ZION CRUSADER

July 10, 2026

UPCOMING DATES AND ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, July 29-Thursday, July 30	**Final Registration Days – These will be by appointment only. Please sign-up at https://tinyurl.com/spkehfwf. Times will be from 10-6 p.m. Wednesday and 10-3 p.m. Thursday.**
Tuesday, August 11	**Back-to-School Night 5:30-7 p.m.**
Wednesday, August 12	**First Day of School K-8 – 11:30 a.m. dismissal**
Monday, August 17	**First Day of School M/W/F Preschool & Prekindergarten**
Tuesday, August 18	**First Day of School T/Th Preschool**
Monday, September 7	**Labor Day: NO SCHOOL**

FINAL REGISTRATION DAY

Final registration day is when all parents (and children) are asked to come to the school to finalize registration. We ask that all families schedule a time to come in over July 31st and August 1st. We will be able to answer questions about payment plans and make sure your child's paperwork is in order.

To sign-up, visit https://tinyurl.com/spkehfwf

Also during final registration, home visit sign-ups will be available for pre-k through 8th families and a table of lightly used dress code clothing will be set out.

Please make every effort to stop in on this day. Thank you!

WHAT TO BRING:

- ✓ **Immunization Records** (new students)
- ✓ **State Issued Birth Certificate** (new students)
- ✓ **Dr.'s Physical Form** (K and 7th only)
- ✓ **Updated Health Form** (attached)
- ✓ **Parents' driver's license and insurance card** (only if you will be a field trip driver)
- ✓ **Background check** (for any parents interested in driving for field trips or other classroom volunteer work)

Early Childhood Openings!

We still have openings in our 3 year old preschool classes and morning pre-k. If you or someone you know is still looking for a high quality early childhood experience, please tell them they're not too late!

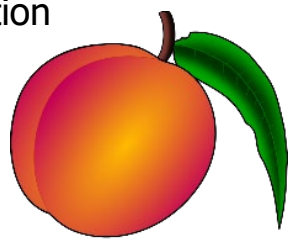
FACTS (TUITION & LUNCH ACCTS)

All families must use FACTS to make payments to the school. FACTS will be used for tuition, lunch & milk, and incidentals (after school program, field trips, athletic and music fees, etc.). An invite will be sent to your email before Final Registration to sign up for FACTS and select a tuition payment plan.

The following options will be offered to families for paying tuition this year. Due to changes with our FACTS plan, there will be a processing fee.

- Pay one lump sum at the beginning of the school year.
- Pay two lump sums, one in September and one in January.
- Make ten monthly payments by ACH (direct withdrawal from your checking account) or Credit Card on the 5th or 20th of the month.

Colorado Peaches



The Zion Board of Education will sell delicious Colorado Peaches in our north parking lot late July and early August. Proceeds go to the Zion Tuition Assistance Fund. For up-to-date notices, seach Zion Peaches on Facebook.

Parent Teacher League

Zion Lutheran School's Parent Teacher League (PTL) works to support students, teachers, and the school community through fundraising and fellowship opportunities. Through events such as the P.E.A.C.E. Auction and Dinner, the PTL helps provide resources, experiences, and activities that enrich students' education beyond the school budget. Families are encouraged to get involved, share their God-given talents, and help build a strong Christ-centered community.

The PTL will have an Information Night on **September 10th**. Stay connected with Zion and the PTL by downloading our school app and following Zion's Facebook page for the latest updates, announcements, events, and exciting news!
www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranSchoolKearney



SCHOOL LUNCHES & MILK

Hot lunches are available to students at the rate of $2.90 per meal. Extra milk and for snack is available at a rate of $0.60 per carton.

Dress Code Notes

Reminder to all of our kindergarten through 8th grade students – Approved dress is plain colored polo shirts and khaki or navy slacks, shorts, or skirts. If you have questions about our dress code, find the specifics on our web page under documents -> policies. See attached flier for the basics and note the following below:

Please note:

1. Pants/Shorts/Skirts must be KHAKI (beiges) or NAVY only. **Blacks, greys, dark greens, browns, etc are not allowed.**
2. The fabric for bottoms is important – khaki/chino-like material is required. **Dark denims or stretchy jogging/ legging material is not allowed.**
3. Rule of thumb: Pants/shorts/skirts found in the school uniform area of clothing stores are usually acceptable, those found in sporting goods stores are usually not.
4. Pants/shorts for grades 3 and up are expected to have a button and zipper.

Clothing Exchange

At final registration, new or gently used dress clothing will be available for anyone who wants/needs anything.

School Apparel

- ★ All Kindergarten through 8th grade students need one navy polo embroidered with the Zion logo. Zion will reopen an online order soon.
- ★ New Zion shirts will be available with the 2026-2027 school year theme *"Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus".* These shirts can be worn by the K-8th grade students on casual Fridays and will also be great shirts for Field Day in May. Ordering information will be coming soon!

FIELD TRIP DRIVERS

All parents who drive for field trips will be required to show that they have a driver's license and auto insurance. If you might be a field trip driver for your child's class this year, please bring your *driver's license* and *insurance card* to final registration day. We will make a copy and keep it on file. New drivers will also need to complete a background check authorization.

Athletics Update

COACHES NEEDED!

- Coaches are needed for boys and girls basketball! We are also looking for assistant track & field coaches. Please contact Mrs. Jamie Marquardt if you have any interest.
- Information for athletics offerings will be coming soon!

Please Note!

- School begins at 8:15 a.m. Early arriving students will report to their classroom no earlier than 7:45 a.m.
- It is also important that all immunization records are turned into the school office by the first day of school! Kindergarten and 7th grade students must also have a physical record turned in.
- For families with medication left in the office, please check with Holly at registration time to make sure that the medicine has not expired.

After School Program!

Zion Lutheran will again be offering the after school program this year for K-8 students. The program is designed to be a benefit to parents who see a need for additional homework support or need their children watched until they get off work.

The program will run from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m. Mrs. Darcy Willers will be the program supervisor and will oversee the homework support time. Mrs. Jamie Marquardt will supervise children during free and structured recreation time.

The cost will be $15 per day per student; parents can pick up any time before 5:45. Registered students will be allowed to attend as schedules allow and as needed.

Please find in this mailing a registration/intake form if you are interested in your child taking part in this program. Accounts and payments will be made through FACTS Management.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY 09-23/24-26

SEPT. 23 & 24
WEDS. & THURS.







NEED TO KNOW

- WEDS. 9/23: K-8; MWF PRESCHOOL PHOTODAY
- THURS. 9/24: T/TH PRESCHOOL + PRE-K PICTURE DAY
- RETAKES: OCTOBER 15
- NO MORE FORMS
- EMAIL W/ LINKS TO GALLERY
- ORDER WHAT YOU NEED
- MULTIPLE POSES
- DIGITAL DOWNLOADS

tips

- solid dark colors
- simple jewelry
- no tank tops
- avoid crazy patterns & logos
- avoid bright neon colors
- check your hair
- no gum chewing

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