



Zion Lutheran School Connection

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

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School starts today!

What a blessing it is to have so many new and returning students. May God bless our school and our school families as we navigate a new school year. Though there are some changes with our requirements for opening, we are confident of a safe and enjoyable new school year. Thank you, parents, for giving us the opportunity to partner with you in your children's education. We look forward to serving you.

Opening Chapel Service

Parents are invited to join us today, Wednesday, August 19th for our opening chapel service at 8:05 a.m. in the church sanctuary. For parents wishing to join us, please park in the circle drive on the Cole Road entrance side and come in through the church entrance. Please wear a mask or facial covering for worship, and physically distance as you find a seat in the sanctuary. Parents are always invited to join us for chapel services on Wednesdays. Come start your day in the Lord with us.

Light the World!

This school year's theme is taken from Ephesians 5:8 "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light..." In a world full of confusion and worry, we can be confident that we have a loving and gracious heavenly Father who knows our needs and has a plan for us, most importantly his plan for our salvation completed in Jesus. This is the Good News that we share with our students and families, who in turn share it with others. We share it not only with God's Word, but also through deeds of love and kindness for each other, sharing our Savior's love with the world. May God bless our students, staff and families as we work together to grow in faith, in knowledge, and in love, that we may "Light the World" around us.

First Day of School / Drop-off and Pick-up

As outlined in our COVID reopening plan, in order to reduce traffic through the main school doors, Kindergarten and Preschool will be asked to park in the circle drive (Cole Road entrance) and follow the

path to the Preschool entrance, or school door "B" for Kindergarten. (The door nearest the preschool playground.) 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. 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!

Soccer

We do plan to start soccer practice next week as an outdoor extracurricular sport. Information will be sent home with eligible students on Friday. Please contact athletic director Kurt Nielsen if you have any questions.

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,

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

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 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.

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.

2019-2020 Piano Students

Many of Mrs. Herman's piano students have books they borrowed from her. Please bring these books along with you to school. There will be a place for you to drop off the books. Thank you!

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