



Zion Lutheran School Connection

This year's theme: "Light the World!"

"...you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light" – Ephesians 5:8

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Chapel Services

School families are invited to join us for our Wednesday school chapel service this week Wednesday, August 28th from 1:05 to 1:30 p.m. (The chapel service on the fourth Wednesday of each month will be an afternoon chapel to give our preschool p.m. students a chance to participate.) Parents, family and friends are welcome! Parents attending chapel are asked to park in the circle drive (Cole Road entrance) and enter through door "D". Our chapel theme this year follows our school year theme of "Living as Children of Light". This week's chapel message is "We Can't Lose!".

A chapel offering is collected at our chapel services to be designated to a mission project each year. An envelope is provided with this note to remind the students of our collection. This year our chapel offerings will benefit WELS Christian Aid and Relief, which provides comfort and assistance to people suffering or affected by natural disasters. We will share more details about it in the coming weeks. Please remember this mission in your family's daily prayers.

School Sports - Soccer

Soccer practices start this week Monday through Thursday, August 24th-27th, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Boys and girls in grades 4 to 8 are eligible. Those wishing to participate must have returned signed sports forms if they have not already done so. (Forms were sent home on Friday.) Players should also make sure they bring their cleats, sports clothes, shin guards, and water bottles to practice. ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS NEED TO HAVE A SIGNED CONCUSSION AWARENESS FORM AND A SIGNED ATHLETIC AGREEMENT (ONE PER FAMILY) ON FILE. These documents are being sent home with all students, grades 4-8. If your child in these levels plan on participating in any extracurricular sports this year, we need a signed copy for them. Soccer players, please return these signed documents by Friday, August 28th.

TADS Tuition

We still have a number of families that need to complete their TADS tuition agreements. All agreements must be completed by the end of this week (August 29th). If you are having difficulty with the system, please contact Mr. Schneck.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Please be aware that the building opens for students at 7:45 a.m. Please do not send your child in before that time. Also, no students are to be in the building after school. The only exception is for those participating in sports, and then, only in designated areas.

Please also remember our new drop-off and pick-up procedures for students. Students in grades 1-8 are dropped off at school door "A" off of the school playground lot (Macomb Street entrance).

Kindergarten and Preschool are asked to park in the circle drive (Cole Road entrance) and follow the path to the Preschool entrance, or school door "B" for Kindergarten. Parents who have children in both Pre-K/K AND grade 1-8 students can use the main school parking lot, but are asked to bring their Pre-K/K student through the "B" entrance as well if weather permits. ONLY parents of students in Pre-K and K will be permitted to walk their children into the school, but must wear a facial covering when they do so. Parents of students in grades 1-8 are asked not to enter the school building unless it is absolutely necessary.

At the end of the day, students should be picked up where they were dropped off. To reduce traffic, grades 1-8 classes will be dismissed by classroom at staggered times. 2:55 p.m. for grades 1-2, 3:00 p.m. for grades 3-5, and 3:05 p.m. for grades 6-8. Students are not to loiter in the school hallways but to go right to their vehicles or wait for their rides on the school entrance sidewalk or, if it is raining or extremely cold, along the window bench in the gymnasium.

Please be aware of children, your own and others, when dropping off and picking up before and after school. Be aware of traffic flow in the parking lot. Please also maintain control of your children in the lot, and BUCKLE LITTLE ONES IN before you take a minute to visit with other parents. Students allowed to play on the playground after school MUST BE SUPERVISED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. Please do not send your children to the playground after school unless you are supervising them or have asked another parent to do so. Let's all work together to avoid accidents and keep our children safe!

Tardiness/Absences

School classes start at 8:00 a.m. Students should be in their desks and ready to go at that time. Bringing your child late to school can be frustrating for them, as they don't get proper time to settle in for the day, as well as disruptive for the class. If you are late bringing your child to school, they must come with a written excuse from their parent indicating the reason for their tardiness, or you may also phone into the office to let us know you will be late. Three unexcused tardies result in one absent day being applied to their school record, as per our handbook policy.

Whenever possible, please notify the teacher in advance of any absences. If your child is going to be absent for the day and the teacher was not notified in advance, please call into the school office to let us know.

The **School Connection** newsletter is our regular means of communication with families. Please look for a weekly newsletter to be emailed to you every week, typically on Monday. Paper copies will also be sent home with each student,

If you are a Facebook user, look up **Zion Lutheran Church and School-Monroe** for more Zion news and activity updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/zionmonroschool/>

Scrip

Do you use the Scrip program? This year several school families using Scrip last school year reduced their combined tuition costs for this school, with one family saving over \$1200 alone! It only costs a little bit of your time, but the savings could be substantial. You can use Scrip for your own family's tuition, or designate it to help another school family. More information on the program is available on the school bulletin board.

Reopening in Phase 4

Our goal is to provide in-person education for your child if we can and to do whatever is required to make it possible, while at the same time making your child's school experience as safe, stress-free and productive as possible. Because of this we ask your patience and assistance as we do the best we can to serve you with as little inconvenience as possible. While there are many different opinions about the necessary requirements, we ask that you are patient and considerate of others' feelings and concerns as we work together to provide for the safety and education of our students.

If your child is ill...

A note on illnesses: This is an unusual school year. That being said, we are asked by the health department to be extra-vigilant with regard to illnesses of any kind. So:

1. If your child is ill with any type of cold or fever or you suspect they are coming down with something, please keep them home.
2. If your child suffers allergy symptoms, you must send a note indicating so to your child's teacher, including if they are using allergy medication.
3. We have purchased several hospital grade thermometers to check and recheck temperatures. If your child has a fever (100.4 degrees F or above), we must send them home.

Please be considerate of these requirements so that we can keep on serving our families safely.

On the Calendar...

- Monday, August 24th -
Soccer Practice 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Preschool Orientation Visits
3:30-8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 25th –
Soccer Practice 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Preschool Orientation Visits
3:30-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 26th –
School Chapel Service at 1:05 p.m.
Soccer Practice 3 to 4:30 p.m.
*Worship Service at Zion Lutheran
7:00 p.m.*
- Thursday, August 27th –
Soccer Practice 3 to 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 30th –
*Worship Services at Zion Lutheran
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

And Coming Up in September...

- Friday and Monday, September 4th and 7th
No School Classes
(Memorial Day weekend)
- Tuesday, September 8th –
School classes resume 8:00 a.m.
First Day of Preschool
Soccer Game vs. Peace, Livonia AT HVL
(AWAY) 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 10th –
Zion School Parent and Christian
Education Association meeting
6:30 p.m.