



Zion School Connection Newsletter #3 - September 4, 2023

School Year Theme: "Grace Given/Grace Driven"

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" - Ephesians 2:8

This Sunday is Christian Education Sunday!

Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. is our Zion Christian Education Sunday worship service. Our worship focuses on bringing the message of salvation in Jesus to His lambs and sheep, particularly through our school and education programs. All of the students of Zion Lutheran School will have the opportunity to participate in the service by sharing our school year theme song. Students in grade 1 and all new Zion students will also be gifted with a Bible by the Zion congregation. All students in grades K-8 are expected to attend, and preschool students are also invited to join us. Students are also asked to wear their red "Grace Given/Grace Driven" shirts. Students should be at school to prepare by 8:45 a.m. and meet in Mr. Schneck's room.

Families, please join us in thanking God for the privilege of sharing Jesus with our students, families, and community!

Zion Grand Prix Pinewood Derby This Sunday!

Our Zion Church and School families are invited to participate in our **2nd Annual Pinewood Derby Grand Prix on Sunday, September 10 from noon until 3 p.m.** Participating Cars will be judged on both design and speed! We have divisions for Children (Preschool through grade 2), Youth (Grades 3-8), and Adults (Teens and Adults). Cars must be built according to derby rules. You may purchase a kit on your own, or from Mr. Schneck (\$5 each). Flyers with details and rules are available on the table in the school hallway. Weigh-In Starts at 12 p.m. and cars should be completed with weigh-in by 12:45 p.m.

Races are expected to start at 1 p.m. There will be hot dogs and refreshments at the event as well.

If you plan on attending: To help us with registration and planning, please submit entry information via the online google form linked <https://forms.gle/jywY75oW54g5ssTP9>. Please let us know you are attending, even if you are not planning on entering a car.

We have one more work day in Mr. Schneck's garage (across the parking lot from school) for families who need help or access to workshop tools on Saturday, September 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.

We also need volunteers to help with race day! Please contact Mr. Schneck if you are interested and available.

CEA Meeting Tuesday, September 5

The Zion Christian Education Association (CEA) is our parent and supporter association that helps provide all of the "extras" that support and enhance our school program. All Zion Preschool and K-8 parents are invited and encouraged to attend and participate. ***Our first meeting of the year is this Tuesday, September 5 at 3:10 p.m.*** included on the agenda are the Grand Prix Pinewood Derby, Mum Sale, Harvest Party, and Daddy-Daughter Dance, as well as consideration of technology upgrades for our school. Please join us!

Chapel Service

School families are invited to join us for weekly school chapel service this week Wednesday, September 6 from 8:05-8:30 a.m. Parents, family and friends are always welcome! A chapel offering is collected at our chapel services to be designated to a mission project each year. This year's sponsored mission is our WELS Mission in the Philippines. We will share more about this ministry in the coming weeks. Please remember this ministry and the people it serves in your prayers.

Fermi Forms

Fermi permission forms were sent home last week and need to be returned as as soon as possible if you have not already done so. These forms give consent to move students to a designated pick-up point in the event of an evacuation due to safety issues at the FERMI power station. Though extremely unlikely, we want to be prepared for any eventuality. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Schneck.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunches this week: **Wednesday, September 6 - Spaghetti** **Friday, September 8 - Pizza**

A link to the hot lunch order form was emailed out to K-8 student families. If you missed the link, it can be accessed here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUGspaheRXayuPqEDAGp_VWJr0qvWJ7H9o6iKA6fgFZ6GNBw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please note that students need to have purchased a hot lunch punch card to participate in the hot lunches. Punch cards are available in the church/school office. See the August/September Zion school calendar for this month's scheduled hot lunches.

School Sports - Cross Country Meet

Students in grades K-8 are invited to participate in the HCA Cross Country Meet at Hope Christian Academy (formerly Huron Valley Lutheran High School) on Friday, September 22 starting at 3:45 p.m. Last year we had a number of students participate, and they had a great time! Attached to this newsletter is an information and registration form. Forms are also available on the table in the school entrance. **Registration forms must be turned in to Mr. Roth by Friday, September 8.** Please contact Mr. Roth for more information.

School Sports - Soccer

Soccer practices this week Tuesday through Thursday, September 5-7, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Players should make sure they bring their cleats, sports clothes, shin guards, and water bottles to practice.

Our first soccer matches are HOME vs St. Stephen and Trinity this Saturday, September 9 at 9 a.m. and noon.

School Sports - Cheerleading

There will be a cheerleaders' meeting on Friday at 3:00 p.m. for those students who are interested in participating in cheerleading this year, to prepare for our soccer pep rally on September 28. Please see Mrs. Sordahl for more information.

Playground Use After School

Parents are asked to monitor their children's activity on the playground after school if they are staying after for extra playtime. Children are not to be on the school playground unless they are supervised by a parent. Students are also expected to follow school rules when on the playground. Unsafe use of the playground equipment and rough play (pushing, wrestling, throwing bark etc.) are NOT ALLOWED. Please note the playground rules posted on the light pole next to the playground.

Please also be aware of children, your own and others, when picking up after school. Be aware of traffic flow in the parking lot. Please also maintain control of your children in the lot, and BUCKLE LITTLE ONES IN before you take a minute to visit with other parents. Please do not send your children to the playground after school unless you are supervising them or have asked another parent to do so. If you are using the preschool playground gates, please close them behind you. **Let's all work together to avoid accidents and keep our children safe!**

Raise Right/Scrip

Do you use the RaiseRight/Scrip program? This year several school families used Raise Right to reduce their tuition costs for this school. It only costs a little bit of your time, but the savings could be substantial. You can use Raise Right for your own family's tuition, or designate it to help another school family. More information on the program is available on the school bulletin board, or speak to Amy Vanisacker in the church/school office.

Warrior Oasis

The Zion Upper Grades “Warrior Oasis” will again be selling milk and juice options for lunches to students daily. Students in grades K-8 wanting to purchase milk or juice for lunch can do so across from the school library at the start of lunch hour, 11:45 to 11:55 a.m.

Drink items available:

Horizon Organic Whole Milk or Hershey Chocolate Milk \$1.25

Juicy Juice Boxes \$0.50 (Apple, Fruit Punch, Grape, Berry)

Meijer Orange Juice (bottle) \$1.00

Purchases are cash only. Profits will go towards the upper grade field trip fund.

Delicious Coffee with Friends!

The Warrior Oasis Cafe is open on TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS in the gym, including the first day of school! After dropping off the kiddos, come enjoy a great cup of coffee or hot tea with fellow parents and friends before heading out for the day, or grab a cup to go. Coffee is served starting at 7:45 a.m. Cost is a free-will donation to the 7th-8th Field Trip Fund.

On the Calendar...

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| Tuesday, September 5 - | Warrior Oasis Coffee available in the gym
Soccer Practice 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Zion CEA Meeting 3:10 p.m. |
| Wednesday, September 6 - | School Chapel 8:05 a.m.
HOT LUNCH - SPAGHETTI
Soccer Practice 3 to 4:30 p.m.
<i>Worship Service at Zion Lutheran 7:00 p.m.</i> |
| Thursday, September 7 - | Soccer Practice 3 to 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday, September 8 - | Warrior Oasis Coffee available in the gym
HOT LUNCH - PIZZA
Cheerleaders' Meeting 3 p.m. |
| Saturday, September 9 - | Pinewood Derby workshop open 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Mr. Schneck's garage
HOME Soccer matches vs St. Stephen and Trinity 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. |
| Sunday, September 10 - | Christian Education Sunday – PreK-8 students sing for 9 a.m. service at Zion
Zion Grand Prix Pinewood Derby 12-3 p.m. |

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