



Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

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Zion Lutheran School Parents and Families,

With the goal of instilling respect for authority and punctuality in our students and families, there is a new Tardy policy approved by the school board that will help provide more order to our morning procedure at Zion. I have not consistently addressed tardiness the past two years and this is something that the school board and I want to improve at Zion for the sake of our teachers and families.

Since parents are responsible for guiding their families in order and punctuality, the tardy policy adds a fee to the parents FACTS account in the cases of repetitive tardiness. We understand that outlying circumstances (traffic, sick siblings, etc.) may cause tardiness and so the board has allowed each family four unexcused tardies without consequence each quarter. The consequence for the 5th and following tardies are listed in a summary of the new policy below:

- Zion Lutheran School asks students to arrive by 7:55 a.m. so they are ready for school by 8:00 a.m.
- Anyone arriving at school after 8:00 a.m. will be marked tardy.
- Those arriving after 8:15 a.m. will be marked tardy and receive an unexcused absence for missing part of Matins/Divine Service.
- Parents should notify the office by 7:55 a.m. if there is a valid reason for tardiness.
- Excused tardies include emergencies, pre-arranged medical appointments, or inclement weather (with a parent's note or call). All others are unexcused.

Consequences for Unexcused Tardies:

3+: An email is sent home from the front office communicating the tardy policy.

5-6: Parents are assessed a fee of \$10 on their FACTS incidental account.

7-8: Parents are assessed a fee of \$25 on their FACTS incidental account.

9+: Parents are assessed a fee of \$50 on their FACTS incidental account, and enrollment of the family will be evaluated by the headmaster and the school board.

Thank you for understanding the goal of this policy. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Swigart at zlsheadmaster@gmail.com if you have any questions about this policy.

May God continue to grant us a great school year,

Headmaster Joshua Swigart

ZLS Prayer Requests:

- Irby and Hanson Families - our PE Teacher, Mrs. Irby has been sick for several weeks, and our new student Adam has been sick since the beginning of school. We encourage you to pray for healing and God's grace.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Aug	1 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	2	3	4 ZLS Fellowship PTF Kickoff Night 6-7:30 pm	5	6
7 Students Sing at ZLC / Staff Blessing 10:15 am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Picture Day Individual 8:30am	1 Oct	2 Oct	3 Oct	4 Oct

1st	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day	
4th	ZLS Fellowship / PTF Kickoff Night	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
7th	Students Sing at ZLC / Staff Blessing	10:15 am
30th	Picture Day (Individual)	8:30 am

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

12th Bridge Program Training
(9am-12:30pm)

16th School Clean-Up Day (9am - 12pm)

18th-22nd Teacher In-Service

21st Meet your teacher (9am - 1pm)

25th 1st Day of School (8am)



First Day of School & End of Quarters

X

NO SCHOOL



PTF Meetings & Events



ZLS Special Events



Students Sing at Zion Lutheran Church



SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

1st NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

4th ZLS Fellowship Night (6 - 7:30 pm)

7th Students Sing at ZLC/ Staff Blessing
10:15 am

30th Picture Day (Individual) (8: 30am)

OCTOBER

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	X1	

2nd Pastor Appreciation Luncheon
(11:15am)

9th PTF Mtg.-Oktoberfest Prep (3pm)

18th PTF Oktoberfest (5:30 - 8pm)

23rd End of 1st QTR

24th NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service)

27th - 30th Parent-Teacher Conferences

31st NO SCHOOL



NOVEMBER

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23 / 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

6th PTF Officer Only Meeting (3pm)

10th Veteran's Day Rehearsal (10:15 am)

11th Veteran's Day Program (1: 45pm)

21st ZLS Thanksgiving Feast (11am)

24th -28th NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

11th PTF Meeting (3pm)

12th PTF Movie Night (6 - 8pm)

17th Christmas Program Rehearsal
(1:00 -3:00 pm) Pick up at ZLC

18th Christmas Program (6: 30pm)

22nd - Jan 2nd NO SCHOOL

Christmas Vacation

SY 2025-26

Midterm Dates per Quarter

1st 21 Days (Sept 23rd, 2025)

2nd 21 Days (Dec 2nd, 2025)

3rd 21 Days (Feb 18th, 2026)

4th 21 Days (Apr 29th, 2026)

SY 2025-26

170 School Days

1st 43 Days (Aug 25 - Oct 23)

2nd 43 Days (Oct 27 - Jan 15)

3rd 42 Days (Jan 20 - Mar 26)

4th 42 Days (Mar 30 - May 29)

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ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

JANUARY

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

1st - 2nd NO SCHOOL

Christmas Vacation

5th BACK TO SCHOOL (7:50am)

8th PTF Meeting (3pm)

15th PTF Donuts with Dads (7:30am)
End of 2nd QTR

16th NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service

19th NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

26th- 30th Book Fair Week

26th-30th National Lutheran Schools
and School Choice Week

FEBRUARY

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1st Students Sing at ZLC (10:15am)

2nd - 25th 26-27 Return Family Registration

5th Literacy Program Kick Off (6-7pm)

12th PTF Meeting (3pm)

13th PTF Valentine's Banquet & Ball Prep
(3pm)

14th PTF Valentine's Banquet & Ball
(5:30 -7:30pm)

16th NO SCHOOL - President's Day

18th Ash Wednesday Chapel Service (8am)

26th ZLS Open House (6-7:30 pm)

SY 2026-27 New Family Registration Begins

MARCH

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

5th Picture Day (Group Pictures) (9:45am)

5th End of Literacy Program

12th PTF Maple Bars with Moms (7:30 am)

16th - 20th NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

26th PTF Meeting (3pm)

26th End of 3rd QTR

27th NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

30th - Apr 2nd Parent Teacher Conferences



APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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26	27	28	29	30		

30th Mar - 2nd Parent Teacher Conference

3rd NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

6th NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday

10th PTF Spring Carnival Prep (2 pm - 5pm)

11th PTF Spring Carnival (11am - 1pm)

16th ZLS Jog-a-Thon (1:15 pm - 2:45pm)

24th Nampa Christian Track Meet

3rd - 6th grades (9am - 2pm)

MAY

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3rd Student Sing at Good Shepherd LC - Boise
(10:15am)

4th-8th Iowa Skills Testing Week (3rd-8th)

4th, 5th, 6th Testing Days, 7th, & 8th Make up

14th PTF Meeting (3pm)

25th NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

27th Academic Fair Rehearsal (10:15 am)

28th Academic Fair (5:30 - 7pm)

29th PTF End of the Year BBQ (11am)

29th End of 4th QTR

Last Day of School (12pm dismissal)

JUNE

1st - 5th Teacher Close Out Week

4th QTR. In-Service

(T) 2nd-3rd Christian Culture Conference
Casper, WY (Travel 1st & 4th)

26th -27th CCLE Practicum @ ZLS

JULY

14th-17th CCLE Conference

SY 2025-26

Midterm Dates per Quarter

3rd 21 Days (Feb 18th, 2026)

4th 21 Days (Apr 29th, 2026)

Quarter Days / Dates

2nd 43 Days (10/27 - 01/15)

3rd 42 Days (01/20 - 03/26)

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CONMEMORATIOS - REMINDERS:

♦ Zion Lutheran School Uniforms:

- **Chapel Uniform:** The Chapel White Uniform is worn on Thursdays.
- **Weekly Uniforms:** The ZLS Uniform on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and the Zion Spirit shirts on Fridays, or other designated days by the Headmaster.

♦ Zion Lutheran School Pick up and Drop Times and Procedures:

- **Drop Off:** 07:30 am to 7:55 am. PK - 3rd graders must be walked into the school by their parents or older siblings. 4th - 9th graders may walk in by themselves.
- **8:00 am or after is considered Tardy.** * Having your child at school by 7:55 am, allows teachers to take attendance & lunch count before services start at 8:00 am.
- **All morning Matins and Divine Services start at 8:00 am.**
- **Pickup:** School ends for all grades at **3:00 pm**.
- **PK - 3rd graders** must be picked up by their parents or pickup designated adult by 3:10 pm in the school.
- **4th - 9th graders** can be released by their home room teachers and picked up by their parents or designated pickup person at the exterior classroom doors by 3:10 pm.
- **Any student not picked up by 3:10 pm, will go to After School Care.** They will need to be picked up at the parking lot side door, **(Door 203)**.

ZLS SPIRIT STORE IS OPEN!

Zion Lutheran School has partnered with **Owyhee Graphics** this year to bring you official ZLS spirit wear.

How to Shop

Go to the [Zion Lutheran School Website](https://www.zlsnampa.org/): <https://www.zlsnampa.org/>

1. Click on the **Parents** tab

Follow the link to the **Spirit Store**

Store Dates

Open: **Now!**

Close: **September 26, 2025**

Don't miss your chance to order!

Show your ZLS school spirit and support our school.

CONMEMORATIOS - REMINDERS:

- ♦ **ZLS After School Care:** All school days from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Kindergarten Classroom.
 - **The front door is locked at 3:10 pm, unless there is a special school event.**
 - If you arrive to pickup your child at or after 3:10 pm, you will not be able to come through the front door. Please pull up to the farthest eastern door on the parking lot side (**Door 203**) and call the ASC #s posted on the door.
 - **2025-26 After School Care Staff and Phone #s:**
 - Mrs. Jennifer Rippey - Lead 208-724-2537
 - Mrs. Karolyn McCreary 208-484-8915
 - Miss Mackenzie Ratcliff 208-407-6084 - Tues & Thurs
 - Call the numbers, and the ASC Staff will bring your child to the designated door for ASC pickup and they will have you sign them out. Please be patient, and know that during the first couple of weeks, with all our new families, they may ask to see a picture ID to correspond with the name on the ASC Form, that you turned in during enrollment.
 - All After School Care parents are charged for the first hour (3:10 pm to 4:00 pm) regardless if they pick up their child before 4:00 pm. After the first hour; however, we bill in 30 minute increments. If you use this program, watch for monthly bills via FACTS Tuition Management under incidentals. You have 30 days to pay after the charges are applied to your account, or the account becomes delinquent. Your account must be current to ensure on-going participation.
 - If you have any immediate concerns with the ASC program, please contact our Lead ASC Staff member, Mrs. Rippey at (208) 724-2537 or our Headmaster, Mr. Joshua Swigart at (541) 971-9492. Any non emergencies can be addressed to the same staff members in the morning during the next school day.

♦ **Zion Lutheran School Hot Lunch Program:**

- Student Hot Lunch tickets can be purchased with Mrs. Heather Ratcliff during the morning hours:
- 07:30 - 9:00 am in the Front Office and 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Kitchen.
- Please include eating utensils in your child's lunches, if they are bringing a lunch from Home.

2025	Zion Lutheran School Hot Lunch Program Prices	2026
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Lunches

Students

1 Lunch Ticket	- PK - 2nd Grades	\$ 3.45
1 Lunch Ticket	- 3rd - 8th Grades	\$ 3.60
10 Lunch Tickets -	PK - 2nd Grades	\$ 34.50
10 Lunch Tickets	3rd - 8th Grades	\$ 36.00
20 Lunch Tickets -	PK - 2nd Grades	\$ 69.00
20 Lunch Tickets -	3rd - 8th Grades	\$ 72.00

Milk

1 Milk Ticket	\$ 0.50
20 Milk Tickets	\$ 10.00

Adults & Teachers

Entree Only Ticket w/o Milk	\$ 4.25
Salad	\$ 3.75
Mini Salad*	\$ 3.00
Adult Lunch	\$ 4.75
20 Salad Tickets	\$ 75.00
20 Entree Only	\$ 85.00
	Tickets w/o Milk
20 Entrée with Milk	\$ 95.00
	Lunch Tickets

* Mini salad is half the size of the regular salad with a choice of egg or meat.

*** \$5.00 off a whole ticket purchase on 2nd child & \$10.00 off on the 3rd child lunch cards.**

EVENTUS - SCHOOL EVENTS

♦ Zion Lutheran School's Cleanup Day, August 16th:

- A great turnout of return and new families to make the school cleanup day a success, and for families to start their family service “volunteer” hour requirement!



MEET OFFICER. MARTIN

Officer Bryce Martin

School Resource Officer

Nampa Police Department



My name is Officer Bryce Martin, and I am grateful to be able to introduce myself as your School Resource Officer this year! I am excited to work on building positive relationships with students, parents, and staff, while providing a safe environment for all to thrive.

I have served as a Police Officer for 20 years with the Nampa Police Department. During that time, I have developed strong relationships with the community, State & Local law enforcement, with a strong emphasis on training. My focus will be on Education and mentorship within each of the schools I serve. I want to be approachable and easy to talk to.

I am a husband of 26 years; I have two amazing children, along with two grandchildren. I love spending time with my family, and have many hobbies to include JiuJitsu, paddle boarding, snowboarding, and all things outdoors.

In conclusion, I will do my best to be involved in the school community and school events to provide a safe and welcoming environment. Please reach out for any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Officer Bryce Martin



Zion Lutheran School

Fellowship Night

and

Parent Teacher Fellowship Kickoff

When: Thursday, September 4th - 6pm-7:30pm

Where: ZLS Gymnasium

**Enjoy a meal and fellowship together with our
ZLS Families, Staff, and PTF Officers.**

For Dinner:

**Enjoy the Chili Bar & Salad hosted by our
Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Officers.**

See you there!