

Family Newsletter



Upcoming Event

♡♡ VALENTINE'S ♡♡
♡ DAY DANCE ♡
FEBRUARY 10TH
6PM-8PM

Upcoming Event

MID-WINTER
BREAK
February 16 - 19
(Preschool & Childcare OPEN)

Upcoming Event



March 29 - April 8
(Preschool &
Childcare Closed
March 29 & April 1
ONLY)

**Enrollment
information for
next year will be
coming soon!**



ASSISTANCE WITH
FACTS
Please contact Ms. Kussro if you need
assistance accessing FACTS. In FACTS,
parents can access all updated grades
and payment information. Please let
us know if we can help.

Memory Verse February 7

Do you not know that
you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit
dwells in you?
1 Corinthians 3:16



**NWEA reports will be
sent home with Midterm
grade reports on
February 15th.**

MARKING PERIOD 3

January 15th -
March 20th

UPDATED WALK HOME PERMISSION FORM

If your child walks home from school,
please complete a newly revised
permission form for semester 2
attached to the newsletter.

JOKE of the Week

What kind of shoes does a
banana peel love to wear?
Slippers

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On February 2nd, we
celebrated our 100th
day of school!

3rd quarter
chapel offerings
will be going
towards
**HEARTS
FOR
JESUS**



Lunch Menu

MONDAY- MEATBALLS

TUESDAY- CORN DOG

WEDNESDAY- PIZZA

THURSDAY- HOT DOG

FRIDAY- CHICKEN NUGGETS



We apologize, our voicemail
system is still not working
properly. Please email
schoolsecretary@zionbaycity.org
if you have any questions.



**NLSW BANNERS
WILL BE
DISPLAYED IN THE
CHURCH THIS
WEEKEND!**

God and Family

There is this great scene in John 2 when Jesus attends a wedding. The wine runs out and Jesus changes water into wine—His very first miracle recorded in the Bible. What is astounding about this miracle is the amount of wine which Jesus shares with the wedding guests—so much wine! Our God is the God of abundance—the God who again and again forgives our sins, the God who is preparing a home for us in heaven to live with Him there forever. We are praying that your family worships together thanking the Lord for His extravagant love for us.

~Pastor Baerwolf

NLSW ESSAY CONTEST

K-3 WINNER

Ariana Salazar

K-3 HONORABLE MENTIONS

Ezrah Torres

Dean Kelly

4-8 WINNER

Anavaeh Shook

4-8 HONORABLE MENTIONS

Jessica Kibbe

Gabriel McFarland



THANK YOU

to all who assisted with the Lutheran Schools Week celebration; and to our church members who donated the Thrivent gift cards to our celebration activities and t-shirts.

Quote of the Week

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

~Corrie Ten Boom

MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE - The Simply Give winter campaign will run through March 30. This is ONLY at the Essexville store. This will benefit the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry in which Zion participates. Meijer will double match any cards purchased on Saturday, March 2 and 23, effectively tripling contributions made on that day. Customers shopping online using Meijer pickup or home delivery can also purchase Simply Give donation cards as an add-on to their orders.



LGMS AR Challenge

January 22nd - March 1st

The AR challenge is a great way to get the children at Lutheran schools to read more, learn more, and have fun. Reading for this contest can occur anywhere the children are - at home, at school, in the car, etc. All reporting of points will be done by each school's coordinator via AR Challenge website. All students must be independent readers.

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Honor God
Honor People
Honor Property



TEACHER CORNER



FEATURED TEACHER OF THE WEEK: MISS SCHRADER

This week the 7th and 8th graders are reading the novel "Across Five Aprils" and learning about a family living during the Civil War. They are learning new vocabulary, the author's purpose, and evaluating the mood of the text. In Science, they are starting a new chapter on Erosion and Deposition. In 5th and 6th grade, they are nearing the end of their novel "Wonder" and preparing for the end of the novel test and project. In Science, they are starting a new chapter about changes in an ecosystem.

Faith Family Banners

DISPLAYED AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 3 & 4





ZION LUTHERAN'S

Valentine's Dance

**FEBRUARY 10TH
6PM - 8PM**

\$2 per person at the door

Food ♥ Dance ♥ Fun

If you are interested in donating food and/or volunteering to set up or take down, please see the sign-up sheet on the PTL board across from the office or contact Amy Cunningham at 989-415-2091.

PRESENTING

Lutheran Schools

**CHEERLEADING
SHOWCASE**

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 22ND
5:30PM**

**Tickets
\$2**

**St. Paul
Bay City**

**Zion
Auburn**

**St. John
Midland**

**Zion
Bay City**

**HOSTED BY:
ZION BAY CITY
1707 S. KIESEL STREET**

You're invited to



Grade School Night at Charger Basketball

Friday, February 9, 2024
5:30 p.m. - Varsity Women
7:00 p.m. - Varsity Men

Game tickets: \$5 (or bring a VL Event Pass if you have one!)

Grade School Students:

Receive a coupon for a free popcorn and a pop/water

Wear your school colors

Participate in halftime games

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And join us for a

'Chat with VL'


A casual conversation about the VL experience

Beginning at 6:15 p.m.
Room 108

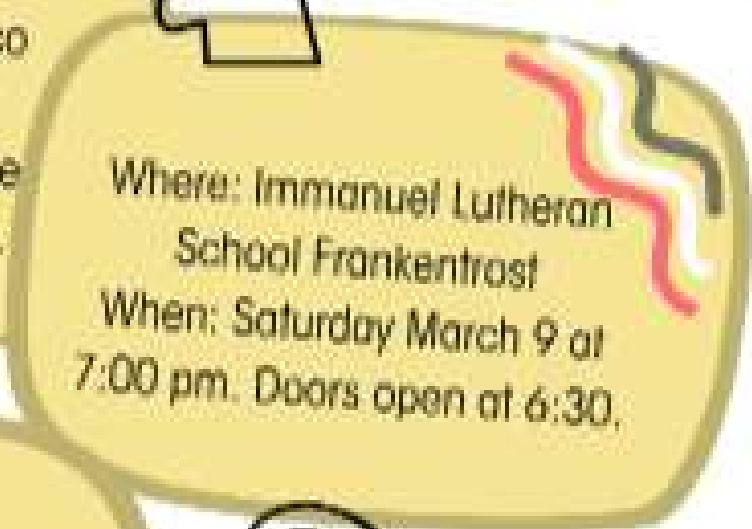


Faith-Lutheran and The Valley Lutheran Mexico Mission Trip-Group Present:


TRIVIA NIGHT




Come join us for a fun night of trivia to support the Mexico Mission trip team as they raise money to build a house for a family in Baja, Mexico.



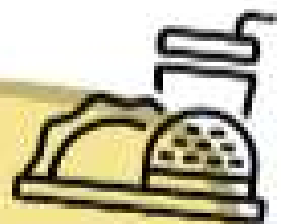
Where: Immanuel Lutheran School Frankentrost
When: Saturday March 9 at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30.



RSVP to 989-372-2096 or email rbrenner@vlhs.com
If you RSVP, the cost is \$70 for a table of 8 or \$10 per person. At the door, the cost is \$15 per person.



Bring your own beverage and snacks!
Some snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.





ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH - SCHOOL - CHILDCARE

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Dear Zion Families,

Music Fest 2024 is a wonderful opportunity for many students, and it is time to start planning in order to be fully prepared.

Martin Luther once said, "Music is God's Greatest Gift." At the annual Lutheran School Music Festival, students have the exciting opportunity to exercise this gift of music using their voices or playing various musical instruments. Large ensembles include vocal choirs, handbell choirs, and bands. Students also can participate in small groups and solos. Each performance is critiqued by an adjudicator. Scores and ribbons are awarded. The experience provides positive feedback to young musicians contributing to their growth as young musicians - a great step toward developing this God-given gift of music.

Music Fest 2024 - Important Information for Zion Students

- The Bay Region Lutheran Schools host our Music Fest which will be held at Valley Lutheran High School on May 17, 2024
- This year, our students in third through eighth grades will participate in a combined choir. The required fees for choir participation will be paid by Zion Lutheran School.
- Students may also participate individually or in small group competitions through vocal, piano, or instrumentals. A nonrefundable fee of \$8.00 per entry is required per student and is due to Mrs. Upton by February 1, 2024.
- Please contact Mrs. Upton if your child would like to be considered for a solo or small group.
- Adjudication forms and ribbons will be given to students on Saturday, May 18th at a special Music awards ceremony. The Music Fest awards will be based on the judge's recommendations.

Please contact me at bupton@zionbaycity.org with any questions.

God's Blessings!

Bobbie Jo Upton
Music Administrator Zion Church and School

Volunteers needed:

Each school is required to provide two full day volunteers to be present on May 17th at Valley Lutheran to assist with Music Fest. Thank you in advance for considering the support of your time for our students. Instead of volunteering for a full day, this could be divided into four volunteers for a half day each.

____ I am available to volunteer on May 17th all day.

____ I am available to volunteer on the morning of May 17th.

____ I am available to volunteer in the afternoon of May 17th.

Student name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent phone number: _____

Please return this form to Mrs. Upton by February 1, 2024.



Walk Home Permission Form

Permission for child to walk home

Safety for Zion students is priority. In order for your child to walk home from Zion, this form will need to be completed and returned to school. **Please complete one form for each child.**

Important reminders:

- Walk home using the sidewalk; cross only at designated crosswalks.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Check in with a parent or other designated adult/sibling when you arrive home.

I hereby grant permission for my child, _____ in grade _____ to walk home from school. I understand that by granting permission, my child must enter and exit through **DOOR #1** at all times, and acknowledge my child will be walking unsupervised.

I also understand that my child must leave school property at dismissal time and will not be allowed to linger on school grounds unless he/she is registered in an afterschool program and has checked in with the supervising adult(s) for that specific afterschool activity.

If my plans change and my child needs to follow a different school dismissal arrangement, I will contact the school office with instructions for my child.

This release will remain in effect for the existing school year and I agree that I will notify Zion Lutheran School in writing if I choose to revoke this authorization.

Date(s) child may walk home: _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

Date



Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Cougar Cheer Clinic



Let's cheer! Zion girls, Kindergarten through 2nd grade, are invited to attend this year's cheer clinic. They will learn sideline chants, floor cheers, and a pom routine. The girls will perform at the "Lutheran Schools Cheerleading Showcase" on February 22nd at Zion. The cost is \$12. The girls will receive a shirt to wear for the performance. Please bring the attached forms to practice on Saturday, January 27th. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Holly Essex
(989)225-6935

1st Practice - Saturday, January 27th

Kindergarten - 10:30am -11:30am

1st & 2nd Grade - 11:30am -12:30pm

Practices 3:00-4:00PM

Tuesday, January 30th

Thursday, February 1st

Tuesday, February 6th

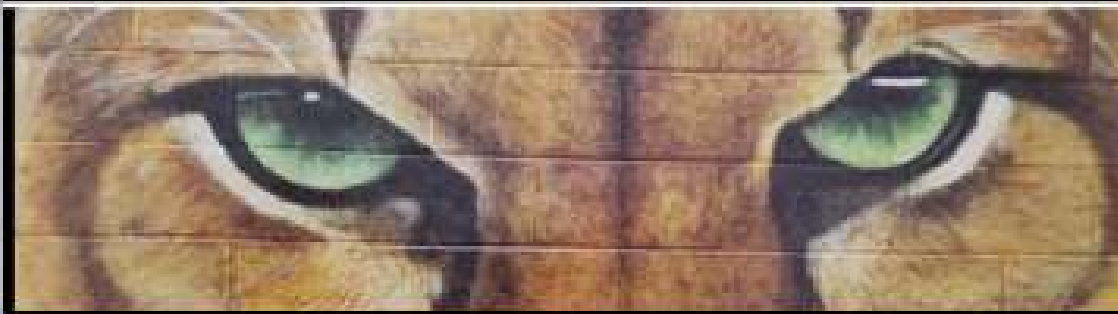
Thursday, February 8th

Tuesday, February 13th

Thursday, February 15th

Cheerleading Showcase - 5:30PM

Thursday, February 22nd - Girls will need to arrive by 5pm



Cougar
Basketball
Game
Schedule

Revised
Jan 25th

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					<u>B-Girls @ St Paul 5:30</u> <u>B-Boys @ St. Paul 6:15</u> <u>A-Boys @ St. Paul 7:00</u>	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		<u>A-Girls @ Midland 4:30</u> <u>B-Girls @ Midland 5:30</u> <u>B-Boys @ Midland 6:15</u>			<u>B-Girls vs Beaver 5:30</u> <u>B-Boys vs Beaver 6:15</u> <u>A-Girls vs Beaver 7:00</u> <u>A-Boys vs Beaver 7:45</u>	<u>A-Girls</u> <u>Tourmie</u> <u>8:30am-</u> <u>4pm</u>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		<u>B-Girls @ ASC - 5:30</u> <u>B-Boys @ ASC - 6:15</u>	<u>B-Girls vs</u> <u>ASC #1 5:30</u> <u>B-Boys vs</u> <u>ASC #1</u>		<u>B-Girls vs Immanuel</u> <u>5:30</u> <u>Midland vs Immanuel</u> <u>6:15</u> <u>B-Boys vs ASC 7:00</u>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<u>A-Boys Black vs</u> <u>CMMS - 5:30</u> <u>A-Boys Gold vs</u> <u>CMMS 6:30</u>	<u>B-Boys vs Midland 5:30</u> <u>A-Girls vs Midland 6:15</u>				

*** Home Games in GOLD!**

- * Additional games may be added to this schedule.
- * Please arrive 30 minutes prior to game time.

- *All Saints (ASC) - St. Jude's (St. John's) Gym - 619 Main St, Essexville
- *Calvary Baptist - 6100 Perrine Rd, Midland
- *St. John Midland - 505 E. Carpenter St, Midland
- *St. Paul - 6094 Westside Saginaw Rd, Bay City
- *Zion Beaver - 1557 Seidlers Rd, Auburn



February Breakfast Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cereal Cereal Bar Fruit Juice Milk	2 Cereal Teddy Grahams Fruit Juice Milk	3
4	5 Cereal Nutri-Grain Bar Fruit Juice Milk	6 Cereal Poptart Fruit Juice Milk	7 Cereal Scooby Crackers Fruit Juice Milk	8 Cereal Cereal Bar Fruit Juice Milk	9 Cereal Teddy Grahams Fruit Juice Milk	10
11	12 Cereal Nutri-Grain Bar Fruit Juice Milk	13 Cereal Poptart Fruit Juice Milk	14 Cereal Scooby Crackers Fruit Juice Milk	15 Cereal Cereal Bar Fruit Juice Milk	16 Cereal Teddy Grahams Fruit Juice Milk	17
18	19 Cereal Nutri-Grain Bar Fruit Juice Milk	20 Cereal Poptart Fruit Juice Milk	21 Cereal Scooby Crackers Fruit Juice Milk	22 Cereal Cereal Bar Fruit Juice Milk	23 Cereal Teddy Grahams Fruit Juice Milk	24
25	26 Cereal Nutri-Grain Bar Fruit Juice Milk	27 Cereal Poptart Fruit Juice Milk	28 Cereal Scooby Crackers Fruit Juice Milk	29 Cereal Cereal Bar Fruit Juice Milk	1 Cereal Teddy Grahams Fruit Juice Milk	



February Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Chicken Patty on Bun Sweet Potatoes Baked Beans	2 Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges Cauliflower Fruit Milk	3
4	5 Meatballs w/ Roll Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Milk	6 Corn Dog Baked Beans Carrots Fruit Milk	7 Pizza Cucumbers Broccoli Fruit Milk	8 Hot Dog on Bun Carrots Cauliflower Fruit Milk	9 Chicken Nuggets Fries Broccoli Fruit Milk	10
11	12 Chicken Leg w/ Roll Carrots Green Beans Fruit Milk	13 Chicken Spaghetti w/ Garlic Bread Broccoli Corn Fruit Milk	14 Pizza Carrots Cucumbers Fruit Milk	15 Beef Taco on Tortilla Shell Refried Beans Celery Fruit Milk	16 Chicken Patty on Bun Potato Wedges Cauliflower Fruit Milk	17 February 16 Only Preschool & Childcare
18 February 19 Only Preschool & Childcare	19 Waffles & Sausage Hashbrown Cucumbers Fruit Milk	20 Chicken Tenders Carrots Green Beans Fruit Milk	21 Pizza Broccoli Corn Fruit Milk	22 Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Carrots Fruit Milk	23 Corn Dog Cauliflower Cucumbers Fruit Milk	24
25	26 Popcorn Chicken Broccoli Carrots Fruit Milk	27 Grilled Cheese Corn Celery Fruit Milk	28 Pizza Carrots Cucumbers Fruit Milk	29 Chicken Taco on Tortilla Shell Refried Beans Cauliflower Fruit Milk	1 Chicken over Rice Potato Wedges Green Beans Fruit Milk	