



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, February 17, 2010** led by **Mrs. Mersiovsky**. 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, February 10. They are Riley Brown, Eleesha Ebeling, Taylor Greve, Elliott Kulback, Kalynn Morriss, and Ronnie Stringer. Faculty person is Mrs. Fayrene Tonn.



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. You will be notified through FastDirect and e-mail announcements will also be shared when possible if school is closing for an ice or snow storm.

PEP RALLY

Pep Rally is scheduled for TOMORROW Friday, February 12, 8:30 a.m. Wear red.

NO SCHOOL

No school on Monday, February 15. No After School Care that day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Renee Matthew and her lunchroom staff received 0 demerits in their latest health inspection. Way to go!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PTL 411 Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. Agenda forth coming.

PRINCIPAL GLANDORF'S CORNER

Dear Zion Families,

For well over a century the Lord has richly blessed the ministry taking place at Zion Lutheran Church and School. This campus is steeped in rich tradition and history which makes it very special and unique. The school has and continues to be a vital part of the mission of our church. Members of our congregation and community who have graduated, as well as those who are still attending our school, take great pride in being a part of this family.

The purpose of this letter is to bring clarity to the process and reasoning for changing Zion's mascot. In communicating this to our Zion members and families, it was not our intention and we regret that some may have felt excluded from receiving the rationale for this decision. We truly want everyone to be informed and we want to be as transparent as possible in all things that are taking place on a daily basis here. We encourage and welcome any input from students, parents, congregational members and alumni. It is our goal to live in an environment whereby our family will feel comfortable coming to us when they have a question or concern. We are committed to having healthy conversations with one another and encourage open dialogue. We are always willing to listen to you!

As our school is moving forward in today's ever-changing world, along with many other things, the topic of changing our mascot came to the surface. First, there were strong feelings for how the Bible portrays our current mascot in the book of Revelation. Secondly, with the renovation of our gymnasium taking place this summer, many people felt that starting fresh with a new mascot was also a good idea.

We know the Dragon was selected by alumni of Zion in years past. We recognize the Dragon has been a part of a winning tradition at Zion for many years. We by no means are questioning the reasoning for the selection of this mascot. In fact, we respect that so many people have strong feelings and a connection with it.

Like you, we also respect the tradition and history of our school, even as we move in a new and exciting direction. Our challenge is to reach new generations with the Good News of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. We are preparing ourselves for growth and most importantly spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to more and more families of Williamson County.

In a previous mailing to congregation members and school families, we requested that anyone who had ideas for the name of the new mascot to please send them to us. To date, we have received over forty suggestions. Our plan is to have a team of students, Board of Education members, parents, faculty and alumni help us narrow the choices down to three. During the last week of February the current student body of Zion will vote for a new mascot. At the February 28th Voter's Meeting, the new mascot will be presented to the congregation to approve or deny the selection.

If this is the first time you have heard about the transitions that are taking place at Zion, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

God's blessings to you all,

Pastor John Davenport
Senior Pastor

Pastor Jim Craver
Executive Pastor

Kurt Niebuhr
Director of Christian
Education

Steve Glandorf
Principal

Mike Mersiosky
Board of Education -
Chair

Steve Glandorf
Principal

FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is being held on Monday, February 15th - thank you to PTL and Hospitality Committee for providing the food and drinks. After their meal, the teachers play a Gift Exchange game with unwrapped gifts. Donations are needed for this game. There is a box in the Workroom marked "Teacher Appreciation Donations" where you can put your items. Please remember the men when donating! Thank you for helping to make this a special and fun time for the teachers and staff who do so much for our children!

ENROLLMENT TIMETABLE

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| ▪ January 1 st to January 31 st | Existing school families |
| ▪ February 1 st to February 15 th | Zion Lutheran Church members |
| ▪ After February 15 th | Open Enrollment |

The month of January quickly flew by and February is already upon us. A couple of weeks ago we opened up our re-enrollment process for the 2010-11 school. Please take this as a friendly reminder to submit your re-enrollment paperwork NOW so you don't lose your priority status.

If you need additional information, please refer to the **Enrollment Policies & Procedures** we emailed to all families a couple of weeks ago.

When submitting your re-enrollment paperwork, please be sure to attach the non-refundable \$100 enrollment fee. This \$100 is applied to your registration fee. Note also that next year's registration fee is **\$350 if paid in full before April 1, \$400 if paid in full from April 1 to June 30, and \$450 if paid in full after June 30.**

Finally, it is very helpful and important that we know your enrollment plans early so the Administration and Board of Education can take the necessary steps in planning for the 2010-11 school year. We certainly appreciate your promptness in this matter.

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. The final TALLS Varsity BB tournament will take place on, SATURDAY, February 13, ONLY, in Thorndale. Boys play at 10 am. and girls at 11 am. at St. Paul School.
3. The final state Varsity BB tourney will occur in Austin on February 19/20/21. **GIRLS PLAY ON FRIDAY AT 7 PM. AT CONCORDIA SOUTH. BOYS PLAY FRIDAY AT 5 PM AT ST. PAUL AND IF THEY WIN, THEN AT 8 PM. AT ST. PAUL.** Tickets will be on sale next week for state tournament passes.

MARATHON KIDS

Final Mile for Marathon Kids is set for Saturday, February 20, 11:00 a.m. at Toney Burger Stadium. K-5th Graders are encouraged to attend. Call or email Mrs. Sullivan if you have questions.

JUMP/HOOPS FOR HEART TIME, FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Kindergarten -4th grades will be learning jump rope skills during their P. E. classes starting next week. Short ropes, long ropes, partner jumping and Chinese jump roping will be taught. The American Heart Association (AHA) has provided Zion with jump ropes and other teaching materials on jump roping. Remember this is a choice to participate in pledging a donation to them. A brochure was sent home with child(ren). All students (K-8th grades) may jump rope. The jump rope program is to teach the most important concept of all "taking care of our heart". 4th -8th grades also will have the option to participate in Hoops for Heart. The students will place a heart on the wall to know they are taking care of their hearts by jumping rope/shooting hoops. For those students who make the choice to help the AHA please return your pledge sheets by Wednesday, March 31.

P. E. CLASS, SOUPER BOWL

100 plus cans of soup were donated to The Caring Place, Georgetown. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. McNemar for picking up our cans and delivering them.

SOLES4SOULS

Zion Lutheran Church and School participated in a community-wide effort to collect shoes for the Soles4Souls, a shoe charity which donates shoes to adults and children in need. Zion collected 185 pair of shoes during the week of Jan. 31 through Feb. 5. These shoes will be shipped to Haiti for the earthquake victims. THANK YOU to all you donated!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

D. C. TRIPPERS FUNDRAISERS

Genghis Grill Fundraiser (Wolf Ranch location), TODAY, Thursday, February 11

Dine anytime between **11:00am - 9:00pm**. Don't forget to mention you are with Zion and 20% of your bill will go to help Zion Lutheran School's 8th grade class raise funds for their trip to Washington D.C. Again, thanks for your support!

Panda Express Fundraiser, NEXT Thursday, February 18th (Wolf Ranch location)

Bring in the attached flyer (click read only and print) anytime between **11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.** and 20% of your total order will go to help Zion Lutheran School's 8th grade class raise funds for their trip to Washington D.C. Dine-in or use the drive-thru. As always, thanks for your support!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

There will be a special presentation by Mark Schoepp from Wheat Ridge Ministries on Friday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m. before the Valentine's Day parties. Mark is sometimes known as Papa Fitz of the Fitz Family juggling ministry and will share a fun-filled show for the school children. Mark will also be leading a Bible study on Sunday morning, February 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the gymnasium on the subject of whole person health and some of the newest brain research. Don't miss these special opportunities for growth and fun.

EVENING CIRCLE CHILI SUPPER

Chili Supper sponsored by LWML Evening Circle on Wednesday, February 17 from 3:00-6:45 p.m. Freewill Offering with our student church workers receiving the proceeds. Join us also for Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 p.m. with communion.

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Menu	Monday 15 No School	Tuesday 16 Macaroni & Cheese Beans & Franks Veggies Fruit Milk	Wednesday 17 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Green Beans Rolls Fruit Milk	Thursday 18 Spaghetti /Meat Sauce Green Beans Fruit Bread Milk	Friday 19 Hot dog with Fixings Veggies Baked Beans Fruit Milk
Calendar	Monday 15 No School; Parent/Teacher Conference AM; Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon Noon; Teacher-In Service PM	Tuesday 16 Band 7:30 a.m.; Faculty Devotions 7:40 a.m.; Boys Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Wednesday 17 Chapel 8:30 a.m. led by Mrs. Mersiovsky; Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00 p.m.; Evening Circle Ash Wednesday Supper 3:00-6:45 p.m.; Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion 7:00 p.m.	Thursday 18 Band 7:30; Faculty Devotions 7:40 a.m.; Boys Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00 p.m.; Mid Quarter Reports Released 3:30 p.m.	Friday 19 Faculty Devotions 7:40 a.m.; State Varsity Basketball Tournament
	Saturday 20 State Varsity Basketball Tournament	Sunday 21 Worship Services 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Christian Education 9:30 a.m.; State Varsity Basketball Tournament	<p>Lunch, \$3.00 for students, \$3.25 for adults; 2nd Entrée \$1.25; 2nd 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</p>		