



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Classical Corner:

School is about to begin again! With the beginning of a new school year comes a lot of feelings of excitement, nervousness, and even uncertainty. Learning to grow and adapt to such changes is a natural part of growing up, but also an important aspect of the learning and maturity of attending school, and a life skill in which classical education is particularly apt to teach. One of the ways in which we do this here at Zion Lutheran School is through daily liturgical living. We all have daily routines and rituals that shape the rhythms of our life, from brushing our teeth to meals to prayers to bedtime and the like. Each morning and afternoon at our school our days are marked with God's Word and prayer. Classroom schedules for subjects, recess, lunch, weekly chapel, and other activities shape the days and weeks. Plans for Christmas programs, holidays, special events, fundraisers shape the years. This sort of liturgical, rhythmic living is not just for organizational, practical necessity, but it shapes our attitudes, priorities, and virtues through their repetitive nature. In doing so, we learn that what we focus upon in our day to day and month to month lives have an effect on the formation of our character. May God grant that our daily liturgies order our hearts on those things that are good, true, and beautiful.

Pastor Shaver

Each newsletter in the Classical Corner, we are exploring different aspects of what it means to have a Classical Education at Zion Lutheran School focusing on what is "Classical," what is "Lutheran," and their benefits.

From the Headmaster:

Children are known for thinking about temporary things and not the future. They run outside to play in the snow without grabbing a coat. They forget to tie their shoes and trip on the sidewalk. They scarf down ice cream and get a brain freeze. They do not invest well in the future!

Adults are much better at thinking long term. We stock up on food in case of shortages. We get the oil changed in our cars so they will last. We exercise now to feel better later. We invest in the stock market for retirement. And although many adults fail at these, we know that this future investment is a mark of maturity.

But even these "long-term" investments - food, cars, exercise and money - will not last. In fact, nothing that we can see will last! No food, no cars, no money. Everything visible in this world will either be destroyed or changed at the coming of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Peter writes about what Christians have to look forward to:

God ... has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Eternal things are waiting for us. So invest in these eternal things. The earthly things only matter if they serve the eternal. Even "mature" adults who invest in material things are childish without eternal life. As Jesus preached: "Make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home."

The reason we have a school is to help lead young ones to eternal life. That is our entire goal. This year, we will direct your children to eternal things; things that will last them not just through high school or into their career, but will last to the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come! Amen.

2023/24 Enrollment

Zion Lutheran Families,

As I have gotten to know some of you this past month, one concern that regularly gets brought up is the enrollment numbers this year. So I would like to share with you the enrollment for this year and my thoughts on it.

Last year, Zion ended the school year with 32 students. This year, we will start the year with 26 students. Unfortunately because of this, we were unable to ask Teresa Mellen back to school to teach first and second grade. On top of that, I failed to clearly communicate these changes to everyone, and I am very sorry about that.

These added a lot of change right at the beginning of the school year, but I want you to know that I am not worried about this year. And I encourage you not to worry as well. Many schools compromise their values when their mission becomes a number. Enrollment numbers do matter, but our mission is not achieved when students enter our school. It is achieved when they enter eternal life. So the teachers and I are encouraged, because that is what we will strive to do. I have no doubt that we will have a great year and I cannot wait to get started!

Sincerely,

Josh Swigart

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

17th Meet your teacher (3pm-6pm)

21st 1st Day of School (Class 8:00am)

*Please arrive at school between
7:30 - 7:55am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14	15	16	17	18
Teacher In-Service week			Meet Your Teacher	
21	22	23	24	25
1st Day of School!				
28	28	30	31	

SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7	8
NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY			Classical Education Night, Back to School & PTF Kickoff Night (5pm)	
11	12	13	14	15
Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair 1st Qtr. Mid Term

4th NO SCHOOL-Labor Day

7th Classical Education Night, Back to School & PTF Kickoff Night (5pm)

11th-15th Book Fair

Zion Lutheran Classical School provides each student educational mastery by building foundations that lead children to serve God with a Christian Worldview.

1st Day of School Drop Off :

Parents please walk your student to his/her classroom before 8am.

Normal Drop Off & Pick Up:

Drop off:

- PK-1st: Please walk your student to the front door.
- 2nd-7th: Please walk your student or drop him/her off at the exterior classroom door.

Pick up:

- PK: Classes dismiss at 11:15 AM. Please pick up your student in his/her classroom.
- K-1st grade: Classes dismiss at 2:45 PM. Please pick up your student in his/her classroom. After School Care begins at 3 PM.
- 2nd-7th grade: Classes dismiss at 2:45 PM. Pick up your student at his/her exterior classroom door. After School Care begins at 3 PM.
- After School Care students - Drive to exterior classroom door #203 and call the applicable phone number posted on the door. Staff will bring your student to you and have you sign them out.
- You must sign-in and sign-out your student after 8 am and before 2:45 pm at the front office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1st Day of school dress code is chapel dress. Please wear white tops. Check the handbook for more information.

Parents are invited to chapel which will begin on Monday at 8:10am. We would love to have you!

School arrival begins at 7:30am. After 8am student will be tardy.

School dismissal is now 2:45pm for all students .

Our new grading program is iGrade Plus. Your students teacher will send you log in information.

Don't forget about the Remind app. This is what we use to stay in contact via sms. Please accept the invitation via email.

Parents for any questions/concerns please refer to guidelines in the Parent/Student handbook at:

https://www.zlsnampa.org/_files/ugd/4d7eb8_8d8b18d670b94ecea4026eafca09e612.pdf

School supply list: <https://www.zlsnampa.org/academics>

For lunch we need two volunteers from 11:15am to 12:15pm each school day. Please sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ty6k75PEFkSj7IUUmBt_KJh_hSUhuzoZDU7psAjux5Q/edit?usp=sharing

The ZLS Spirit Store is open

- The Spirit Store at [zlsnampa.org](https://www.zlsnampa.org). Hover over the "Parents" drop down and select "Spirit Store". Click "Shop Now" to enter the store!
- **September & October Promotion!** - 10% of the proceeds come back to Zion Lutheran School!
- We welcome students to wear logo attire on Wednesdays! There are items for parents and the community, too!
- Normal turnaround time estimated at 2-3 weeks
- Computer & Craft Wizard will contact the school to arrange delivery.

We need volunteers from 11:15am to 12:15pm each school day. To volunteer to be a lunch recess aid, sign up at : https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ty6k75PEFkSj7IUUmBt_KJh_hSUhuzoZDU7psAjux5Q/edit?usp=sharing