



Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

November 6th, 2025

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Teachers, Staff, and Families,

Over the past several years, the ZLS School Board has observed a continued decline in preschool enrollment. There are many preschool options for 3–4 year-olds in the Nampa area, and this has contributed to smaller class sizes in our program. As we look ahead to the expansion of our upper grades, the Board has been carefully evaluating how to best steward our time, space, and resources.

After much prayer and discussion, the Board has made the difficult decision to discontinue our preschool program beginning with the 2026–27 school year.

Our preschool has been a meaningful part of Zion Lutheran School for many years, and we are grateful for the families it has served. This change is especially difficult for Mrs. Tamie Provolt, who has faithfully and lovingly instructed our littlest students. Her work has borne much faith and joy in her students and Mrs. Rippy consistently notes that students coming from the ZLS preschool program are the most prepared and confident learners. We are deeply thankful for her dedication to the program and love for her students.

We will miss having preschool as part of our campus community and know that this may bring disappointment to many of you. We pray that the Lord will grant His grace as we continue our mission of educating students for eternal life and godliness, trusting that He will provide all that we need.

In Christ,
Headmaster Swigart

ZLS Prayer Requests:

- Thelander Family - Please keep Isaiah Thelander and the Thelander family in your prayers

CERTE DE FASTIS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Oct	27 Oct 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 - 4:30)	28 Oct 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (4:15 - 4:45)	29 Oct 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 - 4:30)	30 Oct 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 - 4:30)	31 Oct NO SCHOOL	1 Nov
2	3	4	5	6 PTF Officer Only Meeting 3:15 pm	7	8
9	10 Bridge Families Veterans Day Rehearsal 10:15 am	11 Veterans Day Program 1:45 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Thanksgiving Feast 11:00 am	22
23 / 30	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	29

6th	PTF Officer Only Meeting	3:15 pm
7th	Field Trip to the Boise Watershed (PK - 4th)	11:45 am to 3:00 pm
10th	Bridge Families Veterans Day Rehearsal	10:15 am
11th	Veterans Day Program	1:45 pm
21st	Thanksgiving Feast	11:00 am
24th - 28th	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break	

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Nov	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 PTF Meeting 3:15 pm	12 PTF Movie Night 6 - 8 pm	13
14	15	16	17 Bridge Families Christmas Program Rehearsal 1 - 3 pm Pick up at ZLC	18 ZLS Christmas Program 6:30 pm	19	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	23 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	24 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	26 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	30 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	31 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	JAN 1 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	JAN 2 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	JAN 3

11th	PTF Meeting	3:15 pm
12th	PTF Movie Night	6:00 -8:00 pm
17th	Bridge Families Christmas Program Rehearsal Pick up Students at Zion Lutheran Church - 404 Nectarine Nampa, 83686	1:00 - 3:00 pm
18th	ZLS Christmas Program at ZLC	6:30 pm
22nd Dec to Jan 2nd	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break	
5th of January	Students Return to School	

NUNTIUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **ZLS Spirit Store Update:**

- The Spirit Store is back open again with the same items, plus some additional cold weather items, like jacket vests, jackets, and beanies. These would be great for winter wear, in addition to Christmas presents.
- The purchase window is November 1st to November 30th, with items available for pickup by Thursday, 12-18, in time to take home before the Christmas Break.

- ♦ **Congratulations to Mrs. Katie Winterstein** (our school consultant) on the birth of their seventh child, Anna Magdalena Winterstein.



- ♦ **There is a new promotional video** on the homepage of our website that highlights the culture of Zion Lutheran School. Thank you to Cody Lockwood for donating his time and equipment to make this video possible.
- ♦ **Church attendance** is taken each Tuesday morning so that the headmaster and school board can understand the spiritual culture of our school. A Perfect Church Attendance Award was added this year to recognize those who attended every Sunday service. Church attendance does not affect grades and is a way to encourage participation in weekly worship. If you have any questions, please let Mr. Swigart know.

CONMEMORATIOS - REMINDERS

Reminder:

Owyhee Graphics zip up jackets are allowed for classroom wear.

Absence Policy: There was some confusion about our absence policy during the first quarter, so I am including the exact section from the handbook below. I will be working with the school board in November to clarify and streamline these policies. If you have feedback for the school board, please let me know by November 12.

Excused Absences

The following reasons are considered excused absences:

- Illness of the Student: A written statement or note from a healthcare professional is required for absences lasting more than two (2) consecutive days.
- Illness in the Family: A statement or note from a healthcare professional explaining why the child's absence was necessary may be required if deemed appropriate.
- Quarantine of the Home
- Death or Wedding of an Immediate Family Member (Parent, sibling, or grandparent) — Absence is limited to two (2) days, unless reasonable cause is shown for a longer absence.
- Medical or Dental Appointments: A statement from a health professional may be required if deemed appropriate. Parents are strongly encouraged to schedule routine appointments outside school hours whenever possible.
- Emergencies or Other Circumstances: Situations which, in the judgment of the Headmaster, constitute sufficient cause for absence from school.

Unexcused Absences

Any absence not meeting the above criteria, or lacking required documentation, will be considered unexcused.

Pre-Approved Absences

Parents are asked to carefully consider the academic impact of any planned absences before requesting time away from school. To obtain approval for a planned absence:

- Submit a Pre-Approved Absence Request Form at least three (3) school days prior to the requested absence.
- Absences not meeting excused absence guidelines and/or not requested at least three (3) days in advance will not be approved and will be considered unexcused.
- Pre-approved absences may not be requested after the date of the absence.
- Students who have already accumulated ten (10) total absences during the school year should not request additional pre-approved absences.
- In cases of family emergencies that do not meet these guidelines, approval will be at the Headmaster's discretion.
- All work missed due to excused or unexcused absences must be completed and turned in within the same number of days absent. If the absence occurs near the end of a grading period, all work must be submitted by the last day of the quarter.

GRATULATIONE - CONGRATULATIONS

- ♦ **ZLS October Virtue “Hope” Award:** Congratulations to both Bianca Lockwood representing PK - 2nd grades, and Philip Stubbs representing, 3rd - 9th grades, for receiving the October “Hope” award that was awarded on Thursday, November 6th 2025.



- ♦ **ZLS 1st Quarter Headmaster Award - 3rd - Highest grade - All A's:** Congratulations to both Evangeline Richardson - 6th grade, and James Carter - 9th grade, for earning the 1st Quarter Headmaster award.



- ♦ **ZLS 1st Quarter Honor Roll Award-3rd - Highest grade - A's with Maximum 3 B's:** Congratulations to Calvin Baumbach - 3rd, Isaiah Agenbroad - 4th, Jack Rhoades - 4th, Charles Rhoades - 5th, Ava Tomayer - 5th, Lisette Carter - 6th, Eli Agenbroad - 7th, Ava Perron - 7th, and Jacob Tomayer - 9th, for earning the 1st Quarter Honor Roll award.



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- ♦ **ZLS 2025-26 1st Quarter School Perfect Attendance Award:** Congratulations to Harvey (PK4), Elizabeth Rhoades, Amelia, Elizabeth Hudnall, Desmond, and Archer (K & 1st), Emma and Isaiah (2nd-4th), Charles, Philp, Ava, and Lisette (5th - 6th) Samuel, and James (7th - 9th) for receiving the 1st Quarter School Perfect Attendance award.



- ♦ **ZLS 2025-26 1st Quarter Church Perfect Attendance Award:** Congratulations to Elizabeth Rhoades, Amelia, Sebastian, Elizabeth Hudnall, and Desmond, (K & 1st), Bianca, Emma and Calvin (2nd-4th), Charles, Ava Tomayer, Lisette, Georgiana, and Evangeline, (5th - 6th) Eli, Arthur, and James (7th - 9th) for receiving the 1st Quarter Church Perfect Attendance award.



THANK YOU TO ONE OF OUR ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL LUNCH & RECESS VOLUNTEERS!



Mr. Michael Mulconery

Michael's Family



**Michael Mulconery
& his wife Drue**

We would like to say a heartfelt thank-you Mr. Michael Olon Mulconery, one of our lunch and recess volunteers this year. Michael's long connection to Zion Lutheran School is because of his three grandsons (Olon, Cason & Daxon) who attend ZLS, and his daughter Megan Mulconery-Irby who serves as the PE teacher at ZLS. Megan and her husband Jay have been very strong supporters and active members and officers of ZLS Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) since January of 2021.

Michael has served as a substitute teacher in all grades at ZLS over the years, and even helped out in the front office at times. He has a Bachelors Degree in Education from the University of Wyoming. In 2016, he retired from State Farm Insurance after 35 years as a fraud analyst/special investigator in the special investigative unit.

The Mulconery and Irby families are very active at their church, Sovereign Grace Fellowship of Nampa. Sovereign Grace Fellowship is a Reformed Baptist Church in the tradition of the 1689 London Confession of Faith. As an elder at Sovereign Grace Fellowship, Michael oversees the adult education and catechism classes for the church.

Michael's favorite thing about volunteering at Zion Lutheran School is being of service to the school, the children, and especially his grandsons. He enjoys seeing the students learning classical education, learning self-discipline, singing Christian songs of praise honoring God, and contributing to their stability and protection. Zion Lutheran School thanks and appreciates Michael for his service to Zion as a volunteer.

Thank-you Mr. Michael Mulconery!

Zion Lutheran School

2025

Veterans Day Program



**Please join us at Zion Lutheran School to
Remember and Honor
our Veterans on
Tuesday, November 11th, at 1:45 pm.**

**Veterans, thank you for your
service and sacrifice!**

Christmas Wreath Sale

**Zion Hot Lunch program is selling
Christmas Wreaths.**

The sale runs Nov 3rd - 14th 2025.

All proceeds will benefit the children of Zion Lutheran School with nutritious and delicious lunches at a cost the families can afford.

\$35 each

Wreaths will be available for pickup on December 5th in the gym.

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Nampa ID

Any questions please call Zion Lutheran School at 208-466-9141

This picture is an example of the potential wreath. They will be 28 inches of mixed live greenery with a hand tied bow.

Make checks payable to: (ZLS) Hot Lunch Program



Zion Lutheran School

2025 Thanksgiving Feast

Friday, November 21, 2025 at 11:00 am



- ♦ Each family is asked to donate a food item. The students in the different grades are assigned a food item listed below.
- ♦ Please drop off disposable containers of food in the kitchen by Thursday, Nov. 20th, by 10:00 am.
- ♦ PreK / FO - **3 dozen rolls per family**
- ♦ Kindergarten/1st - **Prepared Mashed Potatoes for 8 servings per family**
- ♦ 2nd - 4th - **2 baked pies per family**
- ♦ 5th - 6th - **Prepared Stuffing for 8-10 servings per family**
- ♦ 7th - 9th - **6 cans of Green Beans per family**
- ♦ ZLC Members - **Vegetable Tray Items, Olives, Cranberry Sauce**
- ♦ Families with multiple children, please coordinate with Heather Ratcliff in the kitchen in the mornings.
HLP Email: zlshotlunchhr@gmail.com **Front Office Phone: 208-466-9141**
- ♦ Zion Lutheran Church (ZLC) members please contact ZLS front office if you will be able to attend.