

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 - December 2017

## ON THE HORIZON

Mouse House  
Dec. 4-7

Friday, Dec. 8  
ZLS Christmas Extravaganza  
5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15  
First Grade Field Trip  
Science Center

Monday, Dec. 18  
Service Club  
3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19  
Christmas Celebration  
1:30 pm starting in the gym

Dec. 20-Jan. 3  
Christmas Break

Monday, Jan. 15  
No School - MLK Day

January 22-26  
National Lutheran Schools  
Week

Sunday, Jan. 28  
All School Open House  
12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

## 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.

## The Best Things Come to Those Who Wait - From the desk of Mrs. Ananda Baron, Principal

*Wait for the LORD; be strong and courageous. Wait for the LORD" (Psalm 27:14).*

This past Sunday, we entered into the time of the church year named "Advent", which by definition means, "the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event". When we are aware of the arrival of something or someone "notable", there is usually quite a bit of waiting and anticipation involved. What is the longest you've had to wait for something or someone? How do you rate your patience?

We live in a culture where waiting is not something we actually have to do that often. We can pretty much get or have anything we want when we want it. So, when we are forced to wait for something we come to the realization that waiting is hard! I'll admit that I notice this in myself often, but at this time of year I really notice it in my children. As we walk through the aisles of various stores, my children are drawn to nearly everything they see, and the conversation pretty much goes like this (please don't judge my parenting skills based on this one conversation):

Child: "Ooooo! Can I get this?"

Me: "Christmas is coming really soon. I'm not buying you anything right now when you are about to get presents from everyone in your family.!! Why don't you put it on your wishlist?"

Child: (throws head back, closes eyes, and in whiny tone) "Christmas is so far away! How many days do I have to wait?"

Patience is a virtue my children don't quite have down yet...Who am I kidding - it's a virtue I don't quite have down yet! Perhaps the same is true for you and your children. When we are waiting for the advent of something notable in our lives, it is difficult to nearly impossible to not allow impatience to take over and dictate our thoughts and actions. May I encourage you right now to stop and think about whatever it is that you last had to wait for and did so impatiently? Now, keep it in your mind with this perspective...

Ever since The Fall, where we learn that the punishment for man's sin is death, God has been showing His people how much He loves and wants to rescue us from that punishment. The Old Testament is filled with stories proving this point. God's people learned that ultimately, He was going to send a Messiah to save them from eternal death and punishment, and so they waited...and waited...and waited for hundreds of years! They recognized their need for a Savior and waited with anticipation for Him to come and save them, and on that night in Bethlehem, God fulfilled His promise to the world in a very unexpected and unbelievable way.

We wait for a great many things in our lives - jobs, healing, restoration of a relationship, the gift of a child - but we no longer have to wait for the best thing: the rescue we so desperately need above all other things. He has come!

May your family be filled with hope in this Advent season and joy in celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ this Christmas.

# VOTED #1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 3-STRAIGHT YEARS



## Thank you!!

Thank you to all of the Zion families and friends that contributed to the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Zion Lion's Roar Fun Run on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The event was a great success because of the support and enthusiasm of the Zion families and students! The kids had a great time and worked hard to achieve their goal!

The event raised a total of:

**\$17,945.20**

This total well surpassed our original goal of \$13,500 and will allow Zion to fully fund the proposed security upgrades with extra funds to use for additional needs.

Class winners were:

**Most Laps (Average laps per student)      Prize: Extra Recess**

Preschool: Mrs. Call's Class

Short Track (Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade): Ms. Lotz's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Long Track (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade): Mrs. Redman's 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Highest Average Donation per student      Prize: Ice Cream Party**

Mrs. Redman's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class

**Best Dressed – Most Creative      Prize: Donut Party**

Winner: Mr. Schmid's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class – Christmas Theme

Finalist: Mrs. Ziegler's Kindergarten – Zebra Theme

Finalist: Mr. Griffith's Kindergarten – Grapes and Vine Theme

**iPad Raffle Winner – Gabriel Brinkmann**

We are awaiting the delivery of the individual incentives and will provide them to the kids as soon as they arrive. Thank you again from the Zion Fun Run Team.

Jaime Brinkman, Jenny Dolce, Leah Kemper, Ashley Reu, Becca Ritz and Faith Spelbring

## **New Love and Logic Class - A great Christmas Gift for Your Family**

Parenting the Love and Logic Way –  
Monday Nights (January 8, 15, 22, February 5,  
12, 19).  
6:30-8:00 PM.



### **Do any of these sound familiar?**

*Yuck! I'm not eating this! Besides, it's cold.*

*I know I missed the bus...but it's not my fault.*

*None of my friends have to do chores. Their parents love them.*

Join us for lots of practical, fun solutions to some of the most common challenges facing parents, grandparents, and anybody who cares for children. You will hear easy-to-learn strategies for children of all ages and how to use loving, yet powerful tools for parenting all ages (Yep, even teens!). Raise self-confident, motivated children who are ready for the real world.

Cost:

\$50 a couple, \$35 Individual. Registration Opens December 8.

*(Check the church and school Facebook pages)*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!](#)



# **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](mailto:tmarino@zionschoolbelleville.org) or call her at the school 618-234-0275.



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



# DID YOU KNOW? OUR MASCOT IS LUKE THE LION

## 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. Rachel Kintz - Preschool Teacher

Mrs. Kintz is starting her second year as one of our preschool teachers, and her sixth year teaching at Zion Lutheran School. Mrs. K and her husband recently bought a house and are thrilled to call the Metro East their home.

**Where is your happy place?** My home

**Favorite Family Activity:** Doing anything outdoors

**Favorite Restaurant:** Dewey's Pizza

**Who inspired you to become a teacher?** Many people from different stages of my life. My mom, my preschool teachers, Mrs. Weber, Miss S., my college professor Doctor Oliver.

**What is your secret talent?** Towing cars

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 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 by dropping off payment to either Julie Kienitz in the kitchen or 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.



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



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

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT LION'S ROAR: JANUARY 26**

**TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!**

**ALL SCHOOL**

# OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 • 12:30-3:00 PM



- Christ-centered education
- Academic excellence
- Average class size of 17
- Caring and loving family atmosphere
- National Lutheran School Accredited
- Smartboard technology in every classroom
- Technology integration within each grade level
- Excellent extracurricular activities
- Respected and recognized athletics programs
- Outstanding music and choir program

3-Peat Winners - Voted #1 Elementary School  
2015 & 2016 BND's Readers' Choice Awards



Come and tour our school, meet parents and teachers and see all the wonderful things happening on our campus.



**Everyone is invited for a night of fun and challenging questions!**

**When: Saturday, Jan. 13 (6pm)**

**Where: Zion School Gym**

**Cost: \$10/person (you can get your own team of 8 together or just come and join a team). Sign up by registering on-line at [www.zionbelleville.org](http://www.zionbelleville.org) (beginning mid-December) or email Kerri Schmid at [kschmid@zionbelleville.org](mailto:kschmid@zionbelleville.org)**

**Childcare will be provided by Zion's youth!  
All proceeds go to help Zion youth attend Camp Lone Star and other youth activities!**

**Thanks for your support!**

# WE'LL SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL ON JAN. 4



## CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - TUESDAY, DEC. 19

Our last day of school before break will include a Faith Family lunch followed by a Faith Family activity. After that, all students will gather in the gym for caroling from 1:30 - 2 p.m., and classroom celebrations will follow after that until the end of the day. All families are welcome to join in on the fun of celebrating Christmas at ZLS!

### 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!



## CHRISTMAS BREAK: DEC. 20-JAN. 3

# CRITTER CALLS



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.

Join us on Feb. 3 from 9-11 am at Zion Lutheran School Belleville, where we will practice our animal sounds and explore station activities. We will also meet a few special Zoo friends and learn about why they may or may not use sounds to survive.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3**

**9-11 A.M.**

**Zion Lutheran School Belleville**

**1810 McClintock Ave.**

**Belleville, IL 62221**

Free event for children  
ages 2.5 to 5 years



**Saint Louis Zoo**  
Animals Always®



**At Zion Lutheran School in February 2018**  
**SPOTS ARE LIMITED - RSVP TODAY!**

**[www.zionschoolbelleville.org](http://www.zionschoolbelleville.org)**







