ZION CRUSADER

September 30, 2026

UPCOMING DATES AND ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 5	Halva PreK Apple Acres Field Trip - 8:30 am
Sunday, October 11	Zion 6th-8th School Choir - Zion Lutheran Church - 9:00 am
Monday, October 12	Zion @ Our Redeemer North Platte Volleyball - 4:00 pm
Wednesday, October 14	Picture Retakes
Thursday, October 15	K-8 Helgoth's Pumpkin Patch
Thursday, October 15	End of the 1st Quarter (41.5 days)
Friday-Monday, October 16-19	**No School - District Teachers' Conference**
Monday, October 19	PTL Meeting – 7 pm
Wednesday, October 28	Holy Cross Trunk or Treat - 6 pm
Saturday, October 31	School Carnival – 1-4 pm

PIE SALES

Pie sales are starting this week! Check out the packet attached to this newsletter. Orders are due in the office by Wednesday, November 4th at 3:30 pm. Use this QR code to order and pay online.

Pie Sale proceeds help fund student activities, special events, supplies, and more – providing opportunities beyond the regular school budget.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Per the school dress code, **shorts** are not allowed October-March. Skirts/dresses are allowed with leggings.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL



Our School Carnival will be Saturday, October 31st from 1-4 pm. Costumes are allowed, but please help your children make good choices about appropriate costumes to wear. There will be games (cake walk, bean bag toss, ring toss, etc.) are set up. Tickets are sold for $0.25 each and participants earn stamps in order to purchase prizes.

This fun event only works with lots of help!
We need volunteers to do the following:

- Make cotton candy!
- Donate cakes and king size candy-bars!
- Work game booth!
- Help at the food stand!
- Help at the prize table!

Please sign up to help with one or more of the above items at this link: https://tinyurl.com/3eakt4z2

SCHOOL PICTURES: BAER STUDIOS

All families should have received an email from **Baer Studios** that includes a link to their child(ren)'s picture gallery. If you have any questions, contact Baer Studios at 308-234-2601.

HELGOTH'S PUMPKIN PATCH

The K-8 students will be going to Helgoth's Pumpkin Patch on October 15th. It is $5 per student (will be billed through FACTS). **Students must bring a sack lunch!** Background checks are required for drivers and chaperones. Please see Holly in the office for information. Pre-K students staying for lunch will also need a sack lunch on this day.

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school Friday-Monday, October 16-19 for a District Teachers' Conference.

PTL NEWS + MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended our first PTL meeting of the school year! We enjoyed a productive evening working together to organize activities and events that will support and strengthen our Zion school families and students.

We're excited to share a few upcoming plans:
- **Trivia Night at Kinkaider - Kearney** in October
- **Parents' Night Out at Upper Room** in December

These events are designed to build community, provide fellowship opportunities for families, and support our school.

We are also working on a way to stay connected and receive PTL updates via Telegram. We will share the PTL Group Chat information as soon as possible.

Our PTL meetings are held on the **third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 19**. We would love to have more parents and guardians join us as we plan opportunities to serve our school and build relationships within our Zion community.

The P.E.A.C.E. Planning Committee has also begun preparing for the 2027 P.E.A.C.E. Auction & Dinner, which will be held on **March 13**. We are currently looking for volunteers who would be willing to contact local businesses and help gather donations and auction items. This is one of the most important fundraising events of the year, and your assistance can make a tremendous difference. If you are interested in helping, please contact Stacey Schwarz at 308-216-0310 or attend an upcoming PTL meeting to learn more.

ZION ALUMNA: HOMECOMING QUEEN!

Congratulations to Zion alumna Bailey Helmbrecht for winning this year's Kearney High School Homecoming Queen. Also on their respective homecoming courts were Jamie Wilkens (KHS) and Miriam Gaunt (KCHS); all three graduated from Zion in 2023. We're proud of you all!



BOYS BASKETBALL COACH NEEDED!

Coaches are needed for boys basketball! We are also looking for assistant track & field coaches. Please contact Mrs. Jamie Marquardt if you have any interest.

Zion's Mission Statement

Our Purpose: At Zion Lutheran School we strive to provide an excellent, classical education in a safe environment, while connecting students to Christ for life in the Church, world, and eternity.

GIFT CARDS/SCRIP

RaiseRight. Zion currently carries gift cards for over 30 local businesses. You can use the gift cards for **everyday** expenses such as food, gas, clothing, etc. With every purchase, you earn revenue for you and Zion School. Our organization buys the gift cards from RaiseRight/Scripware at a discount and resells the gift cards to families at full face value. The discount – from two to fifteen percent or more – is our organization's revenue. When you enroll in Zion's Scrip Program, **you are able to apply 50% of the credit you earn toward your family's tuition** and 50% to the Zion Lutheran Building Fund.

Here are instructions on how to use the app:

1. Download the RaiseRight app
2. Select Join a Program
3. Enter Zion's enrollment code: F83E73C95534
4. Set up your account and bank account information.
5. Start Shopping!

PRAYER REQUESTS

The staff of Zion would like to pray for you during their morning devotions. Parents are asked to talk to a staff member about adding themselves to their prayer list. Pastor DeLoach is also available to speak with if you so desire.

Notice: Zion Lutheran 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, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

ACCREDITATION

This is an accreditation year for Zion! This means that we will be doing an extensive self-study throughout the year. We will be looking to confirm what we're doing well and to identify and improve other areas of our school programming.

All parents should have received a survey via email to complete. Your thoughtful responses and consideration will be important for us as we look to improve our school.

National Lutheran School Accreditation

NLSA

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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