

# Crusader Chronicle

## Zion Lutheran School

### Growing Together in Christ

Zion Lutheran School Mission Statement  
*Our school partners with parents of Zion and reaches out to the community through a Christ-centered education, empowering students to live lives of service for God's glory on earth and preparing them for eternity in heaven.*

#### **ZION SCHOOL BAND PLAYS FOR CHURCH**

Next Sunday, January 28, Zion Grade School Band students will be playing for church. Band should meet in the fellowship hall at 7:25 that morning. The band will play offering for the 8:00 service and preservice for the 10:30 service. Band students may leave after they have played preservice for the 10:30 service.

#### **4K/KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT**

Zion is hosting a **4K and Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 6:00 pm**. Information night is for families with children turning 4 or 5 by September 1, 2024. Principal Chad Grambsch will present on different aspects of Zion Lutheran School. Niki Schwartz and Rachel Grambsch will speak about Zion's 4K and Kindergarten programs. Caregivers will learn about Zion School, and their child's classroom. Students will get to do activities in their future classroom. Free childcare will be provided for future students and their siblings during these parent meetings. Feel free to pass on this information to friends, relatives, and neighbors. If you cannot make this time, and/or would like to schedule an individual meeting, please contact the school office at 920-623-5180.

#### **2ND SEMESTER MISSION OFFERINGS**

Zion has chosen the Operation Go program at Lakeside Lutheran High School as their second semester mission. Operation Go is a mission-minded program that places LLHS students 16+ years old into various teams to GO and share the Gospel!

**Subway days are: Jan. 23, and 30.**

**Chick-Fil-A day is Jan 26.**

#### **ZION SCIENCE FAIR MARCH 8th and 10th**

Zion is hosting a Science Fair on March 8th and 10th. Science Fair guidelines are available to help explain the project. Look for more information about how each classroom is handling the science fair in the Classroom updates.

#### **ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING**

Zion will have its annual voters meeting on Sunday, Jan. 28 after the 2nd service. Voters will hear updates from the church council and about events in 2023. The voters will also decide on making our 1-2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Prell's call permanent.

#### **ZION ATHLETICS**

This Friday we have home games for our boys against Waterloo and on Monday our girls play home against Community Christian from Baraboo at 5:00. Our last home games are on February 2nd for Parents' Night. Please consider helping with concessions, score table, or clean up- we can use all the help we can get (especially Parents' Night). Go Crusaders!

#### **SPIRIT WEEK**

Spirit week information is January 29-February 2. Spirit Week is a way for our students to show their love for Zion. We will have some friendly competitions such as best decorations, classroom change challenge, and participating in dress up days. Please look for the information on our website and attached to the weekly email from Principal Grambsch.

#### **PATZ MEETING**

Join us at 6 pm on Tuesday, January 23rd for our monthly PATZ meeting. This is a great way for you to be involved at Zion.

#### **K FOR A DAY**

Invite your friends and family to come and enjoy an afternoon of Kindergarten at Zion on Friday, February 9th. from 11:30-3:10 pm. Any child eligible for Kindergarten in the 2024-2025 school year is invited to attend. You will meet the teacher and experience some classes. Parents are welcome to stay, but it is not required. RSVP is appreciated but not required. Talk to Rachel Grambsch, Kindergarten teacher, to answer any questions.

#### **Save the Date! Zion Lutheran Culver's Night**

**Monday, February 5th from 5pm - 8pm** Dine in, carry out or visit the drive thru. If you dine in, we will also be collecting non-perishable food items. A percentage of the funds raised will be donated to the Fall River/Columbus Food Pantry on behalf of Zion. If you purchase your Culver's scrip cards early, you can even use those on the day of the event!

January 19, 2024

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan 19: BB Home vs St. John, Waterloo

Jan 20: B-Girls BB Tournament at St. John's, Pardeeville

Jan 22: Girls BB Home game vs CCS, Baraboo

Jan 26: Chick-Fil-A Day

Jan 26: BB Away vs Our Redeemer, Madison

Jan 27: B-Boys BB Tournament at St. John's, Juneau

Jan 28: Annual Voters' Meeting

Jan 29-Feb 2: Spirit Week

Jan 31: Boys BB Away vs Birds of Pray

Feb 2: BB Home games vs Lebanon

Feb 2: Zion Sports Parents' Night

Feb 3: Girls BB Tournament at St. John's, Juneau

Feb 4: 5-8 grades sing

Feb 5-8: MAPS testing

Feb 6: 4K/Kindergarten Information Night

#### **1st Semester Missions:**

LLHS Operation Go

**Total Raised: \$22.20**

#### **Zion SCRIP**

Tuesday, Friday: Before school  
Afternoons by appointment only

# 4K

In ChristLight we learned that God wants his people to worship Him. While the Israelites were wandering around in the desert, the worshipped God in a tent church called the Tabernacle. We went over to church to compare the way we worship God to the Tabernacle worship. We also learned that God wants us to trust in Him and His promises.

In Center Time, we finished up our Report Card Assessments. We then reviewed letters Dd and Uu and practiced counting concepts through 10.

During our Theme Time we introduced our study of Arctic Animals. First up is penguins. They mostly live in Antarctica. They are birds that cannot fly, but are great swimmers. We also have two different sensory tubs with Arctic animals that the students have been exploring. They have been extending their play by creating elaborate habitats for these fun animals.

Check your child's backpacks for their report cards. Please sign and return the envelope. If you would like to meet to discuss your child's progress, please contact me so that we can set up an appointment!

Spirit Week is coming at the end of the month! Watch for a handout that will describe all the fun activities and dress up days. Each classroom has a chance to share their love of Zion in art and participation in the activities.

## Reminders

I will be sending your child's work home in their folder several times in a week. The ChristLight lessons will come home in the folders and are a great way to review what your child learned this week! Please fill out your child's church attendance and send it back to school on Tuesday!

Upcoming Events:  
1/29-2/2 - Spirit Week

If you need to contact me for any reason please call or text me at (509)594-2661. You can reach me by email at: [nschwartz@zioncrusaders.com](mailto:nschwartz@zioncrusaders.com)

# Kindergarten

In Christlight, we reviewed how God can do anything, including using the Israelites' VOICES to knock down a wall. We praise God for using HIS almighty power to help us. We also learned how a man, named Achan, disobeyed God. We pray that God helps us to be content with the blessings we have. The lessons and projects went home on Wednesday and Friday. We started memory work this week. We will have memory work each Thursday that we have school. We learn and practice the memory work at school, but it is a great idea to review the memory work at home as well. The First commandment is due on Thursday. It is printed in the binder as well as in our article each week.

In Superkids we worked on the letter Rr this week. Ask your child what the problem for the Superkids was this week. Each workbook is now two letters, so it will only go home about every other week. The workbook went home today. I strongly encourage you to go through the workbook with your child. Let your child tell you what they did on each page. Encourage them to read the stories found on pages 8-10 and 19-22. Due to the snow days we will start leveled readers **next** week. We will talk about the leveled readers in conferences.

In Math, we started a chapter on addition. We are catching on quickly to the new symbols. We are working on writing our numbers.

In Science we started our unit on Spring. We read a book and discussed what the weather is like in Spring as well as what the weather, animals, and plants do in Spring.

In PE we continued our unit on yoga. We are practicing controlling our bodies, relaxing, breathing, and strengthening our muscles.

Report cards went home on Wednesday. Please sign and return the envelope.

## Reminders:

The binder goes between home and school each day.

Feel free to contact me anytime:  
414-489-0235  
[rgrambsch@zioncrusaders.com](mailto:rgrambsch@zioncrusaders.com)

## Reminders:

January 25: Mystery Reader  
January 26: Chick-Fil-A Day  
January 29-Feb. 2- Spirit Week

Show and tell next week is something that starts with /r/ like rocket.

Memory work for: Thursday, January 25th. **The First Commandment. You shall have no other gods.**

The church attendance sheet is in the binder. Please be sure to mark your attendance each week and then leave the form in the binder.

**Please be sure to read the cover of the newsletter.**

# Grades 1-2

This week, in Bible History, we learned about God punishing the Israelites for their lack of faith. Korah and his rebellion were punished by God opening up the earth and swallowing them. Then God sent poisonous snakes to bite the unfaithful. He directed Moses to make a snake and put it on a pole. Those who looked at the snake would be healed. This reminds us to look to the cross for the healing of our sins.

In Math the 1st graders have finished the chapter on adding and are starting subtracting. The 2nd graders are working on place value into the hundreds and counting patterns to 1000. We are also comparing numbers in the hundreds.

In Superkids, the 1st graders are continuing to learn about contractions with not. They also learned their memory words for the unit. The 2nd graders are continuing to work on words with double consonants. The 1st graders are writing facts about a topic they know. The 2nd graders are planning a problem and solution story.

In Science, we are continuing to learn about matter. We learned about the 3 states of matter. We talked about physical and chemical changes that happen to matter.

We will also be starting to talk about the Science Fair. We will be doing all of the work in class. We will learn about the Scientific Method. They will be making hypotheses and performing an experiment to test their hypothesis. This should be an exciting experience.

In Art, we learned about warm and cool colors. Then we colored a picture with only warm and cool colors.

Thanks for all your support. Have a great weekend!

## Spelling

Handed out: Monday, January 22

Test: Friday, January 26

Handed out: Monday, January 29

Please practice these words nightly.

## Reading Practice:

I am sending home fluency practice sheets. Please practice 3 times, sign and date each time and return for an extra token. Thank you.

**Memory Work-** A calendar for the month was sent home in their folder.

January 23: Isaiah 64:6

January 26: Hymn 517

## Reminders:

1-26 Chick - fil -A lunch

1-29 to 2-2 Spirit Week

## **Contact information-**

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# Grades 3-4

I sent the EAA field trip form home. There is a mistake on it. The date of the field trip is Thursday, Feb. 8. My apologies. Please have those forms back by Jan 26.

We started working on the Science Fair by explaining what it is and what is expected from the students. The students will be able to complete their project in class. If you would like to complete the project at home instead, that is fine. Just let me know. Most students have their topics and we will work on the question to answer next week.

In Christlight we learned about the Israelites finally going into the promised land.

In Math, the 3rd graders started a unit on fractions while the 4th graders started learning about multiples.

In English class, students started an adjective unit. .

The book *The Chocolate Touch*, will be used for Reading class in January. Each student will have a copy of this book. They are welcome to take their copy home, but should bring it back for class every day.

## **Reminders**

- Memory Work Calendars went home.
- They are on a google calendar so if you want that shared with you please send me a note with your email address on it.
- The code for online ordering for Scholastic Book orders is
- Contact information: 414-313-4308 or [cgrambsch@zioncrusaders.com](mailto:cgrambsch@zioncrusaders.com)

My classroom has a website:

<https://sites.google.com/zioncrusaders.com/zion3-4gradewebsite/home?authuser=0> It has updates and links that may be useful. I also post daily assignments on it.

# Grades 5-6

In Christ-Light this week, we learned about Korah's rebellion. For Faith Foundations, we studied the third and fourth commandments.

6th grade math this week continued working with dividing and multiplying fractions and mixed numbers. 5th grade continues to work on multiplying fractions and mixed numbers. Fractions are a lot easier for students when they know their multiplication and division facts, so practicing those at home is always helpful.

In language arts this week, we reviewed verbs and started on our next writing unit.

In reading, 5th grade read about the history of hot air balloons. We also learned about similes and metaphors. 6th grade continued reading their first novel, *Frindle*.

In Social Studies this week, we continued learning about the countries of Turkey, Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan. We also discussed the conflict in Israel and Palestine and the U.S. presidential election.

We continued learning about waves in science this week. We learned about how ears work and how animals and technologies use sound waves. We also learned about how hearing damage happens.

Music class watched videos about music from Pacific Asia, Australia, and Oceania.

For art this week, we continued working on our winter landscape.

Here is a link to our class website, updated weekly!

<https://sites.google.com/zioncrusaders.com/miss-backers-class-site/home>

**Memory Work, daily assignments, spelling lists, and weekly updates can all be found on the class website.**

Please contact me at

[cbacker@zioncrusaders.com](mailto:cbacker@zioncrusaders.com) or at 952-239-1817 (text/call) if you need anything.

# Grades 7-8

In Christ Light, we started a new book, *How Can I Make God-Pleasing Decisions*. We have discussed spending the money we earn and will continue in our discussions. Pastor Schwartz is teaching Catechism and they are on the 6th and 7th Commandments.

We are starting up Chapter 8 on ratios and angles in Math.

We started the novel, *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* for Reading. For English we tested on Adjectives and Adverbs. We are continuing our Expository-Problem-Solution unit in Writing.

In Social Studies, we are discussing the geography of the Canada. In Science, we started our topic of Chemistry along with working on our Science Fair projects. We will be going over every aspect of the Fair, but the students should do their experiment at home. The students have picked topics, please ask them what they chose. Help determine if you will have supplies- the question is due January 24th. After that, no changes may be made. We will have check points and days where we make sure we're on track and to go over the next parts- those dates are still to come.

In Phy-Ed we are working on cooperatives and will start Racquetball soon. In Music, we are working on world music.

In Art this week, our project is 100 Meter Dash Grid Drawing and our sketches are Combine two animals into one and Dinosaur Crying.

January 17: Report cards go home  
January 17: Report Science Fair Project to teacher

517:1,3 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

If you are interested in ordering books from our Scholastic link here it is:  
<https://orders.scholastic.com/TLKPD>

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