

Welcome to Zion Lutheran School



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December 19, 2025

Merry Christmas



Upcoming Dates

12/19	Half Day (Chapel/ Classroom Parties)
12/20-1/4	Christmas Break
1/5	Return to School
1/10	Panda Express Fundraiser
1/16	Marking Period 2 ends
1/19	Professional Development (no school)
1/26-1/30	Lutheran Schools Week
1/27	Science of Toys Assembly
2/12	Half Day-Parent Teacher Conferences
2/13-16	Winter Break
3/20	End of Marking Period 3
3/27-4/6	Spring Break

Cougar Code of Conduct

Abner B.-Honoring People by giving Marek his chair

Crew D.- Honoring People. Crew has taken a classmate "under his wing" and makes sure he is doing what he needs to be doing.

Sully Lidgley.- Honoring People. Sully helped out an upset friend in a calm manner.

Marek L.- Honoring Property. Marek took down all his classmates chairs without being asked.

Eve B.- Honoring Property. Eve carried all the legos back even though she didn't play with them.

Gursirat K.- Honoring People. Gursirat gave up her shovel so another student could be happy.

Lunch Menu

1/5-	Pancakes w/ Sausage
1/6-	Chicken Alfredo
1/7-	Chicken Noodle Soup w/ half sandwich
1/8-	Mac and Cheese w/chicken nuggets
1/9-	Pizza
1/12-	Soft Pretzel w/cheese
1/13-	Nachos w/meat
1/14-	French toast w/sausage
1/15-	Orange Chicken w/Rice
1/16-	Pizza

Students of the Month December



Crew follows Zion's code of conduct at all times and the classroom rules without reminders. Crew is kind and caring to all peers. He is very helpful to me and fellow classmates. I like how he can see things that need to be done or fixed in class and fix them. It shows he can problem solve and has empathy for others.

Andie is the most helpful student. She honors people by being a good leader and showing others the appropriate way to act.

She honors God with her thoughtful prayers and the way she includes others. She honors property when she respects school items and takes care of her own belongings.



Opportunities for you

We are still looking for Volunteers for Lunch Time. Please consider calling the school office to help out. (989)893-5793

Looking for substitute teachers!
For more information please contact the school office.



Happy Birthday JESUS





Child Care & Preschool

Child care requests for the following week must be completed by Wednesday of each week, so we can plan our staff accordingly. Any requests after Wednesday can not be guaranteed. You will be billed based on your request each week. Link to sign up for child care: [Click here to sign up for Child Care](#)

Beginning January 1, 2026 our rates will change from a daily rate to an hourly rate.

Infant/Toddler Rooms: \$8.00 per hour (based on ½ hour increments)

Critter Room: \$7.00 per hour (based on ½ hour increments)

School Age Before Care (\$10) After Care (\$15) (This is not a change)

From Pastor Baerwolf

The angels' song still echoes today: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" (Luke 2:14). The birth of Jesus brings peace to our hearts and joy to our homes. Worship is a time to join that heavenly chorus! Bring your family to Zion—Saturday at 5 PM, Sunday at 9:30 AM, or Wednesday at 7 PM—and celebrate the peace of Christ born for you.



Basketball is coming Soon!

3-5 Grade Basketball Team needs players and a coach! We have 8 games scheduled with 4 of the games here at Zion!

Pee Wee Basketball is for grades K-2. We will be forming our teams after the holiday break. We are in need of coaches as well.

Please let the office know if you would like to help.

Contact Info:

(989)893-5793

schoolsecretary@zionbaycity.org

www.zionbaycity.org

January 2026



Lunch \$4.25 Extra Serving \$1.00
Hot lunch choice/Sub Sandwich

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Christmas Break	2 Christmas Break	3
4	5 Pancakes w/sausage, yogurt fresh fruit, & milk	6 Chicken Alfredo w/ steamed broccoli, fresh fruit, salad bar & milk	7 Chicken Noodle soup w/ half ham sub, fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar & milk	8 Mac and Cheese w/chicken nuggets, fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar, & milk	9 Pizza w/salad bar & milk	10
11	12 Soft Pretzel w/cheese, fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar, & milk	13 Nachos w/meat, refried beans, toppings fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar, & milk	14 French Toast w/sausage, yogurt, fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar, & milk	15 Orange Chicken w/rice, fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar, & milk	16 Pizza w/salad bar & milk	17
18	19 No School	20 Soft tacos w/meat, refried beans, toppings fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar, & milk	21 Meatball subs w/buttered noodles, fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar, & milk	22 Chicken Alfredo w/ steamed broccoli, fresh fruit, salad bar & milk	23 Pizza w/salad bar & milk	24
25	26 Mac and Cheese w/chicken nuggets, fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar, & milk	27 Chicken tacos w/toppings, Mexican rice, toppings fresh fruit, veggies, salad bar, & milk	28 Pancakes w/sausage, yogurt fresh fruit, & milk	29 Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic bread, fresh fruit, salad bar & milk	30 Pizza w/salad bar & milk	31

From Mr. Connors

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Instructional time begins promptly at 8:00 am each morning. To help us maintain a focused learning environment for all students, we kindly ask for your cooperation with the following:

- If you need to drop off items for your child, please bring them to the school office rather than the classroom or locker. Our staff will ensure your child receives them without interrupting class time.
- If you are picking up your child during the school day, you must sign them out in the office. Ms. Kussro will call the classroom and have your child come to the office.
- If you need to meet with your child's teacher, please contact them to schedule an appointment instead of visiting during class hours. This helps keep instruction uninterrupted.

We appreciate your partnership in supporting your child's education and creating the best possible learning experience for every student.

Blessings,
Michael Connors
Principal



December 17, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Grace and peace to you from Zion Lutheran Child Care. As we prepare for a new year of nurturing and educating your precious children in a loving, Christian environment, we are writing to share an important update regarding our tuition structure.

Beginning **January 1, 2026**, Zion Lutheran Child Care will be transitioning from a **daily tuition rate** to an **hourly tuition rate**.

This decision was made after careful consideration and prayer, with the primary goal of making our services more flexible and equitable for all families. We understand that your schedules can vary, and moving to an hourly rate allows you to pay only for the exact time your child is in our care, better accommodating diverse needs and schedules within our community.

- **Effective Date:** January 1, 2026
- **New Rate:** The standard hourly rate will be
 - Infant/Toddler Rooms **\$8.00 per hour**
 - Critter Room (3 yr old) **\$7.00 per hour**
 - Before/After Care will continue the daily rate of \$10 Before/\$15 After
- **Minimum Charge:** Please note there will be a **minimum of 3 days per week and 4 hours per day minimum charge** per day for all children attending, to ensure consistent staffing and program quality.

To help us implement this change smoothly and accurately, we ask that you do the following:

1. Review and Confirm Schedules: Complete the monthly calendar. Plan ahead if you can. This helps with our staffing schedule.
2. Complete your schedule online the Wednesday before the upcoming week.

We are dedicated to providing the highest quality Christian care, fostering faith, knowledge, and growth in every child. We thank you for your understanding and continued partnership in your child's journey. May the Lord bless you and keep you as we look forward to a wonderful new year together.

If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca Brenay at 989-893-5793 or rbrenay@zionbaycity.org.

In His Service,

Christian Day School Committee
Zion Lutheran School and Child Care



Fundraiser for **Zion Lutheran School and Child Care**

20% of event sales will be donated

Our goals are to raise funds for a field day at the end of the year.



When

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:

4107 Wilder Road Bay City MI 48706

(989) 671 - 0772

How to Order



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 3852823 in the fundraiser code box

or



In-Person

Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Saturday, January 10, 2026

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. ("PRG") reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Neighborhood Fundraiser Terms and Conditions are not followed. If the organization is not in good standing with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, or the State of California (for California organizations only), then donations may not be made to the organization. You must present your unique code or a copy of this flyer (digital copies are accepted) at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location at check-out. PRG will donate 20% of all pre-tax purchases made, provided that the organization raises a minimum of \$100 in total event sales pre-tax. PRG does not charge the organization fees related to the event. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible. The donation from PRG to the organization is tax deductible. The organization receiving the donation must be a tax exempt organization. PRG will issue the donation check and provide an accounting statement to the organization within 45 days of the completion of the event. Participants in the fundraiser may request the total dollar amount donated to the organization by emailing communityprograms@pandarg.com or by submitting the question at <https://community.pandaexpress.com/faq>.



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