



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!

December 12, 2024

Bible Verse of the Week

"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel." ~ Isaiah 7:14

From the Principals Desk:

We are excited to invite all parents of Zion Lutheran School, from Preschool to 8th grade, to join us for an important PTL meeting on **Sunday, January 12, at 4:00 PM.**

This meeting will focus on the "revamping" of our PTL, and we would love your input as we work together to reimagine this vital part of our Zion Family. If you're interested in being part of this introductory planning process, we encourage you to come and share your ideas. Your voice and participation will help shape the future of our PTL!

We look forward to seeing you there!

In His Service,
Jamie Crouch
Zion Lutheran School
Principal

Announcements:

Gift Shoppe: Tomorrow Friday the 13th is the Gift Shoppe. Please be sure to send your students gift tags, shopping list and money along with a large tote to bring presents home in to school tomorrow.

Upcoming Daycare Hours: Daycare will be closed on December 24, 25 and December 31, January 2 for Christmas and New Years. A sign-up sheet is available on the front desk. Please be sure to sign up as soon as possible. A sack lunch and drink will be needed.



Zion Lutheran School will be presenting "Light a Candle" this unique children's service involves the lighting of candles to represent the good news of God's love, shown for us in the gift of His son on that first Christmas. This program will include our pre-K4 through 8th grade students and will take place Sunday, December 15 at 1:30pm, in the church sanctuary. A second program will be held Friday, December 20th at 9:00am in the church sanctuary. There will not be any make-up dates should the program be canceled due to weather.

Christmas Program Reminders:

Sunday 12/15 Program: Doors will open at 12:45. Students who have a part that requires a costume need to be at the church by 1:00 to get ready. All other students need to be in their seats by 1:15 dressed nicely. The program will start at 1:30.

Preschool/Daycare through 2nd Grade
Our next family night will take place on Wednesday, January 22 at 6pm. Please look for more information and a sign-up form to come home after Thanksgiving Break.

Cold Weather Reminder: Bring Your Winter Gear!
As the weather gets colder, please remember that students will need coats and other winter gear to go outside for recess on cold days. When the wind chill is especially cold, a winter coat will be required. Thank you for helping keep our students warm and ready to enjoy their recess time!



Metro-East Lutheran High School is now accepting applications for new students for the 2025-2026 school year.

Apply online by clicking on the "Admissions" tab on our website at melhs.org. For more information, email admissions@melhs.org. Apply today for your student to be a part of our growing school community!

Important Upcoming Dates

NOTE ATHLETIC DATES ARE LISTED UNDER SPORTS
Thursday 12/12: Christmas Shoppe Set up in the gym
Friday 12/13: Christmas Shoppe
Sunday 12/15: Christmas Program 1:30
Sunday 12/15: MELHS Christmas Concert 4:00
Sunday 12/15: Staunton 5th-12th grade Christmas Concert with Zion Band Students 7:00
Wednesday 12/16: 3rd-8th grade Christmas Caroling at Glenwood 1:30
Tuesday 12/17 8th grade Basketball and Cheer Night
Friday 12/20: Christmas Program 9:00am
Monday 12/23-Monday 01/06 Christmas Break

December Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

12/14 Tyler Robertson
12/18 Isaac Rantanen

In our prayers this week

- Birthday blessings to Tyler Robertson and Isaac Rantanen.

Lunch Bites

Lunch Volunteers for the week of Dec.12- Dec.20:

Thurs.12/12: Heather France
Fri.12/13: Tim Seelbach
Mon 12/16: Ashley Sanks
Tues. 12/17: Pam Hagarty
Weds. 12/18: Heather France
Thurs. 12/19: Jayne Wells
Fri. 12/20: Tim Seelbach

If you have an hour of free time, please consider volunteering to help serve lunch to our students and staff. Please sign up here if you are able to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AA5AC29A2FA7-50706609-serving>

Student Council



Christmas Tree Auction: Each grade at Zion has been asked to decorate a miniature Christmas tree to be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the student council. Christmas trees are on display in the school front lobby and bidding will end Sunday, December 15th following the Christmas program. Winners will be announced Monday 12/16. See the flyer below to see a few of the trees that are available.

Mark your calendars: Choir Dates

"Joyful Noise" 3rd-8th grade

"Praise Him" 4yr PreK-2nd grade

- December 15, Christmas Program
- December 20, Christmas Program

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

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. 2nd Quarter offerings will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Youth group

Next MS/HS Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, January 12 from 3:00-5:00. More information to come at a later time.

Sports/Activities Schedule

Sports Physical: Any student wanting to play a sport will need a sports physical. Please note 6th graders may use their health form as a sports physical



BASKETBALL

Girls

Coach: Ryan Henke and Tim Seelbach

Games:

Fri. 12/13@ Zion Bethalto
Co-Ed D/ A 5:00/7:00

Sat. 12/14@ Zion Belleville
C 12:00/2:00

Mon. 12/16@ Home vs Good Shepherd
C/A 6:00/7:00

Tues.12/17 Home vs. Holy Cross
A 7:00

Thurs. 12/19 Home game vs Litchfield
C/Co-Ed 6:00-7:00

Boys

Coach: BJ Davis, Andrew Robertson

Practices:

Mon. 12/16: 3:00-5:00

Thurs.12/19: 3:00-5:00(A/B)

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PTL



Christmas Shoppe

"Each year Zion PTL hosts a Christmas Shoppe for our Zion students to shop for presents for their loved ones. This year we will be hosting the event on Friday, December 13th.

We need Christmas Elves! Our elves assist students with their shopping or wrapping

presents. If you can help for any time at all, please sign up at this link. Full shifts are not mandatory, any time you can volunteer is much appreciated. We may also need assistance with breakdown and inventory after the event."

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAAF2DA1FEC61-53197307-ptlchristmas>

School Apparel Shop Your NEW 24/7 Zion Lutheran School Sideline Store is officially up and running. Get out there and cheer on your team. Go Zion Lutheran School!
Visit the Store Here:

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/illinois/staunton/zion-lutheran-school>

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

EL Indio

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Little Italy's Fundraiser Nights

3rd Wed. of the month

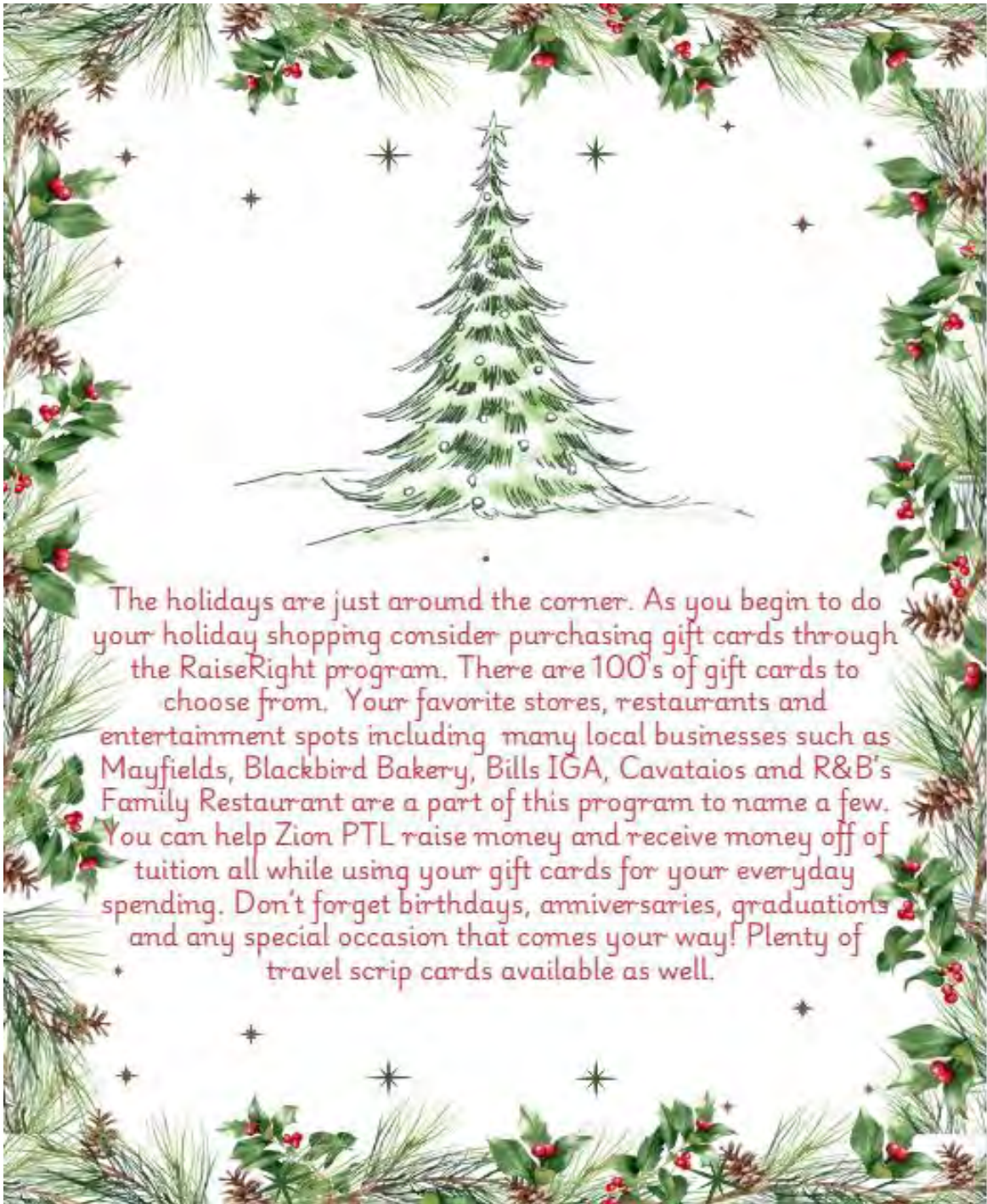
Asian Bistro- (dates to be announced)

RaiseRight (Formally Scrip)

Go to [RaiseRight.com](https://www.raise-right.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](https://www.raise-right.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!



The holidays are just around the corner. As you begin to do your holiday shopping consider purchasing gift cards through the RaiseRight program. There are 100's of gift cards to choose from. Your favorite stores, restaurants and entertainment spots including many local businesses such as Mayfields, Blackbird Bakery, Bills IGA, Cavataios and R&B's Family Restaurant are a part of this program to name a few. You can help Zion PTL raise money and receive money off of tuition all while using your gift 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.

**CHRISTMAS TREES ARE ON DISPLAY IN
THE SCHOOL FRONT LOBBY AND BIDDING
WILL END SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
FOLLOWING THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**





Cold and flu season is upon us! As the weather changes and family and friends gather for the holidays it is not uncommon to see an increase in common illnesses among students. Here are a few tips to remember.

Colds are the most contagious during the first 48 hours. To prevent widespread flu in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms

Consider keeping your child at home for:

- Very stuffy or runny nose and/or cough
- Mild sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep)
- Headache
- Stomachache

Keep your child at home if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees and your child may return to school only after his or her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees, by mouth without medication, for a minimum of 24 hours)
- Vomiting (even once)
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough.

To help prevent the flu and other colds, teach your children good hygiene habits:

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Use hand sanitizer when available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a tissue, throw it away and then wash hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Do not share drinks or food.
- Do not share combs, brushes, hats, scarves, bandanas, ribbons, barrettes, hair ties or other personal care items.

Please make sure that your student(s) comes to school with the appropriate clothing. As it gets cooler consider dressing your child in layers, closed toe shoes, no sandals, hats or earmuffs, gloves, scarf and a heavy jacket as the temperature begins to drop.

December 2024

ENTRÉE ALTERNATE: Peanut Butter & Jelly

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Beef Nachos Tortilla Chips Refried Beans Cooked Apples Milk V: Jim Blessman	3 Turkey Sliders Roasted Potatoes Broccoli w/ Cheese Pineapple Fluff Salad Milk V: Pam Hagarty	4 Biscuits and Gravy Sausage Patty Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges Milk V: Heather France	5 Chili w/Crackers Peanut Butter Sandwich Fruit Cocktail Milk V: Ashley Sanks	6 Lasagna Casserole Garlic Bread Corn Chocolate Pudding Milk V: Tim Seelbach
9 French Toast Sticks Country Ham Breakfast Potatoes Yogurt w/Fruit Milk V:	10 Chicken Pot Pie w/ Biscuits Mozzarella Cheese stick Apple Slices Milk V: Pam Hagarty	11 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Beans Cake Milk V:	12 Chicken Patty Sandwich Maccaroni & Cheese Peas Pears Milk V: Heather France	13 Chicken Crisпитos Mexican Rice Lettuce salad Fruit Milk V: Tim Seelbach
16 Riblet Sandwich Baked Beans Corn Applesauce Milk V: Ashley Sanks	17 Hot Dogs Loaded Tater Tots Carrots Fruit Cocktail Milk V:	18 Roasted Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Peas Peach Crisp Milk V: Heather France	19 Chef Salad Bread Stick Orange Sherbert Cup Milk V:	20 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Cut Up Veggies Cookie Bar Milk V: Tim Seelbach



