



Dragon Tales

Walk in
.....the light.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

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CHAPEL...Parents are invited to attend opening chapel at **8:30 a.m.** on **Wednesday, January 27, 2010** led by **Mrs. Winkelman**. Third Quarter Chapel Offerings are going toward Church Under the Bridge.

ALL ARE WELCOME

to attend Sunday morning worship at Zion 8:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. services with Christian Education at 9:30 a.m..

CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

See the bulletin boards across from Mrs. Winkelman's room and Mr. Glandorf's office for our "Students of the Week" displays. The following students and faculty member are "Champions for Christ" this week. They were given a certificate in chapel yesterday, Wednesday, January 20. They are Antoni Bruno, Grant Deltz, Trenton Fischer, Erin Quinlivan, Rylie Scott and Cole Standifer. Faculty person is Mrs. Bretscher.



ICE AND SNOW STORMS

With winter upon us, the possibility of severe weather exists. In all weather related decisions, Zion will follow the same schedule as that of the Georgetown Independent School District. E-mail announcements will also be shared when possible if school is closing for an ice or snow storm.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are being released at 3:30 p.m. today, Thursday, January 21 thru FastDirct.

PRINCIPAL GLANDORF'S CORNER

Dear Zion Families,

I am truly enjoying my ministry here at Zion, serving as the school's principal. The first semester of this school year flew by and I'm excited as we launch into our second semester.

Towards the end of the first semester I shared with families who attended the last PTL "411" meeting that we are planning to change our mascot at Zion. I would like to explain to everyone the rationale behind this decision.

I understand there are many wonderful traditions at Zion Lutheran Church and School that need to be preserved for the connection it brings to the past and present families. I truly love being in a community that cherishes those traditions. When talking and visiting with several people about how our mascot was chosen, it is my understanding that when the dragon was selected, it was during a period of time when schools were choosing mascots with a medieval theme. If that is correct, I appreciate the reasoning behind the decision.

However, with that said, I struggle with our school having a dragon as their mascot. My feelings and concerns are Scripturally based. In Revelations 12: 7-9 (NIV), John writes, *“And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”*

Our goal at Zion is to build Christian leaders who are equipped to meet the challenges of today’s world. More importantly, we need to train and nurture our students to stand up for Biblical truths.

I have spent much time in thought and prayer about this change. I have checked with our Pastors and Leadership Team, the Board of Christian Education and our Faculty/Staff to determine whether or not the possibility of changing the mascot was a worthy endeavor. Additionally, I have spoken with many parents of children at Zion. All parties just mentioned were in favor of pursuing a different mascot or after hearing our rationale behind the decision have no longer expressed opposition. Thus a decision has been made to make a change beginning the 2010-11 school year.

We feel it is important that as adults we help our students better understand how the Bible portrays our current mascot. We certainly want to be sensitive to our students and how they feel about their school and mascot. Having school spirit and pride is very important and we don’t want that to be diminished here at Zion. We believe the students can get very excited about a new mascot if we involve them in the decision process.

In moving forward, we are asking our church and school families to submit potential names for a new mascot that are in line with what we teach here at Zion. We would like these suggestions delivered to the front office or emailed to me (steve.glandorf@zionwalburg.org) by February 15th, 2010. Beginning February 16th, a team of parents, faculty/staff and Board of Education members, will narrow the list down to three mascots. During the week of February 22nd, the student body will vote to determine the new mascot.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Make it a great day with the Lord!

Blessings,

Steve Glandorf
Principal

SPORTS NEWS

1. Parents, please be sure to read the “Sports News” section of the Dragon Tales every Thursday for updates and changes regarding the sports schedule.
2. ALL 4 TEAMS will travel to Round Rock Christian and Friday, January 22. THE JV GIRLS WILL CAR POOL FROM ZION AT 3 PM. ALL OTHER PLAYERS NEED TO ARRIVE AT RRCHRISTIAN ABOUT 30 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR GAME TIME. Game order is: JV-G 4pm.; JV-B 5pm.; VAR-G 6 pm.; VAR-B 7pm. Notes went home Tuesday with directions.
3. **SCHEDULE CHANGE: Wednesday, January 27**—The Varsity girls will play first at 4:00 pm. followed by the JV girls and JV boys ALL with Redeemer at Zion!!! Concession Stand Duty: 4:00 p.m., Lester Family; 5:00 p.m., Cohen and Byrne Families
4. CANCEL GAMES WITH BRENHAM ON JANUARY 29!!
5. Both JV teams will travel to Granger for 2 games with SSCM on Tuesday, February 2 at 4 pm. **THE BOYS WILL PLAY FIRST!** Transportation notes will go home on Thursday, January 28. We will car pool to Granger.
6. The final TALLS JV-BB tournament will take place on February 5/6 in Giddings-- TBA.
7. Both Varsity teams will travel to St. Paul, Austin on Tuesday, February 9, for 2 games with St. Paul beginning at 4:00 p.m. The boys will play first.
8. The final TALLS Varsity BB tournament will take place on February 13 ONLY in Thorndale---TBA.
9. The final state Varsity BB tourney will occur in Austin on February 19/20/21 –TBA.

HAITI HELP

In response to the earthquake in Haiti, the school is going to send much needed health kits through Lutheran World Relief. We are asking families make donations. You can provide individual items from the list below, or complete "kits," or money to purchase the items. The seventh grade class will be organizing the kits. Any extra money donations will be used to ship the items or to purchase material to make and send quilts that have also been requested. Donation boxes will be placed in the hallways or you can send money to the school office and mark it "Haiti donation." **Please send your items or money by Friday, January 29.**

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
 - One washcloth, dark color recommended
 - One bath-size bar (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
 - One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
 - One sturdy comb, remove packaging
 - One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)
 - Six Band-Aids® (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"; secure together with a rubber band
- Instructions for organizing a complete kit :* Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap smaller items in the washcloth; wrap washcloth and remaining items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

MONEY MATTERS WORKSHOP

Every day, kids are forming concrete opinions and attitudes about life and the meaning of money in their lives. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Zion PTL will be hosting interactive workshops for parents and kids on teaching money values January 20-24, 2010. Called **Parents, Kids, and Money Matters**, the workshop helps parents explore the concepts of consumerism, values, stewardship, and money choices. Parents also receive hands-on resources to use at home with their kids. During Zion's school day, a kick off event will be held in Chapel on Wednesday, January 20, and workshops will be presented on January 21 (Grades K-4) and 22 (Grades 5-8). These workshops will be in the Fellowship Hall and parents are highly encouraged to attend. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, January 22—6th Grade, 8:30-9:00 a.m.; 8th Grade, 9:00-9:30 a.m.; 5th Grade, 9:30-10:00 a.m.; 7th Grades, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

For all other families with children, a family workshop will be held Sunday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. We look forward to seeing you!

PSIA NEWS

Forms went home last week with final PSIA assignments. You and your child(ren) were given the rules/regulations for competing in each contest. A signature form was attached that is due back by Wednesday, January 27. This form states that you and your child(ren) understand the rules and understand what behavior expectations will be placed upon them at competition. Competition is Friday, February 26th in Giddings.

COMING NEXT WEEK: You will be receiving forms for payment of your child(ren) registrations fees. The fee will be \$3 per child per event. ZLS must pay \$5 per child per event. The remaining \$2 will be paid by ZLS PTL. Thank you PTL for your continued support of the PSIA program!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who are helping to coach our students this year. If you see them, please give them a little praise or words of encouragement. Coaches this year are: Tiffanee Thiele, Alicia Knippa, Shane Baylor, Jean Mersiovsky, Jill Dabney, Betzi Kelton, Suzan Winkelman, Mariann Brown, Melonie Martinez, Lynn Breckenridge, Rory Tyson, Heather Ullmann, Stephanie Sauls, Misha Lee and Dena Ebeling.

START OF BOOK STUDY

Paige Quinlivan (863-9802 or 635-9802 or email peq7115@hotmail.com) will be leading a study on the book, "Your Girl, Raising a Godly Daughter in an UnGodly World" by Vicki Courtney. This is a really great book and study for all moms of daughters. The study started today, Thursday, January 21 and will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. Next meeting will be next Thursday, January 28 to discuss the first two chapters. Notify Paige by email or phone for your copy of the book (\$15 each).

P.E. CLASS, SOUPER BOWL

During the next 2 weeks (January 25-February 5) please bring 2 cans (NO GLASS) of soup to P. E. Class. The students will be using the soup cans as weights. The cans of soup will then be donated to The Caring Place. Mrs. Bonnie McNemar, our representative here at Zion will be picking up the soup cans and delivering them to The Caring Place.

January 25-31, 2010

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Menu	Monday 25 Hot dog with Fixings Veggies Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Tuesday 26 Chicken Patty/Gravy Mashed Potato Green Beans Fruit Bread Milk	Wednesday 27 Sausage Wraps Tator Tots Veggies Fruit Milk	Thursday 28 Pancakes Bacon Hashbrowns Fresh Fruit Bread Milk	Friday 29 Tacos with fixings Rice Veggies Fruit Milk
Calendar	Monday 25 Faculty Devotions 7:40 a.m.; Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Tuesday 26 Band 7:30 a.m.; Faculty Devotions 7:40 a.m.; Boys Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Wednesday 27 Chapel 8:30 a.m. led by Mrs. Winkelman; JV Boys and Girls Basketball with Redeemer, Austin 4:00 p.m.	Thursday 28 Band 7:30; Faculty Devotions 7:40 a.m.; Boys Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00 p.m.; Early Childhood Conference	Friday 29 Faculty Devotions 7:40 a.m.; Early Childhood Conference
	Saturday 30 Early Childhood Conference	Sunday 31 Worship Services 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Christian Education 9:30 a.m.; Ministry Fair	Lunch, \$3.00 for students, \$3.25 for adults; 2 nd Entrée \$1.25; 2 nd Sides \$.25 each; Extra Milk \$.50 *** Lunch menu subject to change *** Zion Lutheran Church & School , 6101 FM 1105, Georgetown, TX 78626 Phone: 512-863-5345, Fax: 512-869-5659 Web Site: www.zionwalburg.org		