



# Zion Lutheran School Newsletter

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Zion Lutheran School Families,

Good afternoon everyone! I was unable to make it to Classical Education Night because I was ill, but I heard everyone had an enjoyable evening. Thank you PTF, especially Pam Main for providing the baked potato bar. Because I did not get a chance to talk last night about Classical Education, I wanted to write a short letter to our Zion community about what I was planning on sharing about teaching virtue at our school.

Beyond the eternal life of all our students, the cultivation of virtue is our most important goal. Too often we try to do the right thing in the midst of temptation, but it's better to desire, pursue, and enjoy what is the right thing day in and day out. If our students learn to want to obey their parents, they will more easily overcome the temptation to disobey you! If they enjoy giving to the poor that is far better than forcing them to give out of obligation. This is exactly what virtue is: the desire to do good. And having virtue is far more important than having a well-paying job or enjoyable career. Virtue is what creates the peaceful and happy relationships with one another that we all crave. Virtue creates true community.

There are seven virtues that students will be learning this year: Faith, Hope, Charity, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude, and Prudence. The first three, Faith, Hope, and Charity, are virtues that Christians have access to by the power of God living within us. The virtue of Faith is the desire to trust in God. The virtue of Hope is the desire and expectation to live in eternal life with God and all believers. The virtue of Charity is the desire and sacrifice for the benefit of those around us.

These seven virtues are core virtues that are foundational for the good life. The first three are a result of God dwelling inside of us by faith, and the other four are foundational for living the good life. Full of joy, community, lasting contentment. We cultivate these virtues by having our students memorize verses, hymns, and by having them listen to stories of characters who have these virtues. The book that the 5th-7th graders are reading this quarter is Robin Hood. In this novel, the virtues of Charity and Justice are especially highlighted. Robin Hood is a great example to students on how to fight against unlawful tyranny with generosity, love, and justice.

This story is fascinating, but more importantly, it's worthy of imitation. We can seek to sacrifice ourselves for those in need around us even if it means risking a life of comfort. There are many other stories your child's teacher will read together with them in class, all with the goal of cultivating virtue in your child. May God bless ZLS in this pursuit and may He bless your children this school year!

In Christ,

Joshua Swigart

Zion Lutheran School Headmaster and Vicar

# CERTE DE FASTIS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>NO SCHOOL Labor Day</b>	3	4	5 <b>Classical Education Night PTF Kickoff</b>	6
9	10	11	12	13
16 <b>Hot Lunch Christmas Wreath Sale Begins</b>	17	18	19	20
23	24 <b>1st Qtr. Mid-term</b>	25	26	27
30 <b>Picture Day (Individual)</b>				

2nd	<b>NO SCHOOL-Labor Day</b>
5th	<b>Classical Ed Night / PTF Kickoff with Baked Potato Bar (6-7:30pm)</b>
16th Sept - 4 Oct	<b>Hot Lunch Program Fundraiser Christmas Wreath Sale</b>
24th	<b>1st Qtr. Mid-term</b>
30th	<b>(Individual) Picture Day (8:15 am)</b>

**Book Fair Week that was originally scheduled on 9-13 Sept. is postponed until Spring.**

**Please see the explanation on the Announcement page.**

# CERTE DE FASTIS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 <b>Pastor Appreciation Luncheon 11:15am</b>	5
6	7	8	9 <b>PTF Falltoberfest Prep Mtg. 3:00 pm</b>	10	11	12
13 <b>Students Sing at Zion Lutheran Church 10:15 am</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <b>End of 1st QTR</b>	25 <b>NO SCHOOL Teacher In Service</b>	26 <b>PTF Falltoberfest Dinner &amp; Auction (5:30 to 8:00pm)</b>
27	28 <b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>	29 <b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>	30 <b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>	31 <b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>		

- 4th** Pastor Appreciation Luncheon - 11:15am
- 9th** PTF Falltoberfest PREP Meeting - 3:00pm
- 13th** Students Sing at Zion Lutheran Church - Arrive at 10:15
- 24th** End of 1st Qtr.
- 25th** NO SCHOOL-Teacher In Service
- 26th** PTF Falltoberfest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser - 5:30 - 8:00pm
- 28th - 31st Oct** Parent - Teacher Conferences - 1st Qtr.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **Book Fair Postponed:** The Book Fair is postponed until the spring. Our plan is for it to be rescheduled around the Literacy program so that students can read their new books during the Literacy program. We found a potential book fair vendor who sends classical books to ensure the books are good content and have stood the test of time.
  
- ♦ **ZLS Spirit Store for SY 2024-2025:** Zion Lutheran School is partnering with Owyhee Graphics this year for our spirit store. They will be opening their online store by the first week of school.
  - ♦ The Spirit Store will offer Tee Shirts, Polo Shirts, and Hooded Sweatshirts that will have the option of two different ZLS Logos that will be screen printed or embroidered depending on the type of material.
  - ♦ The sizes will be in Youth (XS to XL), Toddler (2T to 4T), Men (XS to 6XL) and Women (XS to 4XL).
  - ♦ The colors will be White, Athletic Heather, Ash, Sports Gray, Jet or Jersey Black depending if it's a Tee Shirt, Polo, or Hooded Sweatshirt.
  - ♦ The prices for Tee Shirts range from \$13.50 to \$15.50, Polo Shirts range from \$24.18 to \$25.88, and Hooded Sweatshirts range from \$27.00 to \$30.00. \*Larger sizes may cost an additional \$1.00 to \$2.00.
  - ♦ Currently there will be no discount for bulk orders, but the prices are very competitive.
  - ♦ We will notify you when the store is open and ready for ordering!

# Christmas Wreath Sale

**Zion Hot Lunch program is selling  
Christmas Wreaths.**

**The sale runs Sept. 16th-Oct. 4th.**

All proceeds will benefit the children of Zion Lutheran School  
with nutritious and delicious lunches at a cost the  
families can afford.



**\$30 each**

Wreaths will be  
available for pickup  
on December 6th in  
the gym.

This picture is an example of a wreath. They will be 20 inches of  
mixed live greenery with a hand tied bow.



ZION LUTHERAN  
SCHOOL  
FALLTOBERFEST

CHARITABLE EVENING:  
DINNER & AUCTION

OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

5:30 – 8:00 PM



# Referral Form

**You give us the ultimate compliment when you refer a new student to Zion Lutheran School!**

**Here is our way of saying THANK YOU!**

A one-time referral fee will be paid for any student you refer!

Pre-School or Kindergarten (Part-time)	\$500.00 per student
Pre-School or Kindergarten (Full-time)	\$1,000.00 per student
Elementary Grades	\$1,000.00 per student

**Fine Print:** You may not refer yourself. The new student must enroll and attend Zion Lutheran School for at least three (3) full months. Their registration, tuition and all applicable fees must be current. The referral payment will be credited to your account or given to you as a check if your account is paid in full. There is no limit to the number of students that you can refer. Referral payments can be split if more than one person is listed as the referral for the same student.



## I HAVE BEEN REFERRED!

We welcome all families to Zion Lutheran School! Please call the office at 208-466-9141 to schedule a tour of the school and to meet our staff and teachers. You can also visit our website at [zlsnampa.org](http://zlsnampa.org) to learn more about our school and download enrollment forms.

**Please bring this form with you or include it with your enrollment application. Thank you!**

Referred Family	Referring Family
Parent(s) Name:	Parent(s) Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone:	Phone:
Student(s) Name:	
Grade(s) Enrolling:	



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