

ZCHS Review



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From the principal...

Welcome to the 2011/2012 school year at Zionsville Community High School. We have been hard at work over the summer preparing to welcome a number of new faces to our campus. This fall we will be welcoming 443 incoming freshmen, 447 sophomores, 463 juniors, 454 seniors, and nine new certified staff members. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the newest members of the ZCHS team.

Matt Averill – Introduction to Chemistry/Physics
Matt has been with the Zionsville Community Schools for 15 years. Previous teaching assignments have been at Kendallville High School, Zionsville Lower Middle School and Stonegate Elementary School. Matt earned a B.A. in Geology from Albion College and an M.S. in Hydrogeology from Indiana University Bloomington. In his spare time Matt enjoys aviation, cycling, SCUBA diving, astronomy and travel.

Ashley Fox – Algebra I, Pre Calculus, Probability/Statistics
Ashley earned a B.S. in Mathematics Education from Purdue University, Lafayette. She formerly taught at Hamilton Southeastern High School and also has some experience using her math skills in the business industry. She has coached students in various state-wide academic competitions, and her teams were two-time runners up in the Brain Game.

Margo Hoaglan – Resource for 9th Grade
Margo has four years of previous teaching experience in Avon Community Schools and Indianapolis. After starting her family, Margo returned to education as an Instructional Assistant at ZCHS last year. Mrs. Hoaglan earned her B.S. in Special Education from Indiana State University. She is excited to start her new teaching position this year at the high school. Margo was a high school and collegiate cheerleader and still teaches recreational gymnastics for 2 – 12 year olds.

Tammy Nowakowski - Physical Education
Tammy is from the Bluegrass State, Kentucky, and earned her B.A. from Morehead State University. She completed her Master's Degree online at Nova Southeastern University. After graduating from college, Tammy taught Elementary P.E. in Morehead, Kentucky, for three years. She moved to Zionsville in 1992, and this will be her 19th year teaching in Zionsville. She is excited to be teaching at the high school level after teaching for 21 years at the elementary level. Some of her hobbies include working out, gymnastics, hiking, scrapbooking, traveling to new places, gardening, and spending time with her daughter.

Kristen Perry – Spanish III and Spanish IV H
Kristen earned her B.A. in Spanish Education from Indiana State University and her M.S. in Language Education from IUPUI. She also participated in an exchange program through the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her previous work

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Principal Tim East greets parents at Back-to-School day.

From the Principal continued...

in the education field has included teaching at Westfield High School and the Paramount School of Excellence, and being an ENL Liaison at Wayne Township and an English Language Learning Specialist at the Indiana Department of Education. She's interested in participating in programs geared toward exchange students, the international field, and anything involving cultural diversity and awareness.

Pam Quigg – Intro 2D Art, Intro 3D Art, Painting I

Pam has previous teaching experience at Mt. Vernon High School and West Aurora High School. She earned a B.F.A. in Photography/Art History from the University of Illinois, Urbana, and her M.S. in Education from Northern Illinois University. Pam was a coach and co-captain of the Illinois Women's Lacrosse Team, and has also coached cheerleading.

Patrick Soboleski– Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus

Patrick is relocating to Indianapolis from South Bend, where he taught math at St. Joseph's High School. He earned a B.S. in Mathematics, a B.A. in Japanese, and an M.S. in Mathematics from Purdue University. He was also a Teaching Assistant in the Math Department at Purdue and was an Associate Faculty member for the University of Phoenix. Patrick's interests include photography, skiing, and working with computers.

Guidance Counselors:

Dana Nelson – Serving students with last names beginning Sd-Z
Dana did her undergraduate work at

Purdue University and earned an M.S. through Indiana University. She has been working in Zionsville schools for five years as a middle school counselor. Dana's interests include reading, music, and spending time with family and friends.

Kristen Stachura – Serving students with last names beginning Md-Sc
Kristen is so excited to be working at ZCHS this year. Prior to coming to the high school, she was a counselor for eight years at Zionsville Middle School and taught middle school science at St. Matthew School. Kristen received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Indiana University ...Go, HOOSIERS! She loves hanging out with her family, boyfriend, and two dogs (Emmie and Rudy) in her spare time. She also enjoys going on walks, bike rides, reading on her awesome Kindle, boating, mom and daughter shopping trips and family vacations! Kristen is looking forward to getting to know all of you this year so stop by and say Hi!

Instructional Assistants:

Melissa Brown – STEP Facilitator for Julie Noel's class

Madonna McGovern – IA for Margo Hoaglan's class

Peggy Ross – IA for Katie O'Brien's class

Welcome to another exciting year at ZCHS!

Your Partner in Education,

PTO News

Hi and Welcome Back!

It seems like we went straight from rain at the end of the school year to 90 degree (and above) weather that lasted right through to Freshman Orientation! I hope you survived the long, hot summer and are as ready as possible to start a new school year.

Many thanks to all of the PTO volunteers who helped with registration for Freshman Orientation on August 5th and who donated salads, chips, cookies, brownies and bottled water for the Staff Back to School lunch on August 11th. It was great to welcome the new freshman class to the ZCHS and to show the teachers and staff how much we

appreciate them as they too start a new school year.

The PTO encourages students, shows appreciation to our teachers and staff and provides resources to enhance the educational experience at the ZCHS. In the 2010/2011 school year the ZCHS PTO directly contributed \$13,818 to the high school! It's not too late to partner with us—membership information can be found on the school website or at www.zchspto.org.

Wishing you a happy and successful 2011/2012 school year,
Jo Denne



Jo Denne
ZCHS PTO President

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WELCOME CLASS OF 2015

As an Assistant Principal positioned in the Freshman Center, one of my administrative opportunities is to work with our freshman students on their transition to high school. Our experience tells us that the transition to high school can be a very stressful experience for many students; however, we are committed to helping all students find personal success with their transition and are confident that our structure and organization will ensure a positive start to the high school career for all students. Research shows that a good start academically, emotionally and socially helps students create positive connections at school. In turn, these positive connections lead to a high level of

engagement and achievement that students will use as a springboard toward future success.

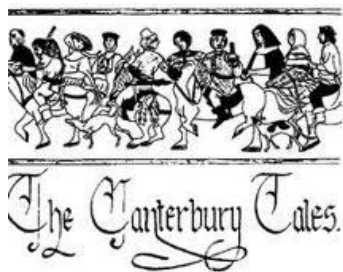
Please remember that my door is always open if your son or daughter experiences anything less than a positive beginning to the new school year. I consider it part of my personal mission to help all students enjoy a positive experience at Zionsville Community High School and will work to assist in any way I can.

Yours in education,
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Sophomore Honors English

The 10th grade Honors English classes will be going on its annual *Canterbury Tales* Pilgrimage again this year. The tentative date is Friday, September 9. This year we are able to go because of a generous PTO grant that will provide the transportation. Teachers could really use parent or grandparent chaperones. If anyone is interested or has questions, please contact Ann Bender at abender@zcs.k12.in.us. More details will be given to students as school begins.

What Door Do Students Use?

Door #1 - Main Office Entry

Door # 41 - Back To School Entry located off the parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts & Hal Sharp Road

Door #9 - Bus Drop Off on the north side of the connector hallway

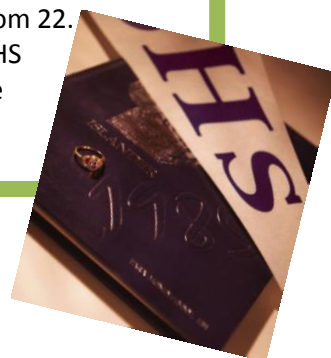
Door #26 - Entry on the south side of the connector hallway, will be open each day at 7:20 for students arriving on campus for morning clubs, athletic practice, breakfast, or a scheduled meeting with a teacher.

ZCHS Open House September 14

ZCHS Open House 2011 will take place on Wednesday, September 14. This event is for parents, not students, and will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Varsity Gym where parents will be greeted by administrators, including new ZCHS principal Tim East. At 6:00 p.m. parents will follow their student's schedule with each class lasting 10 minutes with 7 minute passing periods. The evening should end by 8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet your student's teachers, hear their expectations for the school year and see for yourself how far your child really does walk every day! The PTO will be providing water, cookies and membership forms at the PTO tables in the Freshman Center and the high school.

Aerie Yearbook

Attention Parents: The last day to place an order for the 2011/ 2012 Aerie yearbook, as well as purchase a "Senior Advertisement" in the yearbook, is **Monday, September 12, 2011**. Yearbook and senior ad order forms may be picked up in the front office of ZCHS, or in the journalism room 22. Yearbooks begin at \$60, and checks may be made out to ZCHS Aerie. If you do not pre-order a yearbook, you may purchase one at yearbook distribution in May of 2012.



Guidance News

Your counselors this year are:

New Guidance Counselor Assignments for 2011-2012

A-Da - Mr. Kirkham

Db-Hi - Mrs. Ludwa

Hj - Mc - Mrs. Petrocelli

Md - Sc – Ms. Stachura – we welcome her from ZMS!

Sd - Z - Mrs. Nelson – we welcome her from ZWMS!

It's that time of year again – guidance offices are filled with student requests for transcripts, recommendation letters, and yes – even the **seniors** themselves!

Counselors have started meeting with seniors and will continue to do so into October and November. At this “senior meeting” they discuss several aspects of life after high school. Many students plan to attend college after graduation, so the focus is often on topics that pertain to the college search and application process; however, know that counselors are also well informed on other options should your student *not* be considering college at this time.

It is often said that **junior year** is the “exploration year” for students: take time to explore their college interests, go on some college visits, start preparing for the SAT and/or ACT, and start thinking about likes and dislikes, potential areas of study and career options. Now is a great time, if

students haven't already, to begin a student resume of activities and awards. The GPA students have at the end of their junior year is the GPA that is sent to colleges, so it is important that the grades this year stay strong or improve from past years. Colleges will consider a student's *grade trend* – that is, their GPA from semester to semester. Does it improve? Does it level out? Does it go down? Is there a semester that dipped for a particular reason (illness, a move, an injury, etc.)? What all want to see is a *positive grade trend* where grades improve semester to semester.

For **sophomores**, this year is really about grades and starting to get involved. Sophomore year is a great time to continue developing good study habits (turn off the computer, video games, and TV during study time!) and to continue involvement in student organizations. Finding an activity can often lead students to discover their strengths. It's important to remember that *depth* of involvement in an activity is often more important than *breadth* of involvement; in other words, students will do best to consider being heavily involved in a few clubs rather than signing up for a slew of clubs. The opportunity to have leadership roles or be key people on committees and

share responsibility with others is key. Also, sophomores will take the PSAT in October, which will expose them to a college admissions test.

And what about the **freshmen**?

It's never too early to start! Help them to realize that colleges will look at their cumulative GPA by the end of junior year. This means that their freshman year represents *one-third* of that GPA. Consider: Every “C” a student gets must be balanced by an “A” in order to get a “B” average. Colleges are reporting average GPAs for their current freshmen are over 3.0 – that's a “B” average. Take freshmen along with older siblings on college visits. Encourage involvement in activities that interest them. *Learn good study skills, time management practices, and self-advocacy*: help them create study environments without distractions like Facebook, television, or the constant beep of text messages; encourage the use of the school planner or another calendar that can help them learn to plan in advance for major projects and exams; include them in conversations with teachers when there are questions about course content or their grades. Start collecting information from colleges regarding required courses for admission so that we can all appropriately plan their schedule choices for the next few years.



Guidance News: Local College Fairs Fall 2011

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 7:00 p.m.

COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES COLLEGE FAIR

Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Ballroom 6-10, 350 West Maryland St, Indianapolis, IN 46225

The program begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. with a 30-minute information session, and a college fair begins immediately afterwards, lasting approximately 1.5 hours.
<http://www.ctcl.org/events/indianapolis10>

Thursday, Sept 1 2011 Fall Family Meeting: information for families with juniors and seniors

ZCHS PAC 7:00 pm

Friday, September 2, 2011, 8:30-10:30 a.m. (parents encouraged to attend if possible!)

ZIONSVILLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FAIR

Tuesday, September 28, 2011, 6:30-8:30 pm

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR <http://nccf.us/view-fair.php?fid=32>

Heritage Christian School, 6401 East 75th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250

Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Indiana Association of College Admissions Counseling (IACAC) Fair

Indianapolis Westside – Ben Davis High School

Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 9:00a.m. - Noon and 6:00-8:00 pm

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELING (NACAC) fair

<http://www.nacacnet.org/EventsTraining/CollegeFairs/ncf/Fall/Pages/09FInd.aspx>

Indiana Convention Center, downtown Indianapolis. This is a big one! This national fair will see over 5,000 students in one day. Schools from across the U.S. will be there. The website is also a great resource for tips on visiting a college fair and the entire college search and application process!



Textbook Rental Procedures

In an ongoing effort to create efficiencies and insure related cost savings, ZCS is implementing a textbook rental procedure change. We will be mailing fee statements in stages relating to the grade level of your child(ren). Textbook rental fees are to be paid in full by the due dates listed below:

- Elementary (PK – 4) – mailed **7/1**, due by **8/1**
- Middle School (5 – 8) – mailed **8/26**, due by **9/26**
- High School (9 – 12) – mailed **9/15**, due by **10/17**

Payments can only be made by credit card, cash or check. A letter outlining the various payment methods will be included with the Fee statements.

Eagle Fest 2011 At ZCHS

**Friday, August 19th
5 – 7 p.m.**

To benefit all high school & middle school athletic programs

Advance Sale: \$6.00 (*Kern Bros. Shoes, ZCHS, ZMS, ZWMS*)
 \$8.00 at the door (*does not include game admission*)

Entertainment / Food / Music

*Presented by your Athletic Booster Club
 Special thanks to: Coca-Cola, Texas Roadhouse,
 Marvel Us Parties, Marsh*

Cafeteria News

Parent/Visitor Access During the School Day

Door #1 will be the only access point for parents and visitors during the school day (8:10 - 3:45). There is guest parking along the sidewalk just outside of our main entry. All visitors are required to sign-in in the main office before visiting our campus. Student drivers arriving on campus after an appointment may enter through doors 26 and 41. There are monitored buzzers located at these doors to allow our office staff to admit students returning to campus

This year the cafeteria is using a new Point of Sale (POS) system that offers many convenient features. After August 15, 2011 watch for details specifically on the new online payment option.

For ease of use, Lunch Pin numbers (or Quick IDs) are the same as last year. New students should

have been assigned a Quick ID earlier in August. A practice pin pad is available on the [cafeteria website](#).

Rest assured, lunch account balances carried over from last year for students in grades 1 – 11 regardless of which ZCS school your child is attending this year.

Applications for Free or Reduced Meals and other benefits can be submitted at any time throughout the year. For more cafeteria information, please refer to our [ZCS Food Service website](#).

Professional Learning Days

We have scheduled the following dates for the 2011-2012 Professional Learning Communities (PLC) meetings. Please remember that on these dates classes will begin at 8:50 am. Students that ride the bus to school or are dropped off early will report to prearranged supervised areas in the building until classes begin.

September 20
October 4
October 18
November 1
November 15
December 6
December 17

February 7
February 21
March 6
March 20
April 17
May 1
May 15

Messages/Deliveries

Messages and deliveries, including forgotten homework, are welcome. Items and messages will be kept in the main office until students are able to pick them up at an appropriate time. We will make announcements at the beginning of 2nd period (9:07) and near the end of 7th period (3:15) to alert students to come by the office.

College Visits: A Planning Checklist

Written by Jennifer Gross

Every college visit should have at least two dimensions—formal and informal—notes Janet Schneider, director of college counseling at the University School of Nashville (TN). To cover both dimensions, begin your planning with the following checklist. And to make sure you get to see everything you need to, don't forget to call the college ahead of time and schedule your visit!

Formal

- Take a campus tour
- Have an interview with admission officer
- Participate in group information session at the admission office
- Sit in on a class (or two!)
- Talk to a professor (or two) in your chosen major(s)
- Talk to a coach in your chosen sport
- Talk to a student or counselor in the career center
- Spend the night in the dorm with a current student



Informal

- Read the student newspaper—even the ads
- Try to find other student publications—department newsletters, 'alternative' newspapers, literary reviews
- Eat in the cafeteria
- Ask a student why he/she chose this college
- Wander around the campus by yourself
- Search for your favorite book in the library
- Read the bulletin boards in the student union
- Ask a student what he/she hates about the college
- Browse in the college bookstore
- Read the bulletin boards in the academic department you're interested
- Eavesdrop on students to hear what they're talking—or complaining—about
- Ask a student what he/she loves about the college
- Surf the Net in the student computer center
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus
- Ask a student what he/she does on weekends
- Listen to the college's radio station
- Try to see a dorm that you didn't see on the tour

