

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL 02/08/2024 NEWSLETTER

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From the Headmaster

"Every Child gets an iPad"

This is something you will never hear at Zion Lutheran School. Our Mission at Zion Lutheran School is for students to have good hearts. Hearts that desire to obey Dad and Mom in doing chores. Hearts that love all that is good in life, rather than hearts that crave mere pleasure and entertainment. Most schools encourage their students to be tech savvy, and their teachers often use screens and YouTube rather than teach themselves. But paper books and loving teachers are better than screens! A quick google search leads one to all sorts of evidence for books over iPad as good learning and reading tools. But even without google, parents can observe that time spent on screens often makes their children have bad attitudes, impatient hearts, tired minds, and disinterest in non-screen activities.

Books provide a tangible place for information to sit. When we flip the page, we leave the information on the page in the same location to return to if needed. We grab the page with the information and this use of my body helps my mind understand it.

Screen technology on the other hand is so effective at grabbing and keeping our attention, that having iPads, smart boards, and laptops in the classroom fails students in many ways. iPad send blue light into our eyes to make us feel locked in for the moment, but tired and unable to focus when we put the screen down. The information we read on a screen does not have an actual location, so our bodies are not part of the reading and remembering.

At Zion, we have teachers who instruct in a natural, human way. Our teachers understand that a student has a heart that needs training and direction toward what is true and good. And our teachers love their students. iPad, YouTube, movies, and smart boards cannot not love your children like our teachers do.

In the world full of screens that take us away from God's creation, and discourage us from seeking good things, we at Zion will be cautious of giving our students these devices. And we will do our best to direct your children toward what is good and lasting.

Sincerely,

Joshua Swigart School Headmaster and Vicar

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Valentine's Day Banquet and Ball is 02/10 5-8 pm. Please sign up at the front office.
- Ash Wednesday chapel service 2/14 at 8:05 am. Please come and join us.
- Maple Bars with Moms is 2/16 at 7:30 am all are invited
- **ZLS Open House** RSVP <u>here</u>
- **Group Picture Day** is March 8th at 9:45 am.
- Volunteer Needs. We need a volunteer to clean the PTF Room and Organize the Storage room.
- Intent to Return. Thank you to all who filled out the "Intent to Return" for next year. We are excited to see that most families are expecting to re-enroll. and we are already expecting several new students next year, including a few younger siblings of current students!
- Tardy students need to check in with Mrs. Ratcliff or call the FO to let us know if your having HL

REMINDERS:

- Parents for any questions/concerns please refer to guidelines in the <u>Parent/Student handbook</u>
- 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 <u>zlsnampa.org</u>. Hover over the "Parents" drop down and select "Spirit Store". Click "Shop Now" to enter the store!

Tardy & Absence Guidelines:

- Do you know if your child(ren) will be absent at least three days in advance? Stop by the office to fill out a Pre-Arranged Absence Form. This helps turn some unexcused absences into excused absences!
- Please call (208-466-9141) or Email (zlsoffice1@gmail.com) by 9 am if your child(ren) will arrive late to school (tardy) or not be able to come in at all (absent). Thank you!
- If your child is ill more than two consecutive days, are you able to get a note from the Doctor's office? This is another way to turn some unexcused absences into excused ones.
- Please try to schedule appointments during non-school hours.
- For more detailed information, please see the Parent & Student Handbook at zlsnampa.org in the Forms section.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

7th PTF Mtg at 3pm

10th PTF Valentine's Banquet & Ball 5-8pm

14th Ash Wednesday Chapel Service 8:05am

16th PTF Maple Bars w/ Moms 7:30am/3rd Qtr. Midterm

19th NO SCHOOL President's Day

29th ZLS Open House 6-7 pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10
		PTF Mtg. at 3pm			PTF Valentine's Day Banquet & Ball 5-8pm
12	13	14	15	16	17
		Ash Wednesday Chapel 8:05am		Maple Bars w/ Moms 7:30 am	
19	20	21	22	23	24
NO SCHOOL President's Day					
26	27	28	29		
			ZLS Open House 6-7 pm		

MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7	8
		PTF Mtg. at 3pm		Group Picture Day @ 9:45 am
11	12	13	14	15
			End of Literacy Program Party 6-7 pm	NO SCHOOL Teacher In- Service

6th PTF Mtg. @ 3 pm

8th Group Picture Day @ 9:45 am

14th End of Literacy Program Party 6-7 pm

End of 3rd Qtr.

15th NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service





Volunteer Spotlight Cherokee Claybaugh & Audra Richardson

Cherokee and Audra help out our wonderful teachers by sitting with our students during lunch supervising and helping them with anything they may need, also leading them in prayer. Also supervising all the students while out at recess making sure that everyone is safe. Cherokee and Audra work a couple a days a week out of the goodness of their hearts and that gives a much needed brake to our teachers. Thank you both for all that you do.



ZLS Annual PTF Banquet and Ball **February 10, 2024**

Please join us for our Annual Valentines Day Ball. This is an event for the students and families to dress up, dance the night away, raffle prizes and have fun here at Zion Lutheran School . We will be having a potluck style dinner. Pulled pork, rolls and drinks will be provided as the main dish.

Sign up sheet is located at the front office.



The decorating will begin on Friday 2/9/2024 after school is out, if you can help please indicate on signup sheet.

PTF Event: Maple Bars with MOM! and other sweet treats! **February 16, 7:30 am**



Zion Lutheran School Open House PK-8th Grade

Prospective Families and Current Families transitioning to new teachers, Please join us Thursday, February 29th from 6-7 pm

* Hear about the mission of Zion Lutheran School

* Meet our teachers

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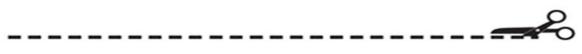
Referral Form

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 that 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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