. We pray that this last week will also be a blessing for all of us as we complete the work that God has set before us this 2009/2010 school year.

School Calendar The school calendar for next year has been decided for some time and is available here at school and on our web site.

Summer Blue Note We will be sending at least one Blue Note home during the summer months to make sure you stay up to speed on things that are happening here at school.

Dates for 2010/2011 School Year

As we plan ahead, there are a few dates that you should put on your calendar:

Aug. 31	First Day of School
Sept. 1	Hillside Prayer and Praise Service
Sept. 11	Golf Outing
Oct. 21-22	CEA Convention-No School

Bussing Info until the end of the School Year:

No am bussing on June 2 and 3, grades 6-8
No bussing home on June 3, grades K-5
No bussing home on June 4, grades K-8

Hot Lunch Please check your child's balance and make sure it is paid up by the time school is finished. If you need to know your balance, call 748-3128.
Hot lunch will not be served this week Thursday or Friday.

Please join me in thanking all of our staff for a great job that they have done this

year. There are several staff members that will not be returning next year. We praise God for their years of service and pray that He will bless them in the future.

Philippines Donations The donations for the Philippines are coming in well. The year is coming to an end and we would love to send a lot of good things to the Philippines at the end of the school year. If you have donations from any of the areas below, or if you have something else you would like to send, please drop it off at school.

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

Larry Doornbos Please keep Larry and his family in your prayers. Larry is the husband of Linda, who is one of our 7th grade teachers. Larry was riding his bicycle last week and was hit by a car and is in serious condition at Spectrum Health.

Baton of Faith During our Staff In-service day we worked our way through a video series titled, Passing the Baton. The basic premise of the series was how important it is for us as a Faith Community to pass our faith on to our children. Judges 2:10 states, "After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel." As a staff we see the importance of passing our faith to our students. One of the ways that the ZCS staff decided we would encourage our students in their faith is to actually pass a baton to them at the end of the school year. Inside the baton will be a scroll and on the scroll will be some words encouraging them in their faith. This passing of the baton is not

a one-time thing. We ask that each student bring back their baton with the scroll inside to their teacher next year. It will then be the teacher's responsibility to help pass the baton of faith on to your child. We hope this symbol will be encouraging to your child and that you will continue to join us in "passing the baton" of our faith on to our kids.

Support Ditto Did you write a letter of thank you to Ditto? Our goal was a letter from every family. Please consider dropping them a short note. The address of Ditto is: 571 E. 8th Street, Holland, MI 49423.

ZCS Stickers are free and available in the office. They are a great way to share the news about ZCS.

Host Families ZCS is looking for host families this summer and the beginning of the school year. A host family is responsible for making contact over the summer with a new family to ZCS and make them feel welcome to our ZCS family. This involves a phone call; and then scheduling a time to get together over the summer. If you would like to get to know someone new at ZCS, we would certainly love to have you sign up for this. Please call Lisa in the office or email her at ltimmer@zcs.org.

"Hola Amigos!" Maestra Zondervan, our ZCS Kindergarten Immersion teacher and native Spanish speaker will introduce our ZCS children (5-8 year kids) to the Spanish language and culture. The children will be immersed in games, familiar stories, new songs, and exciting crafts that are all taught COMPLETELY in the Spanish language. Allow your child to experience five days of being immersed in the Spanish culture and language! Session dates are: July 19-23, 9:00-11:30, here at ZCS. Cost for the 5-day session is \$85. E-mail lzondervan@zcs.org to register your child.

After School Child Care is a go for students entering grades K-5 in the fall! At this time we are asking for a commitment from you in order to begin planning accordingly in response to the numbers. If you did not turn in the earlier form but would now like more information please email Stacy Bouwkamp at bouwkampstacy@gmail.com or stop by the office for a form.

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.

Summer Office Hours: We will be available to assist you in the office on Monday through Thursday from 8:00-1:00. We will be closed on Fridays and the entire week of July 5-9.

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.

3D Art Camp at ZCS July 12-16 for grades 4-6. Forms available in the office and outside of art room. For information about middle school art camp see Mrs. Meeuwssen.

Needed: The Art Department needs used T-shirts sizes Youth Large and above. Plastic margarine type tubs are also needed. Please drop off at the art room. Thanks!

ZCS hopes to have a FIRST Lego Robotics team for the 2010-11 school year. The goal is to start a team of 6th-7th graders (current 5th-6th graders) that will build and compete in Lego Robotic events. If you believe your child would be interested, please plan on meeting in the media center on June 8 at 6:30 pm. We will have a

short informational meeting to explain more about the FIRST organization and what it looks like to be on a FIRST Lego Robotics team. If you need more info, email Ross Fischer or Mark Sneller.

Magazine Sale: You can order magazines year-round and the money will be applied next year to your child's prize program! Go to QSP.com, click on "Shop Now" and enter school code 425005759.

The deadline for sign-up for girls and boys basketball camp is Friday, June 4.

Wanted: If you have an old Nintendo DS that you would be willing to donate for a student to use as a communication device, please bring it to the office, Attn: Mary De Mey.

Parent Portal: If you have not yet signed up for a Parent Portal, please stop in the office to fill out the paperwork. You will need a Parent Portal to see your child's report card!

Question of the week:

Here is another question that middle school students had to answer: What improvements if any would you like to see in our school building and equipment?

- We could add a swimming pool
- There should be more chapels and small groups for middle schoolers because they are really awesome
- Nothing, it is all excellent
- Better jerseys for sports
- There should be a middle school cafeteria where everyone eats

What classes do you think helped you the most?

- Bible because it gave me a deeper understanding and taught me lessons for life; but all my classes though, because of the teachers
- Worship class helped me understand what worship really is and helped my relationship with God grow

TRIP NEWS

Summer TRIP dates are June 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, and Aug. 10 & 24. Instant TRIP will be available these dates from 9-10:30 in the TRIP office. Student disclaimers have been cancelled. You will have to pick up your order in the TRIP office this summer.

ZCS Shopper

- Looking for some underground sprinkler help? Call Jon DeVries, 8th grade teacher, for service, installation and parts. Call (616)298-9388 with your questions or requests.
- Central Ave. Garage Sales: Thur/Fri June 3 & 4. Central Ave. and neighboring side streets in Zeeland.
- For Rent: 32 ft. fifth wheel trailer, sleeps 6. We'll set up @ Ottawa Beach & remove. Call (616)738-9168.
- Home Improvements: Call Larry Lokers at 879-0759. Drywall, painting, window installation, etc.
- Spanish speaking Calvin College student with many years of childcare experience is available to babysit for you this summer. Contact Courtney DeBoer at crd22@students.calvin.edu or phone 772-0936.
- Brand new, still on roll red carpet, 12' x 53' \$1,500 obo. Call 772-4139. Also, looking for full or part time work as an Administrative Assistant or Accounting. Call 616-403-5138.
- For Sale: 3 bedroom home, across street from ZCS. See <http://436alice.blogspot.com> or call 834-1719; \$500 donation to ZCS for mentioning this ad at closing.

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- 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
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