

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

540 Oak Park Avenue

Beecher, IL 60401

July 3, 2017

Dear Parents,

Greetings to you and your family in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! The staff here at Zion is looking forward to another wonderful school year ~ with your family!

FINAL REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, August 1: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 2: 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Please call early to schedule a final registration appointment (946-2272 or 946-2271). Because two days are available, for your convenience, double booking will not be granted until ALL of the appointment slots have been filled, during these time parameters. Remember, appointments are on a "first come, first serve" basis, so please schedule your appointment based on your availability, as soon as possible.

Parents may have an extensive wait, if an appointment is not made in advance!

Please note the following important information regarding final registration:

- All students enrolled in Zion Lutheran School must meet age requirements based on Illinois School Code, which specifies a September 1st birthday cutoff.
- All students enrolled at Zion must have a birth certificate copy on file in the school office.
- Registration is \$229 for Three Year-Old Preschool; \$229 for Pre-Kindergarten; \$262 for Half-Day Kindergarten; and \$427 for All- Day Kindergarten through Grade Eight. (During Pre-Registration, most parents made a payment, which will apply to this fee.)
- Physical, Athletic, Vision, and Dental forms are available in the literature rack (on the wall next to the Principal's Office) or on the Zion website (www.zionbeecher.net). These forms are available under the school tab, then choose the registration and tuition option, from the drop down box, and look on the bottom left of this page.
- Insurance information (with online enrollment only option) will be available at final registration.
- Before and After School Care information will be available at final registration.
- All registration fees, as well as one month's tuition must be paid at final registration or enrollment cannot be accepted.

2017-2018 School Hours:

Half-Day Three Year-Old Preschool (Tuesdays & Thursdays)	8:10-11:10 a.m.
Full-Day Three Year-Old Preschool (Tuesdays & Thursdays)	8:10 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.
Half-Day Four Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten (Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays)	8:10–11:10 a.m.
Full-Day Four Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten (Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays)	8:10 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.
Half-Day Kindergarten	8:10-11:10 a.m.
Full-Day Kindergarten through Grade Eight	8:10 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Class and Bus Schedule for the first week of school:

- Monday, August 21st** - 8:10 – 11:10 a.m. (Kindergarten – 8th grade only) ~ **NO bus transportation service** will be provided.
- Tuesday, August 22nd** is the first full day of school (Kindergarten – 8th grade only) and **NO bus transportation service will be provided.** Half-Day Kindergarten closes at 11:10 a.m. and there is **NO** bus service provided at 11:10 a.m. dismissal times.
- Wednesday, August 23rd** ~ Full bus service begins & Pre-Kindergarten Classes (Four Year-Olds, both Half-Day & Full-Day classes) begin on **Wednesday, August 23rd**.
- Preschool Classes (Three Year-Olds, both Half-Day & Full-Day classes) begin on **Thursday, August 24th**.

- ❑ Beecher public school buses are available, at no charge, for those who live outside the village limits, but within the Beecher School District and are enrolled in grades Kindergarten – 8. [Sign up for bus service will be available at final registration.](#)

HEALTH RECORDS:

Please bring completed health forms with you when registering your child. The following should assist you with requirements per grade level, but **parents must check with health care providers**. **Please, be aware that state regulated changes regarding immunizations are communicated below.**

- ❑ **All pupils entering school for the first time:** physical examination (with immunization record), vision examination administered by doctor (beginning with Kindergarten)
- ❑ **Preschool:** Lead screening, one dose of Varicella (chicken pox vaccine) *if student has not had chicken pox*, Hepatitis B, *4 yr olds* should have physical in September if they wish to avoid an additional physical for Kindergarten, vision & hearing screenings administered at Zion
- ❑ **Kindergarten:** Physical examination (with immunization record), 4th dose of polio vaccine, dental examination, vision examination administered by doctor, hearing screening administered at Zion, lead screening, 2nd dose of MMR, 2nd dose of Varicella (chicken pox vaccine), *if student has not had chicken pox.*
- ❑ **1st Grade:** 2nd dose of Varicella, Hearing screening administered at Zion
- ❑ **2nd Grade:** 2nd dose of Varicella, Dental examination, vision & hearing screenings administered at Zion
- ❑ **3rd Grade:** Hearing screening administered at Zion
- ❑ **4th Grade:** Athletic physical
- ❑ **5th Grade:** Athletic physical
- ❑ **6th Grade:** Physical examination (with immunization record), 1st dose of Meningococcal vaccine, athletic physical, dental examination, 2nd dose of Varicella (chicken pox vaccine) *if student has not had chicken pox*, one dose of TDAP and one dose of Hepatitis B
- ❑ **7th Grade:** 1st dose of Meningococcal (if child did not receive this vaccine in sixth grade), Athletic physical (one dose of TDAP immunization should have been given at the 6th grade level)
- ❑ **8th Grade:** 1st dose of Meningococcal (if child did not receive this vaccine in sixth grade), Athletic physical, vision screening administered at Zion

STUDENT ARRIVAL:

- ❑ **Children arriving for B.A.S.C. will enter through the northwest entrance of the school.**
- ❑ Children who are not in B.A.S.C. should plan on arriving between 7:50 a.m. and 8:05 a.m.
- ❑ Students arriving at school before 8:00 a.m. will also enter the school through the northwest doors.
- ❑ All students arriving before 8:00 **MUST GO DIRECTLY TO THE GYM WHERE A TEACHER IS AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISE.**
- ❑ The restrooms and hallways are *off limits* until 8:00 when all are dismissed from the gym to their classrooms.
- ❑ Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. will enter through the north door, next to the school office.
- ❑ **For security reasons, the north entrance will remain locked until 8:00 a.m.**

PARENT-TEACHER LEAGUE (P.T.L.):

- ❑ **All parents of enrolled children at Zion are automatically members of the Zion P.T.L.**
- ❑ **A P.T.L. Classroom party fee of \$15.00, per student, for the year is used to support three parties throughout the year.**
- ❑ **Zion Family Partnership Hours is overseen by the Board of Christian Day School. Working together, we encourage your participation and volunteering toward a variety of programs, projects, and activities that support the Zion family – children, teachers, and the classroom!**

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ❑ **The school handbook will be distributed at final registration. Part II of the handbook will include the school family directory and will be available at a later date. If you DO NOT want your telephone number published, you must inform the office at registration.**
- ❑ **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE** will be available at a cost of \$23.00 for preschool through 8th grade for school-time coverage and may only be purchased online. **Only those that apply and pay for coverage, prior to the start of the school year, will have coverage.**
- ❑ **MILK** may be purchased for \$25.00 per year or 15 cents per day. All-Day Kindergarten students may wish to purchase two milks per day (\$50.00 per year) so that they may enjoy milk with their lunch and with their snack. 4 Year-Old Pre Kindergarten students pay \$20.00 per year (or \$40.00 per year for two milks daily), and 3 Year-Old Preschool students pay \$15.00 per year (or \$30.00 per year for two milks daily). Free milk is available to those who qualify. Free milk forms are in the school office and may be obtained upon request. **These forms must be submitted at the time of final registration.**
- ❑ **THE ATHLETIC FEE is \$30.00 per student for the year, for those participating in the sports program. This is a one-time fee, per student, regardless of the number of sports that the student participates in.**

- ❑ HYMNAL are required for Grades 2nd through 8th and may be purchased for \$29.00, at final registration.
- ❑ 2017-2018 YEARBOOKS will be ordered on a pre-sale basis. Parents should be prepared to order yearbooks for \$25.00 each.
- ❑ Vision and Hearing screenings (based on specific grade levels) that are administered at Zion, will be charged \$4.00 per test for Preschool and \$8.00 per test, for all other grade levels.
- ❑ Lutheran Schools Week is a special week at Zion Lutheran School. There is a \$5.00 fee charged per student, for various crafts and activities that take place during that week.
- ❑ An Accelerated Reader fee of \$10.00 will be charged for students in Grades 1-8.
- ❑ *A Transportation fee of \$20.00 per student (Preschool through 8th Grade) will be assessed.*
- ❑ **For your child's safety, we request that you do the following:**
 - 1.) If your child is absent or tardy, please call the office at 946-2272 between 7:55 and 8:25 a.m., thus eliminating the need for a call from the Administrative Assistant.
 - 2.) If your child is tardy to school, **a parent must stop in the school office** upon arrival at school and receive an admit slip for the student to enter the classroom.
 - 3.) **Emergency information (phone numbers, etc.) was required at pre-registration time. We must have emergency information on file for each family.**
 - 4.) During the school hours of 8:10 a.m. and 2:55 p.m. all school doors are locked. All who wish to enter the building must stop at the school or church office as they enter. Children must be signed out in the school office by their parent, or a person designated by their parent, if they leave before their usual dismissal time.
- ❑ **Cancellation of classes** because of snow or other emergencies is beyond our control and refunds are not made for these occasions. Attendance is not optional after the child is enrolled. Tuition is charged for all months enrolled. Enrollment cannot be dropped for a month and then continued at a later date.
- ❑ ***One month of tuition credit will be given to a family who refers another family that enrolls at Zion. Credit is given for one month at the first child rate in the 10-month plan.***
- ❑ According to policy adopted by the Zion Christian Day School Board, **ALL tuition (member & community rate) is due on the first of each month, and paid one month in advance. A late fee of \$15.00 will be assessed for tuition payments received after the first school day of the month.**
- ❑ **Please send lunches for your student(s) - Mondays through Fridays - until further notice.** Lunch information will be provided in the Tuesday school newsletters as it becomes available.

PLEASE DO NOT LET THE TUITION COST KEEP YOUR CHILDREN FROM ATTENDING ZION! IF YOU HAVE A FINANCIAL CONCERN, COME IN AND SPEAK WITH US ABOUT A PAYMENT PLAN AND FINANCIAL AID.

Zion Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and athletic and other school administered programs.

*Yours in Christ,
Zion Lutheran School*

Included in this mailing: School Supply List, 2017-2018 Revised School Calendar, B.A.S.C. and P.T.L. Family Partnership Hours Program Information.

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**Zion Lutheran Church and School's Eighth Annual Dinner Auction
"Around the World"
Saturday, October 21, 2017
Serbian Social Center, 18550 Stony Island Avenue, Lansing, IL**