

Founded in 1861



Zion Lutheran School provides a Christ centered approach to education. This education nurtures the child's faith, equipping him/her to use and share that faith on a daily basis. Our Vision: That every child knows Jesus as his/her personal Savior.

LION'S ROAR

Zion Lutheran School's Monthly Newsletter - November 2017

ON THE HORIZON

Thursday, Nov. 9

Veteran's Day Concert
1 pm

Friday, Nov. 10

Veteran's Day Observed
No School

Monday, Nov. 13

Service Club
3 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Kindergarten Readiness Night
6-7:30 pm

Sunday, Nov. 19

1st & 2nd Graders sing at
worship
10:45 am service

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Early Dismissal at 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Break Begins

Monday, Nov. 27

School resumes

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Picture Retake Day

CHAPEL

During the 2017-18 school year, our weekly chapel services will take place on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

Parents and families are welcome to join us!

Our second quarter chapel offerings will go to the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

READ SCRIPTURE

- From the desk of Mrs. Ananda Baron, Principal

My husband and I have only been parents for the past six years, but in those six years (and between our two sons), our joy, anxiety, frustrations, and ability to love unconditionally have never been stronger. Parenting is tough! I think it's safe to say that parenting has always been challenging, but in today's culture, ever-changing technology adds a component to parenting that our parents didn't have to tackle. Allow me to share with you some key findings from Common Sense Media (commonsensemedia.org) research.

- Though the overall amount of media use is about the same as in past years, how children are using media has shifted considerably: The average amount of time spent with mobile devices each day has tripled (again), going from 5 minutes a day in 2011 to 15 minutes a day in 2013 to 48 minutes a day in 2017.
- Children ages 8-10 spend about five and a half hours each day using media, but are actually exposed to an alarming eight hours a day because they're media multitasking, like watching cartoons while using a portable gaming system.
- 25 percent of children under five use the Internet, 80 percent of those children do so at least once a week.
- By age three, a quarter of those children go online daily. As kids get older, their Internet time increases as well with children ages 5-9 averaging 28 minutes of daily usage and those ages 8-10 hovering about 45 minutes a day.
- Kids of all ages watch approximately three hours of TV each day during the week and four hours on the weekends. While older kids add more screen time on top of that with multimedia, averaging three and a half hours a day, which is also the highest that number has been in the past eight years.
- Parents are concerned about the amount of violence, sexual content, and advertising in media, but they are optimistic about the use of media for learning and supporting creativity.
- Contrary to recommendations from pediatricians, many children use media shortly before bedtime, and many families leave the TV on in the background most of the time.
- The amount of time children spend reading each day has held steady since 2011, but many children under 2 are not read to regularly.

Have we stopped to consider what messages, morals, ideas, and ideals are being shared with our children through these sources of media? How do our kids view cruelty and violence? Do they compare themselves to other people they know or the characters they admire? Do they have any absolutes in life or are they encouraged by the phrase "You do you" and YOLO? What do you, as parents want the answers to these questions to be for your children?

At Zion's second session of "Parents Connect", we discussed these very topics and added "Read Scripture" to our nighttime routine with our children. Why spend time reading scripture with our kids before bedtime?

- 1) It is filled with characters anyone can relate to and admire.
- 2) It is the greatest love story, action-adventure story, and underdog redemption story.
- 3) The Bible gives us identity and worth as we read about who God is and what He did with us in mind.
- 4) The timeline spans thousands of years which proves that God is constant, faithful, absolute.

Our family has added reading scripture after we share our highs and lows. Our children love to hear Bible stories from "The Jesus Storybook Bible" (from Zondervan), which ties all the well-known Bible stories together with the thread of Christ's redemptive work for us through His death on the cross.

So, here's a real honest moment...our children still spend quite a bit of time with media, but we have become more selective and conversational about what they watch, and while we attempt to whittle down their (and our usage), we know that we are ending our day with God's encouraging and uplifting truth.

I invite all of you to attend our next "Parent Connect" session with your whole family on November 26th as we discuss bringing Advent into our homes.

Learn more about the Scrip Program at Zion Lutheran-School and save on tuition!

What is Scrip Fundraising?

Scrip is fundraising while you shop! You buy gift cards for over 780 retailer brands you already shop at and earn a rebate on every gift card you purchase at face value. That rebate goes right to our organization, and we can divvy up the earnings however we see fit, including giving a portion back to you!

How it Works

We run our scrip program through ShopWithScrip.com, who has worked with over 30,000 nonprofit organizations over the course of 23 years. You'll need to sign up and create an account to order online.

Creating an Account

- You register online by going to www.ShopWithScrip.com and clicking Get Started.



Click Join Your Program, and enter our enrollment code which will link your account to our organization. ENROLLMENT CODE: DB8LFC4B14951



- Fill out the required information and click Register. You'll answer two challenge questions and provide answers.



- Then you'll be ready to order online and earn!

Call or email Terri Marino in the school office for more information! 618-234-0275 or tmarino@zionschoolbelleville.org

Only 5 more Fridays to order before Christmas!!

The Lion's Roar Fun Run was a great success - the kids had fun and money was raised to help finish our security upgrades. Monies are being collected in the coming week and a final total of amount raised will be announced soon. Thank you to all our volunteers and students who helped to make our first fun run a huge hit!



Check out the Virtual Backpack for some great community events happening this month!
zionschoolbelleville.org

SAVE THE DATE
 Father-Daughter Dance
 Saturday,
 February 24, 2018

THANK YOU
From your friends at Zion Lutheran School

On behalf of the entire Zion Lutheran Church & School family, we'd like to thank you for your support of the Zion Open Golf Tournament.

We are proud to announce that in just two years of hosting this event, more than \$14,000 has been raised to support our school's tuition assistance fund, giving more children of our community the opportunity for a private, Christian education.

The support from our golfers helps to make this event successful.

We thank you for continuing to be a part of this important fundraiser for our school - we couldn't have done it without you!

2017 Co-Chairs -
 Jon Stelling, Justin Kuehn & Torre Tribout

Shop Amazon Smile this holiday season and support Zion Lutheran Church & School.



TEACHER TIME

Throughout the school year, we will be introducing you to our wonderful teaching staff via the Lion's Roar and our edition of "Teacher Time". Learn more about our amazing teachers and what interests them outside of teaching your children.



Mrs. Janel Mueller - Technology Coordinator

Mrs. Mueller is starting her second year as the technology coordinator at Zion Lutheran School after having served as a fourth-grade teacher for over a decade. A huge sports fan, Mrs. Mueller enjoys spending time watching her four children compete in sports. Her youngest two, who are twins, are currently 8th graders at ZLS.

Favorite Book: Firefly Lane

Favorite Family Activity: Anything that has to do with sports

Favorite Restaurant: La Casa Mexicana

Who inspired you to become a teacher? My 2nd grade teacher

What is your secret talent? Googling

Where is your happy place? A beach...any beach!

LUNCH BALANCE INFO

Lunch balances can be found by either logging into your TADS account or by calling the school office. At this time, all lunch payments need to be paid directly to Julie Kienitz in the kitchen, or it can be dropped off in the school office. If you have a balance or would like to add money to your account, please bring in cash or check made out to Zion Lutheran School.

SPORTS
[CLICK HERE FOR ZION SPORTS CALENDAR - NOVEMBER](#)

LUNCH
[CLICK HERE FOR LUNCH CALENDAR - NOVEMBER](#)

Join us Tuesday, Nov. 14 at ZLS -
RSVP at zionschoolbelleville.org

Kindergarten Readiness Night
Tuesday, Nov. 14 - 6-7:30 p.m.

1810 McClintock - Belleville, IL | zionschoolbelleville.org

Tell all your friends and family....

ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

HOUSE

12:30-3 p.m. on Sunday, January 28



Donations Accepted Nov. 1 - Dec. 4

Shopping Dates: Monday, Dec. 4th - Thursday, Dec. 7th

Mouse House is a Christmas gift shopping experience for all Zion students, Preschool - 8th grade.

- We ask each family to donate NEW store bought or hand crafted items of any type. Please keep in mind gifts for men, women, kids, and pets. Edible treats are a hit, as are creatively packaged Dollar Store, bargain bin, and clearance items.
- Families are asked to create a list of people for whom they wish to shop, and to write the names on the outside of an envelope containing the shopping money. Students are usually allowed to shop for 6-10 people.
- Students shop from the donated items to fulfill their "gift list".
- Items are priced \$.50 - \$1.50.
- Preschool-Kindergarten will have assistance with their shopping from the older students.
- Mouse House volunteers will "wrap" the presents by placing them in decorated bags (or gift wrap for larger items) and putting them all together in a large paper bag along with the student's change envelope.
- The items will be brought home at the end of their shopping day.
- Adult volunteers are needed during setup/clean up and shopping days! Volunteer forms will be coming home soon for sign-up times, or you may sign up online.

Any profit from Mouse House goes directly back to our school and students. Some funds are used to purchase Bibles for the Second Grade 1st Bible Faith Stepping Stone. Other funds go toward teacher requests and Teacher Appreciation.

That is basically how it works! If you have questions about any aspect of Mouse House, please feel free to contact Jessica Baack at 973-3993 (phone calls and texts are welcome). Hopefully this information will shed some light on this very special, long-standing Zion tradition. Happy Shopping!



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the trunk or treats in October. We were blessed with so many wonderful donations. On behalf of the entire Team Community, thank you for your generous gifts!

SAVE THE DATE
2018 SCHOOL AUCTION
Saturday, April 14
Regency Conference Center
O'Fallon, IL

Volunteers are needed for this year's auction as well as future auctions. If you would like to learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity, contact Terri Marino at tmarino@zionschoolbelleville.org or call her at the school 618-234-0275.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS FOR 2nd QUARTER

"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans ..." (James 1:27); and your offerings this quarter did just that. Thank you to everyone who was able to support our Honduras Mission Trip in whatever way possible. The team shared such wonderful stories/photos during chapel about how much the children of the orphanage enjoyed playing with the Legos kits your donations provided; along with playing games, swimming, being read to, and being loved on.

"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40 NASB). What a blessing to have been able to share the love of Jesus with the little children of Honduras. When God asks us to care for others, He is also referring to those in need within our own community. More specifically, God says, "Blessed are those who are generous, for they feed the poor" (Proverbs 22:9 NLT).

For our chapel offerings this next quarter, we are asking your child to bring in any amount of change that he/she feels led to bring in order to support the Community Interfaith Food Pantry. It is a nonprofit charitable organization who helps those in the Belleville and Swansea areas who are in need of food. They offer the community non-perishable items such as canned goods, boxed items, condiments, staple foods, and personal hygiene items. For a full list of items, please feel free to visit their site at <https://www.feed-belleville.org>; and/or feel free to join us during chapel on October 25th, when a representative from the Community Interfaith Food Pantry will be there to share more about their organization.

As always, thank your for your generosity and support for those in need.
 In His Service,
 ZLS Chapel Committee



Bags 4 My Cause is Back to benefit ZLS

Zion Lutheran School is the has been selected as the December recipient of the Schnucks - Bags 4 My Cause program.

WHICH SCHNUCKS?
 110 Carlyle Plaza Drive, Belleville IL

HOW DOES IT WORK?
 For every "Giving" bag sold during the month of December at this location, we will receive a \$1 donation!

Get your bag in December and support ZLS!



NO DAY SERVICE FOR NOV. 10 OR THANKSGIVING BREAK CHRISTMAS BREAK: DEC. 20-JAN. 3

Zion Lutheran School's 1st -4th graders present...

the night shift before Christmas

Friday, Dec. 8, 2017
all part of the Christmas Extravaganza

WebSite: www.zionschoolbelleville.org

FALAFEL HOUSE

ZLS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA
5:30 p.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten perform in gym
6 p.m. - The Night Shift before Christmas in the church
7:30 p.m. - Advanced Band and Choirs perform in the gym

Saint Louis Zoo is coming...



Some animals make lots of sounds, but have you ever thought about why? Find out that and more when Zion Lutheran Preschool hosts the Saint Louis Zoo to bring a FREE outreach program called Critter Calls.

[RSVP at zionschoolbelleville.org](http://zionschoolbelleville.org)

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3
9-11 A.M.**

**FOR CHILDREN AGES 2.5 TO 5 YEARS OLD
zionschoolbelleville.org**



PARENTING THE LOVE & LOGIC WAY - JANUARY 2018

Six Monday Nights – Jan 8, 15, 22, a one week break Jan. 29 then Feb. 5, 12, 19.
6:30-8:00 pm. in Alongside Commons of Zion Lutheran School
Contact Jill Hasstedt of Zion Lutheran Church with any questions and to register:
jhasstedt@zionbelleville.org



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 22 @ 6:30 pm

