



Monthly Newsletter

November 2025



Our Treasure

In just fifteen years, every student in our school will have graduated from high school, entered college, or perhaps even begun a family of their own. To our children, fifteen years feels like a lifetime away. For those of us a bit older, that same span of time can feel like only yesterday. Time with our families is an irreplaceable gift, and this season invites us to give thanks to God for all that He has provided.

What do we treasure, and where is our heart? As the holidays approach, it's easy to become swept up in the noise of commercialization. We might find ourselves more like the rich young ruler than we'd care to admit. Scripture reminds us, "Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).

Will our children see where our hearts truly lie in the time we have with them? Will they see the joy that comes from serving others, from giving freely, and from loving our neighbors? "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Corinthians 9:6). May we sow generously in this season of gratitude, so that our children may learn the true treasure of a thankful heart.

Important Announcements

Lunch Time

Lunches at ZCA are a balanced way for students to eat! We provide multiple lunch choices and a salad bar stocked with fresh vegetables and fruits.

If students bring their lunches from home, please send foods that are balanced, too. Proteins, fruits, vegetables, and a small treat is appropriate for dietary needs for growing bodies and minds. Please limit sugary sources of food as it can cause tummy and head aches. Soda is not allowed.

Inclemental Weather

Snow and cold weather days are not uncommon in our area. If the weather creates an unsafe environment for students to travel to school, ZCA may choose to cancel classes for the day.

Zion Classical Academy will announce any snow days or late starts through Tads, Facebook, and our local news stations.

Typically, the office will not be staffed during these days.



Crossroads Food Drive November 3-21

A food drive is a simple and meaningful way to help families in need. Students and families bring in nonperishable food items, such as canned goods, boxed meals, pasta, or rice, during a set collection period. The school collects these donations, and we will deliver them to Crossroads. Every contribution, big or small, helps ensure others have enough to eat, especially during the holiday season.

Please ensure items are within their date, undamaged, and shelf-stable. If you wish to contribute refrigerated items, please bring them directly to Crossroads.

December Calendar Update

On **December 5**th, there will be no afterschool care.

There is an error on the 2025-26 Master Calendar; **December 19**th is supposed to read as a 12:30 pm dismissal time. Lunch will be served, but there is no after-school care.



Artists of November

Visual Artists

- Rembrandt van Rijn Renowned for his masterful use of light and shadow, Rembrandt captured human emotion and biblical scenes with unparalleled depth.
- Johannes Vermeer Celebrated for quiet, luminous paintings of everyday life and masterful attention to light and detail.

Music Artists

- George Frideric Handel A composer of grand operas, oratorios, and instrumental works,
 Handel's music is celebrated for its dramatic expression and melodic richness.
- Antonio Vivaldi known as the "Red Priest"- composed virtuosic concertos, including The Four Seasons, which showcase the Baroque energy and style.

Music Performances

We would like to thank our music teachers for their outstanding work this year. In general music, we have Ms. Post; in band, we have Mr. Kirkpatrick; and offering piano lessons is Mrs. Zwick.

Piano students will be performing at their first recital on November 7^{th} at 6:00 pm in Zion's sanctuary.

Students in grades 3-5 will be singing at the Celebration of Lights on November 20th at 4:45 pm, downtown Hastings. They will perform Christmas songs and kick off the evening's event.

Our Christmas concert will take place on December 8th at 6:00 pm in the Rief Performance Center (gym). This concert will include all students in our school.



Field Trips

Field trips are experiences our children remember for a lifetime. Trips out of school are a valuable asset to classical education, providing experiential opportunities to explore history, culture, art, and geography.

Field trips can help students develop a broader perspective on the world, and can help them develop skills such as observation, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and teamwork.

November 1st - Dress Code Pants Nov 1 - Mar 1

Shorts, skirts, dresses, jumpers, and skorts may be worn without leggings prior to November 1st and after March 1st. From November 1st – March 1st, black leggings/tights must be worn underneath. Time to stay warm and wear pants!





Cornucopia, November 15

Our annual event will take place on November 15th at 6:30 pm. Mr. Adams and the Board of Directors president, Mr. Fink, will co-host the evening's events. We still have a few tables available.

We are asking if families would donate money toward the event through teacher donations. Teachers would be able to use this money to bid on desserts at the auction. Any amount is helpful, and all donations are matched through the Thom Foundation!

Thanksgiving Lunch

Thanksgiving Lunch will be on Tuesday, November 25th. Our kitchen staff is seeking two to three volunteers to assist with preparing items. The kitchen will serve turkey, green beans, dinner rolls, stuffing, and pistachio pudding.

Volunteer times would start at 9:00 am. Clean-up should be finished by about 1:00 pm. If you wish to help, please contact our office or email ksutton@zionclassical.org.

Parents may choose to eat with us during that day. Any parent wanting to join for lunch must RSVP by calling the office by November 21st.



Important November Dates

November 4th--PTU Meeting 6:00 pm Meal, 6:30 Meeting

November 7th-- Piano Recital, 6:00 pm

November 17th-- ACLEA Parent Meeting, Zoom 7:00 pm

November 20th-- Celebration of Lights (3rd-5th Grade)

November 21st-- Crossroads Food Drive Ends

November 21st-- No After School Care (Staff Meeting)

November 25th-- Thanksgiving Meal





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Cook's Choice Crispitos Turkey Goulash Popcorn

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W/Beans Sandwich Chicken with
PTU 6:30 pm French Fries

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Pizza Bake Ham, Beans Hamburgers Tater Tot Sloppy Joes
Corn Bread w/Bun Casserole

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Cook's Choice Crispitos Lasagna Chicken Strips BBQ Little
With Beans w/tots Smokies

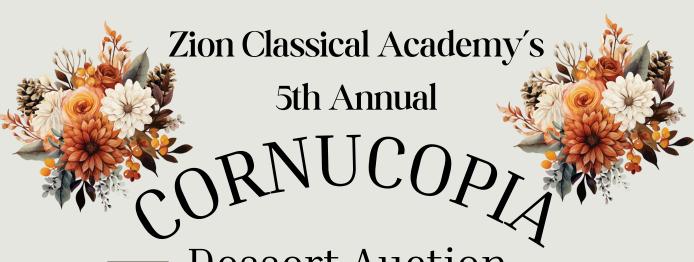
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Popcorn Thanksgiving No School No School No School
Chicken Lunch
Come Eat with

Your Child!







— 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 orbusiness
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 nameor 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

PIANO & VOICE LESSONS

CarrieZ Music Studio

(317)752-8899 zwick.carrie@gmail.com

- 25+ years experience teaching piano and voice
- Beginner to advance lessons
- Additional experience as a professional accompanist and organist



Carrie is an accomplished music teacher with a Master's Degree in Music from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is a past member of the Ft. Wayne Bach Collegium, Indianapolis Symphony Choir, Rhodes College Master Singers, and various community choirs. She also has performed in various operas with Projeckt Opera in Fishers, Indiana.

Rates: \$32 dollars for a 30 min. lesson Family, monthly, and cash discounts available.

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GENERAL	All clothing must be appropriately-sized Clothing must be also must and in social and division.	Holes, tears, distressing Guardia (acids from 700 leas)
	• Clothing must be clean, neat and in good condition	• Graphics (aside from ZCA logo)
	Clothing should reflect the school's rationale for implementing uniforms Students were the school of the	- X7: 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Tops	 Students must wear approved school polo shirts (short-sleeved or long- sleeved) from our vendor of choice 	• Visible undergarments with the exception of white, gray, or black undershirt visible
	Students may wear plain black or gray long-sleeved t-shirts under school	around neck
	polos	Patterned, sheer, transparent undershirts
	Students may wear a solid black or gray cardigan or sweater over school	Coats, hooded sweatshirts, over-sized
	polos (with or without school logo)	sweaters worn inside the building
	Shirts must be tucked in	
Bottoms	• Pants, capris, shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses and jumpers may be worn in	Tight, form-fitting yoga pants, leggings
	khaki tan or black. We prefer you buy these items from uniform lines	(unless worn under a skirt). Alternately,
	including, but not limited to: Lands' End, The Children's Place, Walmart,	loose pajama or harem-style pants.
	Amazon and Target	• Short or immodest shorts, dresses or skirts
	• Short, skirt, dress, jumper and skort lengths must be no shorter than 3	• Jeans or Cargo pants/shorts (with the
	inches above the top of the kneecap	exception of Fridays)
	 Shorts, skirts, dresses, jumpers and skorts may be worn without leggings prior to November 1st and after March 1st. From November 1st – March 1st, 	Athletic pants or sweatpants
	black leggings/tights must be worn underneath.	Patterned pants or those with graphics
	• Appropriate shorts or tights must be worn underneath dresses, jumpers and skirts	
	 Dresses and jumpers must have ZCA logo on them. Shirts worn underneath them are not required to have the ZCA logo. 	
	• Belts are optional unless needed to keep pants up. Neutral-colored belts only	
Shoes & Socks	Black, white, gray, brown or tan socks and shoes	Neon shoes or socks
	• Colored socks and shoes will be permitted if it matches the student's polo	• Flip-flops, crocs, slippers, etc.
	shirt	Open-toed shoes
	• Sandals are permitted in the same calendar dates as shorts	Elevated heel shoes
S	Shoes must have closed backs	1 2 30
\mathcal{U}	 Earrings, necklaces, and bracelets should be of modest size 	• Inappropriate, excessive, distracting
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Make -Up	 Must appear natural, modest, and not in excess 	Bright make-up that would serve as a
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Hair	Clean, neat, and not distracting	Bright colored/dyed hair
	• Natural hair colors and styled out of eyes	Oversized or distracting hair accessories
	• Practical accessories (bows, headbands, hair ties) that align with school's	
	previously laid out color scheme	
Hats	May be worn outside in cold weather and in designed manner	• Hats will not be permitted in building
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Casual Fridays	• Jeans, jean shorts, cargo pants, cargo shorts are permitted on Fridays	• Cut-off jean shorts
	(shorts are subject to permitted season)	All other previously mentioned pant
	ZCA school t-shirts are permitted on Fridays	guidelines stand on this day, with the
	School sweatshirts are also permitted on Fridays	exception of jeans and cargo pants
	Student may choose to wear regular uniform on Fridays	

^{*}Preschoolers will follow the same dress code, except that they will wear ZCA t-shirts instead of polos, and may also wear solid-colored leggings (khaki, tan or black) as bottoms.