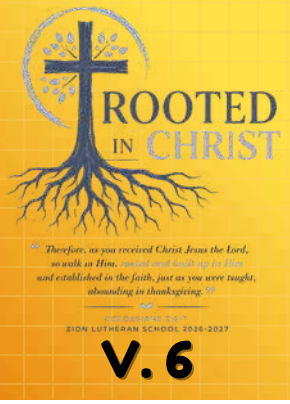
Zion Lutheran School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Nov 16-27



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Memory Verses

November 11– I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10



November 18– What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

Book Fair!

The book fair will be held from November 16–19

The hours are:

Monday	2:45–3:15 pm	
Tuesday	7:40–8:15 am	& 2:45–3:15 pm
Wednesday	7:40–8:15 am	& 2:45–3:15 pm
Thursday	7:40–8:15 am	

Other times by appointment only



Important Dates

11/16–19	Book Fair
11/17	Christmas Program Practice (8–8:45 am)
11/17	PTL Meeting 5:30 (all invited)
11/17	Basketball Camp
11/18	2 & 3 Grade Chippewa Nature Center trip
11/19	Basketball Camp
11/23	Thanksgiving Dinner(provided by PTL)
11/24	Christmas Program Practice (8–8:45 am)
11/25–27	No School (Child care open 11/25)
12/1	Christmas Program Practice (8–8:45 am)
12/8	2 & 3 Grade Field Trip to the Capital
12/8	Christmas Program Practice (8–8:45 am)
12/10	Christmas Store
12/15	Christmas Program Practice (8–8:45 am)
12/16	Christmas Program @ church Childcare, Preschool, K–8
12/18–1/4	½ day. Beginning of Xmas break
12/21–23	Child Care Open (No school age)
12/28–12/30	Child Care Open (No school age)

Christmas Store

We need your donations!!!
Gently Used Reusable Marshall/Tj Max Bags

New or gently used gifts for women, men, children, babies, pets, grandparents etc.

There is a donation box outside the main office.



Lunch Menus



Monday 11/16	French toast w/sausage
Tuesday	Beef Tacos
Wednesday	Chicken Afredo
Thursday	Mac & Cheese w/nuggets
Friday	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza
Monday 11/23	Thanksgiving Dinner (Provided by PTL)
Tuesday	Pancakes w/sausage
Wednesday	School Closed no lunch served
Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving
Friday	School & Childcare closed



Caring Tree



The Caring Tree will be up in the Main Entrance very soon! Please consider picking a tag or two and purchasing a gift to bless one of our Zion families this season.

Cougar Code of Conduct

We would like to recognize the following students for their positive contribution to our school.



Camdyn S.-Honor Property

Aria D-Honor Property

Hunter B-Honor God

Clementine G.-Honor People, Property

Avery C-Honor People, Property

Silas W-Honor People

Olivia H-Honor Property, People

Jace C-Honor Property

Piper D-Honor People

Jesse B-Honor Property

We are so proud of our Zion Students.

Chapel Offerings

Our Chapel Offerings for this month will be going to the "Life Clinic"

We encourage our children to give an offering during chapel. Any amount even a nickel helps.

We are trying to teach our children the importance of giving back to Jesus.



Offering envelopes are sent home each Tuesday.

From our Principal...

The Greatest Gift of Love

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." – John 15:13

Love is demonstrated through sacrifice. As parents, you show this love every day through the countless ways you care for your families—preparing meals, working hard, and generously giving your time, talents, and treasures. Our teachers demonstrate this same spirit of love and dedication. They spend extra hours grading papers, preparing meaningful lessons, and often sacrificing personal and family time to provide our students with the very best educational experience.

As we celebrate Veterans Day, we pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to our country and the freedoms we enjoy. We are deeply grateful for their courage, dedication, and selflessness.

Above all, we give thanks to Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice out of His great love for us. Through His death and resurrection, our sins are forgiven, we are children of God, and we are given the promise of everlasting life. What an incredible gift of love!

We would also like to recognize the veterans in our Zion family! If you or someone in your family has served in the United States Armed Forces, please send us a photograph. We would love the opportunity to honor them in our school community.

In Christ,

Mrs. Reinbold

Attendance



Being on time for school is very important. When the bell rings at 8:00 am your child should be in their classroom ready for the day. Please remember to call the office if your child will be absent.

Contact Info

website: school.zion@baycity.org

email: schoolsecretary@zionbaycity.org

phone: 989-893-5793

From Pastor Baerwolf

"All Scripture is breathed out by God"; (2Timothy). The Bible is much more than an old book filled with stories from long ago. It is God's living and powerful Word, given to teach us, guide us, correct us, comfort us, and most importantly, point us to Jesus. Every page tells the story of a God who loves His people and keeps His promises.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is to help them become familiar with God's Word. A simple family habit of reading a Bible verse, talking about it, or praying together can plant seeds that God will continue to grow for a lifetime. As we become Rooted in Christ, we also become rooted in the Word that reveals Him to us.



CHILD CARE

Openings

We have openings currently in our Pre-3 Room!

Pre-3 ages are from 3-5 years old! Being potty trained is NOT required!



Weather

Now that the weather is getting colder, please be sure to have warm clothes for your children. We still do take them outside, unless the feel like temperature is less than 20 degrees.

Childcare!

Child care will be open November 23-25
It will be closed on November 26-27 so our staff can enjoy time with their families.



Child care is open Monday-Friday
7:00 am - 5:30 pm
Before and After Care is available for our school age students as well.
Rates: Infant/Toddler $8.00 per hour
¾ year olds $7.00 per hour
School Before Care: $10
School After Care: $15
School Before/After Care same day: $20

Staff

Principal: Mrs. Reinbold
Administrative Assistant: Ms. Kussro
Child Care Director: Miss Morrow
Lead Infant Teacher: Miss Lexie
Lead Toddler Teacher: Miss Cindy
Lead Pre-3 Teachers: Miss Ally/Miss Madison
Childcare Aides:
Miss Lillian
Miss Anna
Miss Sharon
Miss Hailey
Miss Ava
Miss Ajay
Miss Grace
Miss Kim





2026

NOVEMBER



LUNCH MENU

Lunch Price
$4.25

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 French Toast Sausage Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	3 Chicken Noodle Soup w/Hot Sandwich Fruit/Vegetable Salad/Milk Sub Sandwich	4 Chicken Alfredo Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	5 Mac & Cheese w/Chicken Nuggets Fruit/Vegetable Salad/Milk Sub Sandwich	6 Pizza Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	7
8	9 Pancakes w/Sausage Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	10 Nachos w/meat Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	11 Spaghetti w/meatsauce Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	12 Meatballs w/noodles Fruit/Vegetable Salad/Milk Sub Sandwich	13 Pizza Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	14
15	16 French Toast Sausage Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	17 Beef Tacos Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	18 Chicken Alfredo Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	19 Mac & Cheese w/Chicken Nuggets Fruit/Vegetable Salad/Milk Sub Sandwich	20 Pizza Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	21
22	23 ThankSgiving Dinner for Lunch	24 Pancakes w/Sausage Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich	25 NO School	26 NO School 	27 NO School	28
29	30 French Toast Sausage Fruit/Vegetable Salad & Milk Sub Sandwich					

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

ANDREW TOMASHEWSKY
SHARED TIME TECHNOLOGY

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Welcome to anewsletter with information about technology classes at Immanuel, St. John, St. Paul and Zion Lutheran Schools in Bay City. My hope is to share information about what we are learning a couple times throughout the year. If you ever have questions, please feel free to contact me at atomashewsky@gocavs.net

GRADE LEVEL FOCUS

Each cluster of grade groups has a different set of skills students are working on throughout the year. Below is what your child focuses on during our time together.

- Kindergarten-2nd grade - use a mouse, mousepad, desktop, web browser, and know different parts and kinds of devices. What this is like depends on the school your child attends.
- 3rd-5th grades - begin typing instruction in 3rd grade and use of Google platform (Classroom, Docs and Slides)
- 6th-8th grades - advanced typing and use of online resources to create projects using Google platform and other websites



BACK IN THE DAY

Think back to computer classes from when you were growing up. When I was in Kindergarten-6th grade we had maybe one computer in our classroom. When I started teaching we had a shared internet line that was also a phone line. In today's classrooms we have schools where every student has a device to use. Now with the constant introduction of Artificial Intelligence we have to combine that with how to learn with online and offline experiences. Surprisingly, I often tell students they need to balance online and offline activities. In school this means that even though we spend a majority of our time in class online, I'm always looking to make each class meaningful so they see the powerful good of technology and how it can enhance their lives, not just as a time filler. We've recently started a unit to learn about what I've found are issues, beyond skils, in technology. I would encourage you to talk with your child about technology, what they're learning in class, and how this looks in your home. For students in 3rd-8th grade you can read the questions I'm asking them to consider along with their answers on Google Classroom. Among the topics students are learning about are:

- How time online impacts other activities
- Screen rage and mindless scrolling
- The difference between on and offline lives
- The impact of technology on relational skills and physical health
- The impact ofArtifical Intellingence on learning
- Digital citizenship, privacy and online safety

> “TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM IS NOT THE END GOAL. ENABLING LEARNING EVERYWHERE IS THE GOAL.
> ANDREW BARRAS

TECHNOLOGY NEWS
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OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Your child can earn a freeactivity pass(no typing or required game) by completing the activty below and then emailing me at atomashewsky@gocavs.net. Please complete this activty by November 13 so that your child has a free choice day during the week of November 16.

Choose 2 of the questions to read aloud to everyone. Spend time letting each family member share their thoughts and then then try at least one screen break together. Let me know what your answers are to the questions along with the screen break you tried.

Questions (answer at least 2)

- What physical signals tell you that your brain or body has had enough screen time?
- When you look at perfect photos, viral videos, or AI-generated ads online, how can we remind ourselves of what is real versus computer-made version of reality?
- Why does leaving someone out of a group chat or ignoring a friend online hurt just as much as doing it face-to-face in the school hallway or at work?

Screen Break (try at least 1)

- Put all phones, tablets, and devices to sleep in a common room 30 minutes before bed.
- Swap 20 minutes of scrolling for a quick story, game, or outdoor activity.
- Set a visual timer before opening an app so ending screen time isn't a surprise.

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECH

Sinceschool began all students have focused on learning about the acceptable use guidelines for technology. While each family is different in how their children use technology in their house, I've also found there are some common concerns parents, including I, have had with technology use. One of these is media consumption. When we talked about it in class, I definted media as tv shows, movies, games, and songs. Part of the learning older students did was reflecting on why it's so hard to decide whether a certain media is appropriate. I few answers I received from students included:

- I think it is hard to pick from good and bad on media because your friend might be watching it and you want to be "cool" and watch the same thing and another reason is it might be realy good but you know that you probably should not be watching it.
- I think it can be hard to decide because if your friends were talking about the movie at lunch but you had never watched it, you would want to understand what they were saying. The other reason is that if you start a movie that is inappropriate it might suck you in and you would be too interested and not be able to stop watching.
- I think they are hard to decide because you can't add it up to maturity because then it is easy to pick something too mature thinking you are ready for it and sometimes you can think it is appropriate but it wasn't what you thought it was.

ABOUT ME

and taught in Lutheran schools in Maryland and Indiana. My wife teaches ELA classes at Trinity (Monitor). My son, Micah, attends John Glenn High School and Lillia is in her second year at Calvin University in Grand Rapids where she is studying to be a graphic designer. As a family we enjoy traveling, playing board games, and attending our kids' events and sporting events. This summer our family went to Seattle for a bit of exploring on our own and a family reunion with my wife's family who live there.

BOOK FAIR SOON!

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November 16 – 19

Zion Lutheran School

Monday
2:45 pm–3:15 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:40 am–8:15 am
2:45 pm–3:15 pm

Thursday
7:40 am–8:15 am



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Services - Waddler Room

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Third Saturday

OF EVERY MONTH

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Providing clothing to our community.
All are welcome!

JOIN US FOR A SERVICE

Sundays at 9:00 AM

Questions? Contact Church Office at 989-662-6161.

Zion Lutheran School Calendar 2026-2027

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Important Dates

Aug 18-19, CPE Orientation
Aug 25, 2026, First Day of School
Aug 22, 2026, Open House
June 1, 2027 Field Day
June 4, 2027, Last Day of School

Marking Periods

MP 1	Aug 25-Oct 23
MP 2	Oct 23-Jan 22
MP 3	Jan 22-Mar 25
MP 4	Mar 25-Jun 4

Half Days

Dismissal: 11:30 am

Aug 25,2026	First Day of School
Oct 30, 2026	P-T Conferences(12-7)
Dec 18, 2026	Chapel/Dismissal
Feb 11, 2027	P-T Conferences(12-7)
June 4, 2027	Last Day of School

180 Days of School

Fire Drills: Thursday, 9/17/26, Wednesday, 9/30/26, Tuesday, 10/20/26, Friday, 4/23/27, Wednesday, 5-19-27

Tornado Drills: Thursday, 3/11/27, Wednesday, 4/14/27

Days Off

Sept 4-Sep 7, 2026	Labor Day Weekend	Jan 18, 2027	PD @ Valley Lutheran
Oct. 30, 2026	Professional Development: NWEA Training (8 AM - Noon)	Feb 12-15, 2027	Mid-Winter Break
Nov 25-27, 2026	Thanksgiving Break	Mar 26-Apr 4, 2027	Spring Break Good Friday Easter/Easter Monday
Dec 22-Jan 2, 2026	Christmas Break	May 28-31, 2027	Memorial Day Weekend

NWEA Testing Dates

Fall Testing Window: Sept 21-25. Make Up Window: Sept 28 - Oct 2 (Week 4)
Winter Testing Window: Jan 19-22. Make Up Window: Jan 25 - 29
Spring Testing Window: April 19-23. Make Up Window: April 23-30

Opening **Chapel** on Tuesday, Aug 25. Every Wednesday at 8:15

Staff Meetings 2nd Tuesdays of each month at 3:30

CDSC Board Approved: 2/19/26