



Zion Live Life in Christ Lutheran

Panther Paws

Worship Opportunities

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

Contact Information

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The mission at Zion Lutheran School is to guide students toward academic excellence and to be Christian Leaders!

September 12th 2024

Bible Verse of the Week

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."-Joshua 1:9 ESV

From the Desk of the Principal:

Our Accelerated Reader (AR) program is well underway, and students across the school are excited to reach their quarterly goals! Once they do, they'll have the opportunity to choose a reward, as they reach their a new level during the quarter

Grade	AR Goal	Time and a Half Goal Level Two	Double Goal Level Three	Double Time and Half Goal Level Four	Triple Goal Level Five
K	3		6		9
1	5	7.5	10	12.5	15
2	6	9	12	15	18
3	8	12	16	20	24
4	9	13.5	18	22.5	27
5	11	16.5	22	27.5	33
6	13	19.5	26	32.5	39
7	24	36	48	60	72
8	24	36	48	60	72

***Remember Top Reader Awards will be given out at

AR Tips for Different Reading Levels:

Beginning readers: If your child is reading a book independently, aim for books at their current reading level (example beginning 2nd graders should pick books at 2.0 or below). Reading should be enjoyable, not frustrating. Books at higher levels (1.7–2.9) may require extra help and guidance from you. If your child doesn't know an answer, encourage them to find the page where they think the answer might be. Reread that page with them, and see if they can answer the question. This models good reading skills as many times as we need to reread source material for comprehension. It is ok for beginning readers to read books at a lower level. This practice helps them to learn new vocabulary and build background knowledge. Remember, AR levels are just a guide—let fun and learning lead the way!

As students get older, your child may begin tackling longer books, including chapter books. They may need occasional support, particularly with more challenging vocabulary or complex storylines. As they become more confident, encourage independent test-taking, but don't rush the process if they still need help.

5-8 Students- Older students are encouraged to explore chapter books and novels independently. If your child has trouble reading chapter books, encourage them to listen to an audiobook and read along with the physical book. Audiobooks model to students how it should sound in

their minds when they read. It also helps build vocabulary and background knowledge.

Taking AR Tests at Home:

You may find that your child, regardless of grade, occasionally needs help reading the questions on AR tests. Sometimes the questions can be more challenging than the book itself as many times they are written at a higher reading level than the book! The goal is to keep AR reading enjoyable and use it as a learning experience. Use your best judgment to decide when your child is ready to start taking tests independently.

Children at all grade levels are encouraged to look up the questions they don't know in the book...as long as they are finding the answer themselves with the use of the book and not searching the internet for the answers.

If your child is struggling with comprehension on chapter books, it might be helpful to pause on those for a while and focus on shorter books until they are more comfortable with the format and questions.

Bookmark the AR website on your home devices so your child can easily access it:

<https://hosted298.renlearn.com/185068/>

If you have any questions or need further guidance, feel free to reach out. Let's keep AR reading fun and engaging for all our students!

In His Service,
Jamie Crouch
Zion Lutheran School
Principal

Announcements

Our fall fundraiser kicks off Friday

September 20th. Fundraising Packets to be sent home next week.

Save the Date:

On Sunday, October 27 from 4-6pm Zion will hold its annual Trunk or Treat on the backlot of the school. We will need both school and congregation members to enter decorated cars and pass out candy. Please contact Mrs. Kleckner if you are able to have a car in our event. If you are not able to have a car but would like to provide candy, please feel free to drop off wrapped candy or other small treats to either the church or school office.

Calling all Volunteers!

*The lower daycare room of the school is in need of some new curtains. The ones we currently have are extremely sun faded and need to be replaced. I am looking for someone who might be willing to sew some simple curtains to help spruce up the area and make it ready for our NLSA visit in October. The curtains are currently on a tension rod and we would like to use the same system. Please reach out to Mrs. Kleckner at school if you might have the time and talent to help us out. Materials would be provided

*Our lunch volunteer for tomorrow (Friday, Sept 13) can't make it. If you can help Tammy in the kitchen tomorrow, click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AA5AC29A2FA7-50706609-serving#/>

*We have old paint that needs to be removed. I have purchased 12 packets of paint hardener to speed up this process. If you can help out click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AA5AC29A2FA7-50972137-school#/>

*As previously communicated, we are in the process of cleaning up and organizing.

During the first week of October, Zion will undergo NLSA accreditation. A team will be visiting to validate all the wonderful things we have going on here at Zion! We want to present our best, while also maintaining a tidy and welcoming environment for our students and families year round.

To make this manageable, I've broken down the tasks into smaller, bite-sized jobs that can be completed by one or two people. Most of these tasks involve mopping or putting items back into storage—things that somehow never found their way home after events (I think we can all relate). Each task should take less than an hour, and you can complete them on your own schedule.

If you have some time before September 15th, please sign up for one or more tasks on the SignUpGenius. If the listed times don't work for you, our school is open from 6 am to 6 pm, and you can coordinate a time with me to make sure the school is accessible.

Click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AA5AC29A2FA7-50972137-school#/> to sign up!

Keep an eye on your emails, because, just like at home, one project often leads to another!

Thank you for your help in making Zion the best it can be!

In His Service,
Jamie Crouch
Zion Lutheran School
Principal

Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS

Friday 9/13 Vision and Hearing Screening
12:30

Sunday 9/15 PTL meeting

Tuesday 9/17 MELHS Field Day

Wednesday 9/18 Staunton Public Library
Book Club 4th-5th Grade 3:45-4:45

Friday 9/20 PreK-K Field Trip to Liberty
Apple Orchard

Friday 9/20 Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
Begins

Monday 9/23-Tuesday 9/24 6th grade
Outdoor Education Trip to Camp Wartburg

Monday 9/23 Staunton Public Library Book
Club 6th-8th Grade 3:45-4:45

Saturday 10/5 Youth Group Fall Festival
6p.m.

Thursday 10/10 Picture Day

Sunday 10/7 Trunk or Treat

September Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

Wyatt Nganga 09/17/2010

Chase Martintoni 09/22/2010

Lucas Cook 09/24/2010

Zoey Bond 09/26/2020

In our prayers this week

Wyatt Nganga, Chase Martintoni, Lucas
Wyatt and Zoey Bond.

Lunch Bites

Ms. Tammy continues to rock it in the kitchen cooking delicious and healthy lunches for the students and staff at Zion. See something new on the menu or not sure if you like the hot lunch for the day ask to try a sample!

*Please note the change of the menu for Tuesday. September 17th. Lunch served that day will be Fish, cheese Tater Tots, Corn, Fruit Cocoktail and Milk.

*Did you know that you no longer have to separate your lunch account payments into lunch and snacks? When you send a payment in the amount will be credited to

your account and as your student eats lunch or grabs a snack it will automatically deduct the cost of each item from the lunch account. IF you have any questions about the new lunch system please contact the office. If you are not receiving the Sunday night emails to notify you that your student's lunch balance is low please let the office know.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered or has signed up to volunteer to help with serving the student lunches.

Lunch Volunteers for the week of Sept. 13th-19th

Sept.13:

Sept 16: Pam Hagarty

Sept 17: Jessica Wade

Sept 18: Ashley Sanks

Sept 19: Jennifer Davis

If you would like to sign up for a future date, please sign up here if able to help:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AA5AC29A2FA7-50706609-serving>

Mark your calendars: Choir Dates

"Joyful Noise" 3rd-8th grade

"Praise Him" 4^{yr} PreK-2nd grade

- September 22, 10:30 service, "Joyful Noise"
- October 5, 5:00 service, "Praise Him"
- October 20, 10:30 service, "Joyful Noise"
- November 3, 10:30, service "Praise Him"
- November 16, 5:00 service "Joyful Noise"
- December 15, Christmas Program
- December 20, Christmas Program

Sunday School Classes are every Sunday from 9:30-10:15d

In addition to adult classes, we have classes for Early Childhood (3 years old-1st grade), Elementary (2nd- 5th grade), and Youth Bible study (6th-12th grade). Early

Childhood classes, will meet in Mrs. Kleckner's Preschool room (off the gym). Elementary classes will meet in Mrs. Meadors classroom (on the main floor). The 6th-12th grade youth bible study class will meet in Mrs. Cook's classroom (on the main floor), and the adult class gathers in the school cafeteria (lower-level). Please consider joining us this fall!

Chapel Offerings

Every Wed. the students/staff attend chapel service

at 8:30am in the church. Parents and friends are invited to join us as well.

Offerings are collected weekly and given to a selected charity per quarter. This quarter's offerings will be assisting St. Paul's Lutheran Church in South India.

YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th gr.)

September 15: MS-HS Youth group at Zion, Bethalto 4-7p.m.

September 22: Middle School 3-5 p.m.

Youth group meets at Zion School unless otherwise noted.

Youth Group Fundraiser- Get your Endure t-shirt today!

Celebrate faith, community, and the theme of "Endure" as the Zion Lutheran Church, Staunton, youth group sells t-shirts to recognize our school year theme and create excitement for the National Youth Gathering in July, 2025. The soft-style Gildan shirts can be purchased in youth sizes s, m, l or adult sizes s, m, l, xl for the cost of \$25 each. Adult sizes 2x and 3x can be purchased for \$27 each. Orders should be in near the end of September.

<https://forms.gle/2QFDSLti7ayikobs9>

Join us for a fun-filled Fall Festival!

Date: October 5

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Zion Lutheran School (back parking lot)

Celebrate the season with wagon rides, food, games and glitter tattoos

Admission: \$1/ticket or \$20/25 tickets
Don't miss out on this festive event! Bring your friends and family and make some wonderful fall memories.
Proceeds will go towards the cost of the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 2025. We look forward to seeing you there!

Schedule Your Health Exams for 2023-2024
If you have not turned in your health forms, please do so ASAP.

Sports Physical: As some 3rd graders may play sports next year, we encourage them to receive a sports physical as well.

Grades 4-8 (Any student wanting to play a sport) Please note 6th graders may use their health form as a sports physical.

Sports/Activities Schedule

Any child playing a school sport needs to complete the concussion information sheet along with the sports handbook policy waiver before they begin their sport. This will be kept in their student file. Please stop by the office if you are in need of these.

Baseball

Coach: Mr. Robertson

Practices

Games:

Weds. Sept 11 @ Zion, Belleville (Played in Freeburg) 4:30

Wed., Sept. 18 @ Holy Cross Collinsville (played at MELHS)

Thurs., Sept. 19 Home vs Trinity, Edwardsville

Girls Volleyball

Coaches: Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Mosser

Practices

Tues. Sept. 17 3:00-4:15 3rd-5th; 3:00-5:00 5th-8th

Thurs. Sept. 19 3:00-4:15 3rd-5th; 3:00-5:00 5th-8th

Games:

Mon. Sept. 16 @ Zion Bethalto D/A 6:00/7:00

Fri/Sat Sept. 20/21 Good Shepherd A Team Tournament

Fri./Sat. Sept. 20/21 Belleville D Team Tournament

Wed. Sept. 25 home vs. Zion Belleville D/C/A 5:00/6:00/7:00

Thurs. Sept. 26 @ Good Shepherd D/C/A 5:00/6:00/7:00

Fri/Sat Sept. 27/28 Belleville B Team Tournament

Boys Volleyball

Practices to be announced at a later date. Keep an eye out for more information.

Games:

Sat. Sept. 28 Opening Day Tourney @ Zion Bethalto TBA

Tues. Oct. 8 @ Trinity Edwardsville

Thurs. Oct. 10 @ Liberty Middle School vs. Liberty and Lincoln 6:00/7:00

Thurs. Oct. 17 @ Holy Cross, Collinsville

Mon. Oct. 21 Home vs. Conference Schools

Thurs. Oct. 24 Home vs. Liberty and Lincoln 6:00/7:00

PTL Dates

Sunday, September 15th will be our first PTL meeting of the year. Anyone who is available is welcome to attend, we need some new creative opinions on upcoming student events and will be voting in new board members.

The PTL is looking for new members to join and is in need of a new Vice President and Treasurer this year. If you are interested in joining or would like to be considered for VP or Treasurer let Nikki Fraser or any current member know.

The Fish Stand was a big success and we are so thankful to all who volunteered. PTL is currently looking for at least one more family to join with other families to form a fish stand committee. The event has grown beyond one family and to help ensure that the fish stand is able to continue to be

successful and run smoothly additional help is needed. Contact Nikki Fraser if you are interested or need more information.

Restaurant Fundraiser Dates

Please support our local merchants.

A percentage of your meal will be donated to support Zion! Thank you to our local merchants!

Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights

1st Monday of Every Month- Flyers are available on the school website or Facebook page

EL Indio

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

3rd Wed. of the month

Please turn proof of purchase for any orders made during Little Italy's fundraiser nights to the school office.

Asian Bistro-(dates to be announced)

Raise Right(Formally Scrip)

Go to RaiseRight.com or download the new RaiseRight app on your phone to get started. The Zion enrollment code is FC3ALE174778. program.

Orders may be placed on line at RaiseRight.com or you may also call Michelle (618-660-5044) or e-mail her at michrant@gmail.com. You may drop off scrip orders and payments at the school, daycare, or church office during their regular hours. All orders placed by noon on Monday will be available for pickup by Thursday of each week. Orders may be available sooner if items requested are currently in stock. For immediate purchases, scrip is available during school office hours. We continue to carry our local retailers and our most popular national retailers in inventory.

If you have additional questions, please contact Michelle Rantanen. **Remember, a percentage of all of your scrip purchases will be deducted from your monthly tuition!**



Formerly ShopWithScrip

The holidays are just around the corner. As you begin to do your holiday shopping consider purchasing gift cards to your favorite stores, restaurants and entertainment spots. There are many local businesses that are a part of this program as well such as Mayfields, Blackbird Bakery, Bills IGA, Cavataios and R&B's Family Restaurant to name a few. You can help Zion PTL raise money and receive money off of tuition all while using your scrip cards for your everyday spending. Don't forget birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and any special occasion that comes your way! Plenty of travel scrip cards available as well.

What is Scrip?

Scrip is just another term for gift cards. Scrip fundraising is an easy, no-selling program that allows families to raise money by purchasing scrip cards at face value. Then Zion PTL purchases them for less than face value through Great Lakes Scrip Center. Retailers offer different rebate amounts on scrip cards. Half of the rebate amount goes back to the Zion PTL. **The other HALF of the rebate can be applied toward school tuition, preschool tuition, or daycare payments!** There is also the option to have all of the rebate amount return to the Zion PTL.

Get Started

Go to **RaiseRight.com** on your computer or download the new **RaiseRight** app on your phone to get started. Enroll your family by following the prompts on the screen. **You will need Zions enrollment code: FC3ALE174778** There is no cost to sign up.

There are three kinds of scrip:

Physical Scrip Cards: Many cards are available in the school office or they can be ordered.

EGift Cards: Perfect for last-minute purchases and available to print from home or pull up on your phone.

Reload Existing Card: Add funds on the spot to a card that has already been purchased from ShopWithScrip.

Payments Made Easy

RaiseRight offers three ways to pay:

***Cash or Check:** You can send cash or check to the school, daycare, or church office.

***Bank Account:** Securely link your account. There is a \$0.15 convenience fee per transaction.

***Credit Card:** Securely link your card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) with a 2.60% credit card fee per transaction.

****Online Payments** are for a more convenient, on-the-go way to pay. By making online payments, your eGift cards will be immediately ready to print from home, you will be able to instantly add money to your reloadable cards, and you can shop wherever, whenever on your phone!

How Do I Order?

Orders can be placed and received anyday, anytime. You can call, text, email or send an order form to the school, daycare or church office or contact **Michelle Rantanen: call/text (618)660-5044 or email michrant@gmail.com** Orders can be placed online at **RaiseRight.com** or from your phone with the **RaiseRight** app. There are many scrip cards available for immediate purchase in the school office. For any order not readily available, as long as your order is received by 10am on Monday, it should be ready for pick up on Thursday. Orders may be picked up at the school, daycare or church office. Let us know your preference. Watch for updates in the school Panther Paws. Family and friends can purchase as well. Contact Michelle with any orders or questions.



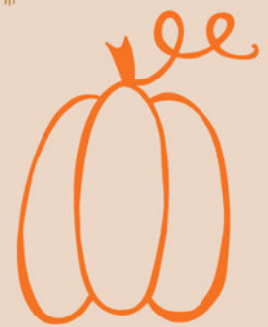
****Be sure to check the website/app weekly for bonus rebates on your favorite brands!****

Lunch Menu

September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School Labor Day	3 Chicken Pattie Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk V: Dana McQuade	4 BBQ Pork Sandwich Cheese Fries Baked Beans Pineapple Milk V: Jayne Wells	5 Lasagna Casserole Garlic Bread Corn Poke Cake Milk V: Jayne Wells	6 Corn Dog Tater Tots Carrot/Celery Sticks Pears Milk V: Missy Sievers
9 Chicken Nuggets Garlic Buttered Noodles Carrots Apricots Milk V: Pam Hagarty	10 Egg and Cheese Biscuit Bacon Hash Browns Peaches Milk V: Tamela Milkovich	11 Riblet Sandwich Fries Green Beans Applesauce Milk V: Shelly Manning	12 Tacos Mexican Rice Corn Cupcake Milk V: Tamela Milkovich	13 Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Broccoli Jello Milk V:
16 Toasted Cheese Fries Peas Pears Milk V: Pam Hagarty	17 Fish Cheese Tater Tots Corn Fruit Cocktail Milk V: Jessica Wade	18 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Chips Pasta Salad Chocolate Pudding Milk V: Ashley Sanks	19 McGriddle Muffins Sausage Patties Hash Browns Peaches Milk V: Jennifer David	20 Pizza Pasta Garlic Stick Hash Browns Lettuce Salad Cinnamon Apples Milk V: Stephani Diamond
23 Ham Sandwich Chips Carrot/Celery Sticks Banana Pudding Milk V: Pam Hagarty	24 Taco Salad Tortilla Chips Corn Pineapple Milk V:	25 Sloppy Joes Fries Green Beans Brownies Milk V: Heather France	26 Chicken Nuggets Loaded Mashed Potatoes Peas Vanilla Pudding Milk V:	27 Hot Dog Tater Tots Carrots Fruit Cocktail Milk V: Stephani Diamond
30 Baked Pancakes Bacon Hash Browns Cinnamon Apples Milk V:			Entrée Alternate: Peanut Butter & Jelly	





FALL FESTIVAL

Oct. 5 at 6pm

Location: Zion Lutheran School
Back Parking Lot



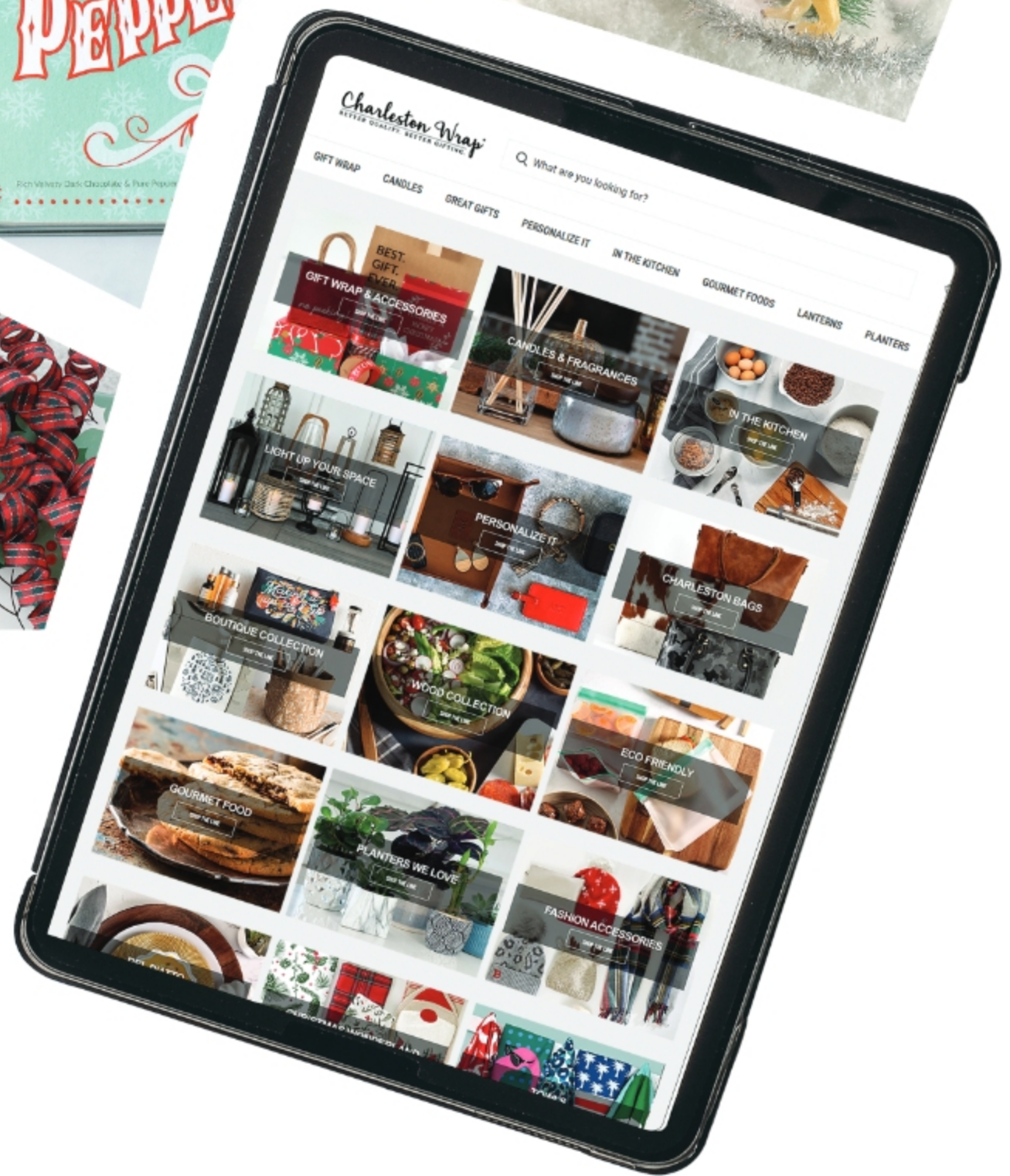
Wagon Rides~Food~
Games~Glitter Tattoos

Price: \$1/ticket OR \$20 for 25
tickets

Proceeds support the youth
attending the Youth Gathering
in July 2025



Please Support Our *Fundraiser*



REGISTER SHARE **SHOP**

1 REGISTER

Register participant at www.registercw.com to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Dashboard. Very important!

2 SHARE

Invite friends and family to support! **SHARE** a link to the sale via **TEXT & EMAIL** using our invitation tools. Don't forget to share with your followers on **SOCIAL MEDIA**, too!

3 SHOP

Go online to **SHOP** and help us reach our **GOAL** today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone!

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