

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 - January 2018

ON THE HORIZON

January 22-26

National Lutheran Schools Week

Monday, Jan. 22
Service Club @ 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 28
1st-4th graders sing at 10:45 am worship at Zion Lutheran Church

All School Open House
12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3
Critter Calls Preschool Event with the Saint Louis Zoo
9-11 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 5
Service Club @ 3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9
Preschool Field Trip to Willoughby Farms

Saturday, Feb. 24
Father/Daughter Dance
6:30-8:30 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.

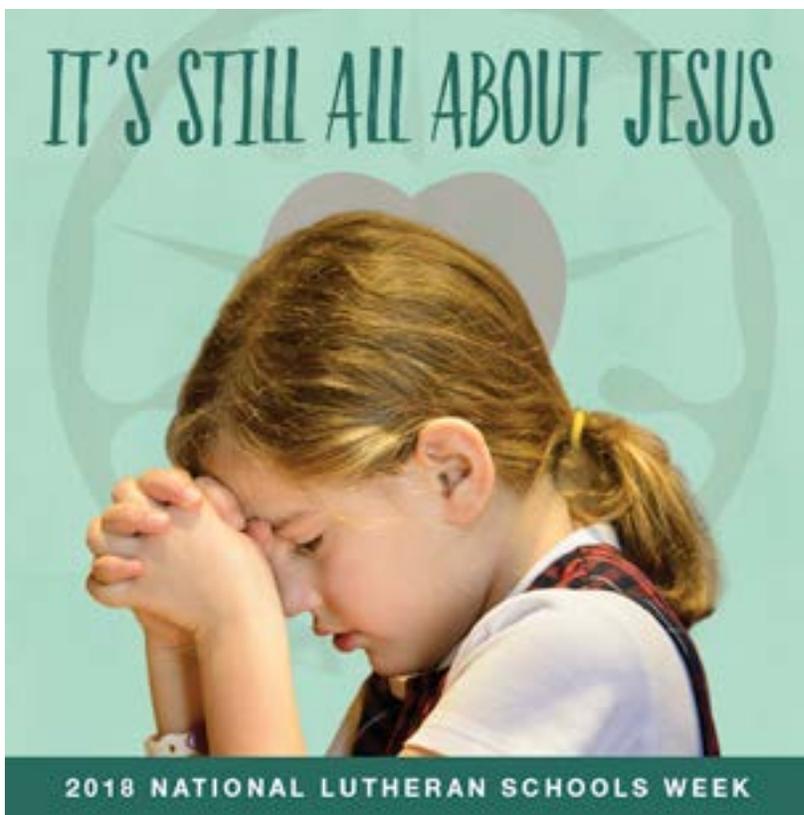
Parents and families are welcome to join us!

Our third quarter chapel offerings will go to Laborers for Christ.

National Lutheran Schools Week 2018

National Lutheran Schools Week provides the network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools. #NLSW2018

At Zion Lutheran School, we'll be celebrating NLSW 2018 from Jan. 22-26, concluding our week-long event with our All School Open House on Sunday, Jan. 28.



Monday, Jan. 22

Dress Up Day: Sports Team Day
Praise Rally in Gym at 8:30 a.m.
Faith Family Activities starting at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Dress Up Day: Tourist Day
NLSW Chapel in the church at 8:30 a.m.
Faith Family Activities starting at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Dress Up Day: 80's Decade Day
Praise Rally in Gym at 8:30 a.m.
Faith Family Activities starting at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Dress Up Day: Book Character Day
Praise Rally in Gym at 8:30 a.m.
Faith Family Activities starting at 2 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26

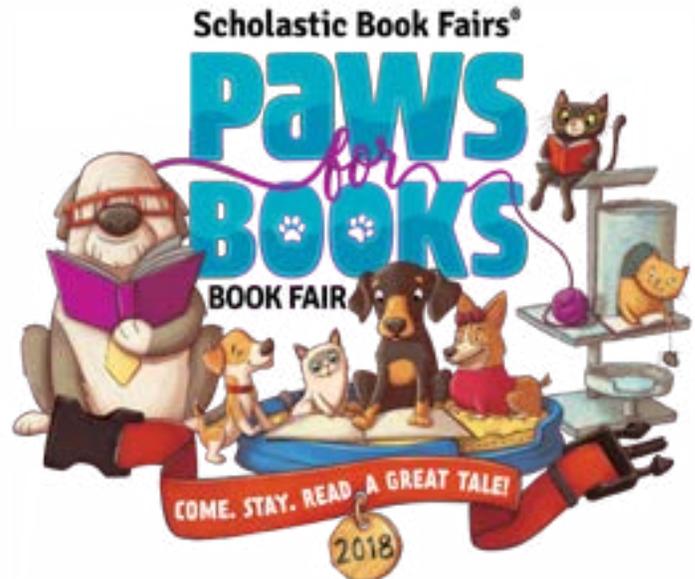
Dress Up Day: Blue & Gold Day
Praise Rally in Gym at 8:30 a.m.
School-wide activity in the gym at 2:30 p.m.

VOTED #1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 3-STRAIGHT YEARS

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

March 5-9, 2018

Scholastic has lots of great books available, from favorite authors as well as exciting new series. The fair benefits our entire school by earning us a large number of books for our library and classrooms. More information will be coming home in a few weeks, so keep checking those backpacks! If you are interested in volunteering to work at the book fair, we do have lots of openings available. Please watch for a volunteer form that will be sent home with students, e-mail me at mpapka@zionschool-belleville.org, or leave your contact information in my mailbox in the school office.



Mrs. Papka - Zion Librarian

A Note From The Kitchen

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms may be filled out anytime during the school year if your financial situation should change. The forms are located on the board across from the school office. Turn them in to the school kitchen.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Kienitz in the Zion Kitchen.

Recently our fifth graders were asked to write a short story using point of view using just a picture. Given the colder temps recently, this is a lovely read. Enjoy!



The Snow Heart

On a cold winter's day I was made with snow. It gets very boring just standing here doing nothing. I've been here for ten days looking for anything I can stare at but all I could see was snow and broken tree branches. Since looking is the only thing I can do because I'm a snowman it's not very fun. I wish I was an animal that could run fast and go wherever I wanted to go. There are so many animals. Why couldn't be one?

While I was standing there expecting nothing because I have not seen anything interesting for the ten long days I have been here. I didn't notice when a deer came up to me and stared at me for a very long time but when I did notice the mean deer bit my carrot nose. I was thinking to myself "pick on someone your own size mean old deer." How could I tell him that?

I'm just a snowman so, I let him have my nose but I was very angry.

I wasn't angry for long. Even though I don't have a nose but I do have a heart made of snow. I think that deer needed something to eat because if didn't He could have died from starvation. What kind of snowman would I be if I let him starve. Even if I can't run, skip, walk, and dance I can still love and care. Now I'm happy to be a snowman with a heart full of snow.

Father/Daughter Masquerade Dance
Get your tickets today!



FATHER/DAUGHTER
Masquerade
DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017 | 6:30-8:30pm

Zion School Gym

\$15 for one daughter,
\$5 each additional daughter,
family max \$25.

—snacks, treats and drinks—

Visit FB or school website for link to register.

DID YOU KNOW? OUR MASCOT IS LUKE THE LION

To our currently-enrolled families of Zion Lutheran School -

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open!

Completing the registration process early is vital to our planning - hiring qualified teachers, determining class sizes and programming - in order to meet the educational needs of our students for the upcoming year.

We have had an exciting first half of the 2017-2018 school year, and we know God is going to continue do His good work in our school for the remainder of the year and into the next. In the past few years and months here at ZLS, He has supplied our needs and the needs of our students in many areas:

- 1) 1 new teaching staff member, new preschool teachers' assistants, & a new extended care director
- 2) The Grand Opening of our Reading Lab to help us differentiate our reading instruction for kindergarten-2nd grade students
- 3) AIMSWeb Plus testing from kindergarten all the way through 8th grade
- 4) Capability to supply incoming 5th graders with Zion-owned Chromebooks (improving our 1-to-1 technology component in the 5th-8th grade classes)
- 5) Progress toward streamlining our school information system using TADS and Educate
- 6) Meeting our fundraising goals allowing us to upgrade our safety and security equipment to the interior/exterior of the building

We know that His goodness will not end there.

You have entrusted your precious children to our care and invested greatly in their academic and spiritual futures, and we are honored to bear that responsibility. We are looking ahead with excitement and hope at the opportunity that we have to continue to provide our students with an excellent academic program while living out God's Word and showing the love of Jesus Christ. We pray that you will remain a part of it.

Updates:
[2018-2019 Tuition & Fees - Our tuition has changed!](#) Preschool families, please pay close attention to the difference in tuition between preschool and K-8.

Preschool Programming Changes - We are so excited to offer more flexible preschool options for our families! Starting next fall, preschool families will be able to choose full or half day programs from 2-5 days a week. You will also be able to choose which days of the week you want your children to attend!

Addition of a 2-year old preschool program (in the planning stages)- Even more exciting for us is the addition of preschool programming for 2 year olds and children who turn 3 after the September 1st cut off date. Our goal is to open enrollment for this program in the spring, so stay tuned!

[Tuition Assistance - Zion automatically applies tuition assistance to families with 3 or more children enrolled and offers needs-based tuition assistance to families who qualify after applying through the Financial Aid module in TADS. The deadline for applying is April 1st, 2018.](#)

**Zion Lutheran Church and School has not yet made its decision to participate in the state's new tax credit scholarship program. When a decision is reached, more information will be shared with you.*

We encourage you to spread the word in our community of how God is working through the lives of the students and staff to provide a loving, Christian, educational environment for children and families. Please also keep Zion Lutheran School in your prayers as we move through this very important enrollment period. We are ready to continue to carry out Christ's mission here in Belleville.

In His Service,
Mrs. Ananda Baron
Principal

Admissions Tidbit:

Families who have child(ren) currently enrolled at Zion, but who also have a new student/preschooler you want to register for the 2018-19 school year can do so by completing the following steps:

- 1) *Login to your TADS account using your email and password*
 - 2) *Click the admissions tab*
 - 3) *Click start new application*
- Be sure to check the item Zion Lutheran School (Fall 2018 - Spring 2019).*

DEADLINE FOR NEXT LION'S ROAR: FEBRUARY 26

Want to save up to \$200?

We'll tell you how!

Our All School Open House, taking place Sunday, Jan. 28, is a great opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors, and others to tour our school. And we're willing to reward those who do.

If you invite a family to our open house, and that family attends & puts you down as a referral that day, your name will go into a drawing where a lucky winner will have one child's registration fee for the 18-19 school year waived. Winner will be announced on Monday, Jan. 29. That is a savings of up to \$200! Sounds great, right?

Word of mouth has always been the most successful marketing tool for ZLS. It is the most important way prospective parents find out about our school. Share our event and let's flood our halls with families who want to learn more about our #1 school.

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.

One Week Away

Invite your
friends, family,
neighbors and
community to
join us!

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES ARE FEB. 14 AT 2:20 P.M.

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. Jenny Barradas- 3rd grade teacher

Mrs. Barradas is starting her second year as a teacher at Zion, but came to our school with 13 total years of teaching in her career.

Favorite Movie? Risen

Favorite Family Activity: Spending time together, especially at the beach

Favorite Restaurant: Hokkaido

Who inspired you to become a teacher? My first and second grade teachers

What are three essential items you'd need on a deserted island? My husband, a shower and a machete

What is your happy place? At home with my family



Don't forget to check out all the community flyers in our Virtual Backpack found online on our school website.

Lots of great info on spring events like Khoury League Baseball, Nerf Nights at Belleville Parks and Rec and More!

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

[JANUARY LUNCH MENU](#)

END OF THIRD QUARTER IS MARCH 9

A few spots remain - Reserve yours today!

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



Instilling Grit:

The Art of Raising Highly Self-Motivated Kids

No, it isn't your imagination that children in our nation today seem more anxious and less independent. More entitled and less capable. More worried and less resilient. *Why is this?*

Come hear author and prolific speaker Amy Maus discuss how to instill grit, self-motivation, and independence in our children, even when the current cultural climate pressures us to do the opposite.

Topics Include:

- How we create or suppress grit and internal motivation in our kids
- Today's culture says: rescue, manage, and do too much for our children
- Why anxiety is on a steep rise in our children and youth
- How to build independence, boost self-esteem, and create long-term grit!

January 30th at 7:00 p.m. at

Holy Cross Lutheran School - 304 South Street - Collinsville



Speaker:

Amy V. Maus, LCSW, author of *The Care Team Approach*, specializes in school consultation. She provides presentations, inservice training, principals groups, Care Team consultation and case consultation to urban, suburban and rural schools and districts.



Lenten Dinners 2018

Sponsored by the 8th Grade Class

Free will donations accepted
All donations help the 8th grade attend their Class Trip in May

Feb 14th

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green beans
Rolls
Pies

Feb 21st

Spaghetti
Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

Feb 28th

Taco Salad
Corn
Fruit
Dessert

March 7th

Italian Beef
Chips
Italian Salad
Dessert

March 14th

Chili
Corn Bread
Dessert

March 21st

Brats/Hamburgers
French Fries
Salad
Ice Cream Bar

Available at every meal:

Hot dogs

Ice Tea
Lemonade
Coffee

To Busy to Cook??
Don't worry we
have you covered.

Take dinner TO-GO

Dinner served on the
above dates
@ 4 pm - 6 pm

Eighth graders spent a little time talking with the BEHS students who perform acts of service in our church office a few times a week. What an amazing experience in acceptance and equality!



Third grade led chapel on January 17 and taught everyone a lesson on salt and how it relates to our life as Christians!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S ZLS DINNER AUCTION

Saturday, April 14 at the Regency Conference Center. Donations are needed and tickets will be available in the coming weeks. Help us top our fundraising amount from last year - all for Zion!

