



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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From Mrs. Wollman

I recently read the book, Boys in the Boat. I was struck with the repeated mantra that the coach used with his Olympic team, that they must “stay in the boat.” These Olympic-bound athletes knew that they couldn’t let their minds wander during those 3-4 miles of rowing as a team. Their rhythm must match the others perfectly; their paddles couldn’t dip too low in the water or skim the surface. These minute details made them the champions they became.

How does this apply to our Zion students? Our students have the God-given ability to discipline their minds. However, there are so many possible distractions. When I was young, just sitting by a window was enough to distract me. I loved being outside, and I found myself dreaming about being an Indian princess riding my palomino pony. It’s easy and almost natural for people to daydream, and there is a time and place for it. But discipline of the mind is a major tool in the education of our children. Teaching children to concentrate and focus, and providing an environment conducive to learning is a gift we give our students.

At Zion, we work hard to eliminate distractions in our classroom. Students learn to control the noises they make so their neighbors can concentrate. We teach children when moving and talking out is allowed and when it’s not allowed. Our goal is to keep our classrooms clutter-free. Decorations are tasteful and colors are muted to promote learning because they do not assault the eyes. Our students learn hymns that are rich in text and they learn several stanzas. We provide a lot of opportunity for memorization. Students have the ability to memorize, but it does take concentration and thoughtfulness to memorize Bible verses, poems, songs, and jingles. Hopefully, the students will carry these in their minds throughout their lives.

Did you concentrate throughout this entire paper? Did your mind wander? It’s okay, I began dreaming of being an Indian princess riding my palomino pony at one point. But I did pull myself back to the job at hand. Please look for ways to help your child concentrate on important things at home. Provide a quiet space for them to read or to complete their homework. Help them read a recipe and organize materials for cooking. Teach them to use tools that require attention to detail. These are gifts we can give to our children for their future. Who knows, maybe they will become Olympic rowers keeping their minds “in the boat.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Chapel** is on May 2nd because of the field trips on May 3rd.
- **Field trips** are on May 3rd make sure you have your permission slips turned in.
- **Pastor Ross Shaver** will be teaching and preaching at Zion Lutheran Church May 5th.
- **Pot luck and Hymn Sing** is a new ZLC event happening on Wednesdays at 6pm at the school. you're welcome to join us!
- **Iowa Basic Skills Test** May 6th-10th Make sure to get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast.

REMINDERS:

- ◆ **2024-25 Enrollment** is now open! The registration fee is the same as this year and there is a 5.6% increase to general tuition. Remember to apply for Tuition Assistance. For those who enroll by April 15, there is a \$50 registration discount per student. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out with questions about tuition, financial aid, and the re-enrollment process. The link to apply through Facts is [here](#).
- ◆ Parents for any questions/concerns please refer to guidelines in the [Parent/Student handbook](#)
- ◆ If you still want to fill out the survey we would very much appreciate your feed back, the link is [here](#)
- ◆ PTF Meetings have now moved from Thursdays to Wednesdays at 3:00 pm
- The Spirit Store at zlsnampa.org. Hover over the "Parents" drop down and select "Spirit Store". Click "Shop Now" to enter the store!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22	23	24	25	26 Nampa Christian Track Meet 9am-2pm
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26th Nampa Christian Track Meet 9am-2pm

MAY

6th –10th Iowa Basic Skills Testing

9th PTF Mtg. @ 3 pm

16th Academic Fair and Presentations (5:30-7 pm)

23rd Roller Skating and Bounce House

24th PTF End of Year BBQ @ 11am/Last Day of School dismissal at 12 pm/End of 4th Qtr.

28th-31st Teachers Close Out Week/4th Qtr. In-service

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6 Iowa Basic Skills Testing	7 Iowa Basic Skills Testing	8 Iowa Basic Skills Testing	9 Iowa Basic Skills Testing/ PTF Mtg. @ 3pm	10 Iowa Basic Skills Testing
13	14	15	16 Academic Fair and Presenta- tions 5:30- 7pm	17
20	21	22	23 Roller Skating and Bounce House	24 PTF End of the Year BBQ 11am Last day of School 12pm Dismissal
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Volunteer Recognition



Ms. Pam Main

Ms. Pam Main is our PTF President. She does so much for Zion. She coordinates and helps with all of the PTF events. She volunteers so much of her time to the school to help maintain the school and make it look its best. We want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. (This isn't Pam's Picture, but very fitting of what she does for ZLS)

2024 Academic Fair - Schedule

Headmaster Welcome/Prayer (5:15 p.m.)

Dinner - Taco Bar & Taco Salad (5:15 - 5:45 p.m.)

People's Choice judging (5:15 - 5:45 p.m.)

Classroom Presentations in the Gym

PK-1st 5:50 - 6:20 p.m.

2nd-4th 6:25 - 6:40 p.m.

5th-7th 6:45 - 7:05 p.m.

Wrap-Up

Headmaster Wrap-Up 7:05 - 7:10 p.m.

All projects and awards remain in the gym until after award presentation at chapel on Friday, 5/17.



Referral Form

You give us the ultimate compliment when you refer a new student to Zion Lutheran School!

Here is our way of saying THANK YOU!

A one-time referral fee will be paid for any student you refer!

Pre-School or Kindergarten (Part-time)	\$500.00 per student
Pre-School or Kindergarten (Full-time)	\$1,000.00 per student
Elementary Grades	\$1,000.00 per student

Fine Print: You may not refer yourself. The new student must enroll and attend Zion Lutheran School for at least three (3) full months. Their registration, tuition and all applicable fees must be current. The referral payment will be credited to your account or given to you as a check if your account is paid in full. There is no limit to the number of students that you can refer. Referral payments can be split if more than one person is listed as the referral for the same student.



I HAVE BEEN REFERRED!

We welcome all families to Zion Lutheran School! Please call the office at 208-466-9141 to schedule a tour of the school and to meet our staff and teachers. You can also visit our website at zlsnampa.org to learn more about our school and download enrollment forms.

Please bring this form with you or include it with your enrollment application. Thank you!

Referred Family	Referring Family
Parent(s) Name:	Parent(s) Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone:	Phone:
Student(s) Name:	
Grade(s) Enrolling:	



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