



### Our Mission

Zion Lutheran School provides a Christ centered approach to education. This education nurtures the child's faith, equipping him/her to use and share that faith on a daily basis.

### Our Vision

That every child knows Jesus as his or her personal Lord and Savior

July 15th, 2019

Zion Families,

Summer greetings from Zion Lutheran School! We hope and pray that your summer weeks have been filled with fun and relaxation. What a privilege it is for us to serve your children (305 students and counting!) and your families this upcoming school year. Our staff makes every effort to ensure that your child receives excellent, developmentally appropriate instruction that will prepare him or her for their academic future. More importantly, our entire staff prays that your whole family would know Jesus better through the example of His love, care, and teaching shown here in our Zion family. We look forward to partnering with you and your children this year.

We want to be sure that you and your child are ready to start the 2019-2020 school year when the time comes, so the rest of this letter contains important information to prepare your family for the school year.

## NEWS & INFO

### Job Opportunities with ZLS

1. *Part-time preschool teacher* - For the 2019-2020 school year, Zion is hiring a part-time, certified early childhood preschool teacher (5 days a week, morning preschool classroom, 25 hours/week).
2. *Extended Care Staff* - Seeking workers to care for, play with, and work with students during our extended hours- Before School Care (6:45-8:15am), After School Care (2:45-6:00pm), Day Service (selected days when school is not in session). Workers must be 18 years of age or older. Extended Care staff may serve one or all of our extended care options with additional opportunities to care for young ones during church-sponsored events.
3. *Substitute Teachers* - We are looking for qualified substitute teachers (teacher certification or substitute certification) for all grade levels.

If you, or someone you know, would make a great member of our Zion team, please contact our school office for an application! 618-234-0275 or [zionoffice@zionschoolbelleville.org](mailto:zionoffice@zionschoolbelleville.org)

### Changes to the Staff

The following ZLS teachers have changed teaching assignments for the 2019-2020 school year:

Mrs. Cleveland - from preschool to 1st grade

Miss Mathews (soon-to-be Mrs. Hoercher!) - from 4th grade to 3rd grade teaching with Mrs. Barradas

Mrs. Redman - from 6th grade homeroom to 5th grade homeroom with Miss Sehr

### Summer Office Hours

Our school office is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm. Our regular office hours of Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, will resume on Monday, August 5th with one exception - the school office will be closed on Friday, August 16th for a staff retreat.

Phone: (618) 234-0275

Email: [zionoffice@zionschoolbelleville.org](mailto:zionoffice@zionschoolbelleville.org)

### 2019-2020 Supply Lists

Supply lists for every grade level are available on our school website ([zionschoolbelleville.org](http://zionschoolbelleville.org)) and in our school office. Our classroom school supply lists are now available on TeacherLists.

Just click on the link below. Find your class supply list. Choose the store you want to purchase from found on the right hand side. Add to cart, check out and have it delivered to your doorstep.

<https://www.teacherlists.com/schools/82958-zion-lutheran>

### **Enrollment Process Completion**

If you are receiving this letter, your child is enrolled with us for the 2019-2020 school year. Please be sure that you have submitted all required documents for each of your children. Your child will not be permitted to attend classes without the following on file in the school office. All forms can be accessed and submitted through your TADS account. You can also find them on our school website, or obtain them from our school office.

- Birth Certificate - a copy of the official document (*for new-to-Zion students*)
- Current School Physical Form w/ immunizations - available from most doctors but also available on our website and in the school office (required for all students new to Zion and any student entering kindergarten and 6th grade)
- Current Dental Exam Form - (required for all students new to Zion from out-of-state OR homeschool OR entering kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 6th grade)
- Current Eye Exam Form- (required for all students new to Zion from out-of-state OR homeschool OR entering kindergarten)
- Allergy Form - If your child has a food allergy, please get a copy of our allergy form to be filled out by your child's doctor. We want to ensure proper steps are taken for their health and safety.
- Free and Reduced Lunch Form - complete and return if you believe you would be eligible for federal aid to assist in providing lunch for your child. *Attached to this email message*

## **THINGS TO WATCH FOR**

### **Tuition Agreement**

Watch for your family's tuition agreement for the 2019-2020 school year. These are delivered via email and must be completed online. The first billing date option is August 1st, so please be sure to read through and complete the agreement as soon as possible and prior to the first day of school.

### **Fall Sports Information**

Our fall sports begin practicing prior to the first day of school. Upper grade families should watch for information for boys' and girls' cross country, boys' and girls' volleyball, and baseball. Sports physicals and sports participation fee required.

### **Important Dates**

You are entrusting your precious children into our care, so we want to provide opportunities for you to get to know us better so you can feel comfortable and confident in choosing Zion. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these special events:

**Thursday, August 1st** - Student classroom assignments will be viewable on Educate, our school information system.

**Thursday, August 15th "Tell the Teacher More Day"** - Schedule a 10 minute appointment to sit down one-on-one with your child's teacher in order to tell them all about your child. Questions and topics to help you prepare for your appointment will be shared with you via email prior to the event. Watch your email inbox for more details.

**Sunday, August 18th "Backpack Blessing"** - During both Zion Lutheran Church services (8:00 and 10:45), all students will be invited to bring their backpacks to the front of the church to receive a special blessing to start the school year (and a tag to keep on their backpacks).

**Monday, August 19th First Day of School** - for all students. Early Room available at 7am, Classrooms open at 8:05, School starts at 8:15, Chapel at 9 (all families are invited to attend), Dismissal at 3:05.

**Monday, August 19th, "Boo Hoo Breakfast"** - for all school parents who have some tears sending their students back to school (or for those celebrating, you can think of it as a "Woo Hoo Breakfast"). Breakfast begins at 8:05 in the "Alongside Commons" (north end of the building). Thank you to Zion's "Where Moms Connect" group for sponsoring this event!

**Wednesday, September 4th Back to School Night - Open House, 5:30-7:30 - Connect with teachers and other families in our Zion community and find out how you can serve God by serving in our school.**

## COMMUNICATION

Watch for news, information, and reminders in your email inbox every Thursday afternoon during the 2019-2020 school year. The school office is doing our best to streamline and simplify our communication to you by sending you everything you need to know in a Thursday newsletter - only once a week and always on a Thursday. We want you to be always informed but never overwhelmed by our sharing of information.

We are also working to make sure all important dates and information are on our website, posted around our school building, and “Announced” on Educate (login and view “Announcements” widget on home page).

The Zion Lutheran Church and School staff look forward to walking alongside your family during this school year. Again, welcome to the Zion family and please enjoy the rest of your summer.

In His Service,  
Mrs. Ananda Baron  
Principal