



Zion Classical Academy

# Monthly Newsletter

October 2025

## Changing of the Season

Fall is often a memorable season for students: the crisp change in the air, the anticipation or dread of early snow, the busy harvest, visits to pumpkin patches, and the shortening of daylight hours. Once fall break concludes, our school calendar offers few days off, and students quickly settle into a steady rhythm of learning, making remarkable progress.

Like farmers gathering crops in the fields, our students are beginning to harvest the fruits of their early efforts in the classroom. The foundations laid in the first weeks of school are producing growth: memorized Scripture, sharpened skills, and strengthened character.

One of the hardest lessons to learn is to keep doing good, working hard, and not giving up. "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). We hope to teach the wisdom that we should do good, even if others do not, for we are called to belong to Jesus Christ.



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## Important Announcements

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### Cooler Weather

The morning weather in October can be quite chilly in Nebraska. Please make sure students come prepared by having a jacket or coat, hats, and gloves. We will continue being outside for recess, as weather permits, and it will be more enjoyable for students if they are well dressed for the Nebraska October temperature swings! Please be sure to put names on tags of clothing that can be easily lost.

### Smart Devices and Toys

Students are reminded that toys, such as Pop-Its and other fidgets, are prohibited. Such items need to be left at home or in backpacks. Teachers can collect these items if they are not put away, and parents can pick them up after school.

Cell phones, and smartwatches, are not allowed to be used on the school campus. Phones can be left in backpacks. If students use them in hallways, on the playground, or during lunchtime, teachers can collect them. Parents can pick them up after school.

## Art, Music, and PE

At ZCA, students have the chance to explore a variety of subjects with teachers beyond their regular classroom. In visual art, Mrs. Shriver guides students as they develop their skills, connect with the history and meaning behind works of art, and practice techniques that strengthen their craftsmanship.

Each student also visits the music classroom twice a week, where they explore both vocal and instrumental music. Through fun games and activities, students build music literacy, develop their skills, and discover the joy of making music together.

Physical Education is offered twice weekly as well, giving students opportunities to grow their bodies and confidence. In PE, students learn gross motor skills, practice positive competition, and develop healthy habits that support strong and active bodies.



## Cornucopia is Almost Here!

Our annual Cornucopia event will be held on November 15th at 6:30 pm. This year, Mr. Adams and Mr. Fink will co-host the evening's festivities. Cornucopia is one of only a few fundraisers we hold each year, making it a very important event for our school community.

Join us for the cake sale of cake sales as Ruhter's Auction helps auction off the cakes, and enjoy an evening of community, fun, and giving. We can't wait to see you there!

**Each family is required to volunteer time at Cornucopia or FIRE (spring fundraiser).** Sign-ups for specific tasks will be sent at a later date. Tasks include: table set-up, pre-event organizing, event service, post-event clean-up, and many more. Families do not need to sponsor a table to serve.





## Parent Teacher Conferences

Our parent-teacher conferences will be held on **October 14th and 16th** from **3:30 to 6:00 pm**. These conferences are a wonderful opportunity to connect with your child's teacher or teachers, celebrate their successes, and discuss ways to support their growth.

A Google document sign-up will be sent home through email soon. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's learning journey.



## Lunch Payments

Lunches can now be paid online through your TADS Educate log-in. To make a payment:

1. Log in to your TADS Educate account.
2. On the standard dashboard, locate Point of Sale.
3. You can view your lunch balance and click Make a Payment to complete your transaction.
4. Please note that credit card payments include a 2.99% processing fee, which will be added to your total.

Traditional payments can also be made in the office with cash or check, or sent to school with your student. Please ensure that any cash or check is placed in an envelope with your student's name clearly written on it. Credit cards can also be used in the office, but the 2.99% processing fee still applies.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your account, please contact the school office at 402-462-5012 or [office@zionclassical.org](mailto:office@zionclassical.org).

The screenshot shows the TADS Educate dashboard for a student named Faye. The dashboard is organized into several sections:

- Announcements:** No announcements.
- Current Grades:** Shows grades for Faye, including Homeroom - Pre-Kindergarten and Music - Pre-Kindergarten, both with "No scores posted". A "Print Progress Report" button is available.
- School Information:** Displays the Zion Classical Academy logo and the motto "Veritas • Sanientia • Virtus".
- Attendance:** Shows attendance for Faye for the 2025-2026 year, with "No Time Missed".
- Current Report Card:** Shows the current report card for Faye, including the School Year (2024-2025), Grading Period (Quarter 4), and a "Preview" button.
- School Schedule:** Shows the school schedule for Faye, including an "All Teachers Meeting - All School Track - Teacher Workshop" on 09/26/25.
- Course Documents:** No documents.
- Point of Sale Balance:** This section is circled and shows the balance for Faye as -\$8.25. A "Make Payment" button is prominently displayed.
- Student Class Schedule:** A "Print Student Class Schedule" button is available.

# OCT 2025



MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

01

No School

02

No school

03

No School

06

Biscuits And  
Gravy

07

Lasagna

PTU Meeting  
@6:30

08

Ham and  
Potatoes  
Casserole  
PK-2nd field trip

09

Pizza Bake

10

Chili Dogs

13

Broccoli Soup  
or Chili

14

Crispitos  
Refried Beans

15

Chicken Bacon  
Ranch Wraps

16

Fish Sticks

17

No School

20

Beef And  
Veggie Soup

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Chicken Pot Pie

22

Ham Carrots  
and Rolls

23

Chicken Alfredo

24

Grilled cheese  
And Tomato  
Soup

27

Cooks Choice

28

Tater Tot  
Casserole

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Chicken Strips

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Sweet And Sour  
Chicken w/ Rice

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EARLY OUT  
Little Caesars

ZCA is an equal opportunity provider.  
Fresh fruit and vegetables available daily.







Zion Classical Academy's  
5th Annual  
**CORNUCOPIA**

— Dessert Auction —

**SATURDAY**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2025**

465 Marian Rd, Hastings, NE 68901

Doors open at 6:30pm

Prime Rib Dinner served at 7:00pm  
provided by Well Sauced BBQ and Catering  
**Dessert Auction Following Dinner**

Every dollar raised is matched  
up to \$75,000 thanks to the generous  
support of the Thom Foundation

**Dinner  
Sponsor  
\$300**

Your name or business  
will be advertised at the  
buffet table  
Tickets NOT included

**Reserved  
Table  
\$350**

Includes 8 tickets  
  
AND your name or  
business advertised  
at your table

**Event  
Sponsor  
\$500**

Your name or business  
will be advertised LIVE  
at & throughout the event  
Tickets NOT included



To be a sponsor or to reserve a table, contact ZCA directly at  
402-462-5012 or email Brittany at [office@zionclassical.org](mailto:office@zionclassical.org)