



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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From the Headmaster

On the Importance of Disciplining Children

In today's culture, discipline is not very popular. Discipline often involves punishment, but is better defined as training. We train students to obey authority, have self-control, and desire to do good.

Many schools do not discipline well. Here at Zion, we go to the Bible, God's Word, to learn about disciplining children. Most of the comments are directed toward parents, but we can apply these verses to school discipline as well. Notice the following passages are not popular views of discipline, but they teach what is good for our children. Read through these proverbs and notice what they say about discipline. I added some of my own comments for consideration.

Proverbs 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

Comment: Many today look at discipline and fair punishment as hurting their child, but discipline is actually love! If your children do not like your discipline, endure their dislike for a while, because it will be much better for them later on, and they will thank you for it.

Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

Comment: All kids are foolish, but have potential for wisdom. We often give our kids the benefit of the doubt and think that our kids are wise and mature but the Bible is not so confident. But there is hope. Firm discipline drives their foolishness away!

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

Comment: Have you ever seen a child in a grocery store throwing a fit and his parents let it continue without discipline? This happens often. Parents are often concerned about the shame of disciplining a child in public, so they avoid it. But this proverb teaches us that the shame of not disciplining a child is worse and God is proud of our discipline!

Proverbs 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.

Comment: Is it possible to find rest with children? Actually yes, through discipline. Discipline not only benefits our children, it also benefits us. When we discipline our children, it will give us rest and delight.

We at Zion seek to discipline our students because we love them, and we want them to grow up wise. As we discipline fairly, we train them to be fair towards others and respectful toward their parents. This will help them live better lives here on earth!

Sincerely,

Headmaster Josh Swigart

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ **Idaho Parental Choice Tax Credit Program bill** There is a hearing this coming Tuesday, March 12th, at the Capitol at 9am. If this program passes, it makes Idaho families eligible for a refundable tax credit worth up to \$5,000. The tax credit can cover the cost of private school tuition and fees. I encourage anyone to attend the meeting to show support and give in person testimony about the importance of this bill. Remote testimony can be made as well. More information about remote testimony is found at <https://legislature.idaho.gov/resources/committeetestimony/>
- ◆ **Literacy Night** is a fun night where we celebrate the reading accomplishments of our students with fun games and refreshments. Each student will leave with a book of their own and other prizes.
- ◆ **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](#).

REMINDERS:

- ◆ 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

MARCH

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 11 | 12 Literacy Pizza Party | 13 | 14 Literacy Night 6-7 pm/End of 3rd Qtr. | 15 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service |
| 18 Parent Teacher Conferences | 19 Parent Teacher Conferences | 20 Parent Teacher Conferences | 21 Parent Teacher Conferences | 22 NO SCHOOL |
| 25 NO SCHOOL Spring Break | 26 NO SCHOOL Spring Break | 27 NO SCHOOL Spring Break | 28 NO SCHOOL Spring Break | 29 NO SCHOOL Spring Break |

12th Literacy Pizza Party

14th Literacy Night 6-7 pm/End of 3rd Qtr.

15th NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service

18th-21st Parent Teacher Conferences

22nd NO SCHOOL

25th-29th NO SCHOOL Spring Break

APRIL

1st NO SCHOOL Easter Monday

12th PTF Mtg. Carnival Prep @3:20 pm

13th PTF Spring Carnival @11am-2:30pm

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 NO SCHOOL Easter Monday | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 PTF Mtg. Carnival prep @ 3:20pm | 13 PTF Spring Carnival @ 11am-2:30pm |

Volunteer Recognition



Mrs. Tonya Barber

Mrs. Barber does so much for our school. Not only is she on the school board, but she also volunteers in the office and helps to maintain our website. We want to thank you for all that you do for our school. You bring so much joy and enrichment to our students and staff!



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!

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| 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 |
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| Parent(s) Name: | Parent(s) Name: |
| Address: | Address: |
| Phone: | Phone: |
| Student(s) Name: | |
| Grade(s) Enrolling: | |



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