

ZION CRUSADER

August 26, 2026

UPCOMING DATES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 30	Volleyball Apparel Deadline
Monday, August 31	Zion Uniform and Theme Apparel Deadline (11am & Midnight)
Monday, September 7	No School – Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8	Zion vs. Our Redeemer North Platte Volleyball @ 4:00p HOME
Tuesday-Friday, September 8-11	MAP Testing
Tuesday, September 15	Raising Cane's Fundraiser – 5-9pm
Thursday & Friday, September 17-18	No School – Parent/Teacher Conference
Monday, September 21	Parent-Teacher League (PTL) Meeting @ 7pm – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday & Thursday, September 23-24	School Pictures
Friday, September 25	No School – Teacher In-service
Saturday, September 26	Volleyball – Trinity GI Tournament
Monday, October 12	Zion @ Our Redeemer North Platte Volleyball @ 4:00p
Thursday, October 15	End of the 1 st Quarter (41.5 days)
Friday-Monday, October 16-19	No School – District Teachers' Conference
Saturday, October 31	School Carnival – 1-4pm

SCHOOL SAFETY

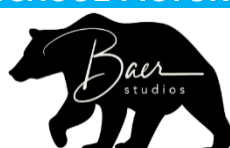
As part of Zion Lutheran School's ongoing efforts to ensure safety of all students, staff, and families at school we are asking for feedback from parents to complete the Communication section of our Emergency Operations Plan. Please scan the QR code or follow the link to complete this quick survey. <https://tinyurl.com/3ssp4673>



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

Attached to this note is a sign-up sheet for parent/teacher conferences on the week of September 14th. Please select your first and second choices and return them to school by Friday, September 4th. We will let you know of your conference time. If you have any questions, please contact the school. There will be no school on September 17th and 18th.

SCHOOL PICTURES



School pictures are scheduled for September 23 & 24 and will be done by Baer Photography.

3-day Preschool and K-8 will go on the 23rd.
2-day Preschool and both Pre-K classes will go on the 24th.

ZION SCHOOL APPAREL

Zion has two online stores available for purchasing school-year apparel!

1) 2026-2027 Theme Apparel

<https://zion26.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

(Sale ends August 31st at midnight)

Note: These are the theme shirts that students are allowed to wear on Fridays. The theme shirt is navy blue.



2) POLOS!

Embroidered Polos & Jackets

(Sale ends August 31st at 11 am)

<https://zionlutheranapparel2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Note: Every K-8 student is required to have the navy polo w/logo for special events.

VOLLEYBALL APPAREL

Support our volleyball team by purchasing some apparel! \$5 from every item sold will go back to the volleyball team! The deadline is Sunday, August 30th at 11:55 pm.



<https://www.mydynamicts.com/kearneyzion/shop/home>

VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Volleyball has started again! A schedule will be going out soon! The schedule will be posted on the school website.



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!

SECURITY NOTES

Zion remains committed to keeping the school safe and secure! A few updates:

- Zion has undergone another security audit, the first since 2022 by the Kearney Police Department.
- KPD Officer McLaughlin did an incident training with the Zion staff.
- KPD Officer Weller will be speaking to the student body at our annual whole-school emergency training on Sept. 4th.
- Mrs. Marquardt continues to work with the Zion board of education to finalize policy and procedures in its new Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Zion still holds funds from last year's PEACE auction that will be put to further improve Zion's physical security. Current plans have been slowed by difficulty in securing a contractor to do the specialized work.

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JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER



TUESDAY, SEP 15
5-9PM



RAISING CANE'S
3720 2ND AVE.
KEARNEY, NE 68847

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will **donate 15% of Net Sales*** to:

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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.

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.

PTL NEWS + MEETING

Dear Zion Lutheran Families,

As we begin a new school year, we are excited to expand the role of the **Zion Lutheran Parent Teacher League (PTL)** and provide more ways for families to connect, serve, and support our school community. Thank you to those who stopped by our booth at Back to School Night.

The purpose of our PTL is to bring together parents, teachers, and staff to build a stronger school community and create meaningful opportunities for our students. Through volunteerism, special events, teacher support, and fundraising efforts, we hope to enrich the educational experience for every child at Zion.

The PTL is for **all parents and guardians** of Zion students. Whether you have a few hours to volunteer, want to help plan events, or simply wish to stay informed and support our school, there is a place for you in the PTL.

This year, our goals include:

- Building connections among school families
- Supporting our teachers and staff
- Creating fun and meaningful experiences for our students
- Providing opportunities to give back to our school community

We invite you to join us as we begin this exciting new chapter! **We will be having our first meeting on Monday, September 21st at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

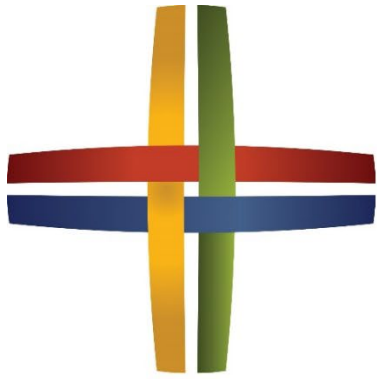
Together, we can make a lasting impact on our school and continue to foster a Christ-centered environment where our children can learn, grow, and thrive.

Thank you for your support of Zion Lutheran School. We look forward to partnering with you and making this a wonderful year for our students and families!

Blessings,

PTL Leadership Team
Zion Lutheran Parent Teacher League

"Rooted in Christ, Growing Together"



Zion Lutheran School

Christ-Centered, Classical Education

August 25, 2026

Dear Parents of Zion students:

It’s time to schedule PreK - 8th grade Parent-Teacher conferences for Thursday, September 17, 2025. There will be NO SCHOOL that day, and there will be no conferences scheduled beyond 5:00 pm unless arrangements are made with the teacher. There will also be NO SCHOOL on Friday, September 18th.

Please mark your FIRST and SECOND choice on the schedule of times below and return to your child’s teacher by **Friday, September 4th**. Please keep appointments to 15 minutes. If you need more time, feel free to reserve two (or more) slots.

Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Thursday, September 17

_____9:30	_____12:00	_____2:30
_____7:30	_____12:15	_____2:45
_____7:45	_____12:30	_____3:00
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_____11:45	_____2:15	_____4:45

Monday, September 14	Tuesday, September 15	Wednesday, September 16
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_____4:00	_____4:00	_____4:00
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_____4:30	_____4:30	_____4:30
_____4:45	_____4:45	_____4:45

You will be notified of your appointed time. Please note that due to extracurriculars, some teachers may not be able to commit to Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday times; please choose a Thursday time as your second choice. Thank you!

In Christ,
Anthony Splittgerber
Principal