

# ZCHS Review



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## From the principal...

In my nightstand I have a shoebox full of every card and letter my wife and children have ever given me. I do not get them out often but I do treasure each handmade Father's Day card and personal note of love and encouragement. All this to say, I am a confessed softie and appreciate a good old fashioned handwritten letter. However, I also try to live by the "Platinum Rule - Do unto others as they want to be done unto." It is this twist on the classic "Golden Rule" and has prompted ZCHS' move into the world of social networking and electronic communication.

Last year we launched our Student and Parent Update emails each Friday and the informal feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. If you are not in the habit of reading this weekly update I encourage you to check out the new format and brief reminders highlighting important events, scholarship deadlines, and school activities. This update in conjunction with our website and daily announcement link are great sources of information for students and parents. This fall we have also launched our Facebook page to provide another information source for updates and pictures to those stakeholders who prefer their access via a social media outlet. You can join our growing list of friends on the [ZCHS Facebook](#) page.

The electronic access to information for and about our students is

continually growing and improving. Angel, PEP, teacher email, and websites allow students and parents almost instantaneous access to assignments, grade progress, and communication. With all of these tools in place there is still a lot to be said for the personal support that grows from open house and teacher conference times. This year we will be moving to electronic calendars for scheduling parent/teacher conferences on October 18 and 19. On Friday, September 23 we posted directions on both our website and each course's Angel page for parents to logon and select your appointment times. We are excited that this process will allow parents to schedule time for these important meetings from any location with internet access.

As your partners in education we hope that you will find each of these communication channels helpful. Hugh Downs, award winning anchor of the TV news magazine 20/20, summed our goal up well with his famous closing tagline, "We're in touch, so you be in touch."

Your Partner in Education,



Jo Denne  
ZCHS PTO President

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## PTO News

Looking outside I can't believe the leaves are already changing on the trees: summer is definitely over and we are well into this school year and headed towards the end of the first nine weeks!

I hope this has been a great start to the school year for all of you. If this is your first year at ZCHS, either as a freshman parent or as a new parent to the school I hope that you are feeling much more at home than you did just a few weeks ago. As a PTO we are working to make transitioning to the high school as good of an experience as possible and would love to hear your feedback on Freshman and New Student Orientation. If there is anything you think could have been done differently please let us know so we can pass on the information to the school and work on making the PTO

as welcoming as possible.

A big thanks to all the volunteers who answered our requests for help and donations already this year, especially the hundreds of bottles of water donated for Open House and the volunteers who spent hours stuffing envelopes in the office! Your generosity means we can continue to show appreciation to students and staff throughout the school year while using as much money as possible from PTO membership donations to fund teacher grants, putting your money back into classrooms. One of our big donations to ZCHS this year is to fund field trip transportation costs and we'll keep you updated on other projects and grants we are able to fulfill throughout the year.

Thanks for all you do,  
*Jo Denne*



Amy Emkow, the Peer Facilitating coordinator for ZCS says thank you to all the PTO organization from each school. PTO made a monetary donation to the Peer Facilitating program so students could attend a leadership course. The experience allowed students to experience personal growth, trust, and success at a group of mentors. It was amazing!

### Peer Class of 2011-2012

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|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Tommy Briere   | Madi Horth       | Sara Ebenroth    | Sarah Buchanan |
| Tyler Cox      | Jessica Banks    | Alison Ismail    | Jordan Campi   |
| Chris Torrance | Kaitlyn Goggins  | Emily Hardin     | Kelsey Fuhman  |
| Adam Laker     | Courtney Rolland | Kelly McKnight   | Lizz Richie    |
| Jackson Tharp  | Lizzie Richards  | Randi Ulmer      | Ryan Bertram   |
| Shelby Mahaney | Tricia Flynn     | Abby Ridgeway    | Kimmie Hunt    |
| Claire Chapman | Katie Collins    | Meg Sanders      |                |
| Bethie Sum     | Brianna Bower    | Chandler McLaren |                |

## DECA: The Next Generation of Business Leaders

DECA is a world-wide organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Zionsville High School participates in this organization that includes more than 185,000 high school members in 5,000 chapters in all 50 states and nine countries. DECA is a group that helps increase knowledge in a certain business field. There are many different opportunities provided so that students can succeed. There are leadership conferences that are across the country, they also have conferences that are more content specific.

This year there is a fall leadership conference in Indianapolis on November 4. It is a one day conference that is based on FOCUS training and teaches students about having a good work ethic and succeeding in the business world.

Once students go to the conference they choose a topic to research and study. The main categories are marketing, hospitality, tourism, finance, fashion, and business management. There are different

styles of events as well. Some of the events are single person events while others are teams of two. There also is the option to do some events completely at home. Then once students finish the event you present it in front of the judges. There is an option for everyone. Zionsville competes in the District Competition at Carmel High School on January 14. The winners of this competition advance to the state competition, which is in Indianapolis. At the Indiana State DECA Competition hundreds of people from all around the state compete for a chance to move on to internationals. The State Competition is a great opportunity to meet new people that are hard working while having fun.

Last year was the ZCHS DECA club's first year and 18 students competed at the state level and four went on to compete internationally in Orlando. These competitions provide a great opportunity to compare ZCHS students to others in the country. Watching our kids achieve this level is really cool.



### Attention Senior Parents

The last day to submit senior ad materials, including photos and text, is **Friday, November 4**. Any materials submitted after this point must include a \$20 late fee, with checks payable to ZCHS Aerie. Informational mailings were sent out the week of September 12. Any questions may be directed to [jchickedantz@zcs.k12.in.us](mailto:jchickedantz@zcs.k12.in.us).

## Homecoming Fun



Dress up days kept things lively throughout homecoming week at ZCHS. On Friday, PTO members handed out green beads and ZCHS eagle tattoos to students to wear to the homecoming game that night and capping off a festive week.



## AFTER PROM Need You!

After Prom is a wonderful parent led program that promotes a fun and safe alternative for our students on prom night. Students look forward to this outstanding annual event.

**Junior and Senior Parents,  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The ZCHS After Prom Committee is looking for a **Party Chair** for the 2012 After Prom. There are several veteran parents returning to help on the committee, but a Party Chair is still needed and a few other positions. After Prom WILL NOT HAPPEN without a Party Chair. A junior parent is preferred, but any parent who is organized and works well with others will fill the role perfectly. Please give serious consideration to accepting this important leadership role and step forward so ZCHS junior and senior students can continue enjoying this great event. Please respond by **November 1** to allow for moving ahead with planning and avoid cancelling the party. Contact Vicky Adkison at [vadkison@indy.rr.com](mailto:vadkison@indy.rr.com) or Home Phone# 769-5867 to voice your interest in helping After Prom.

## Win Lounge Seating to Watch the Game

The year is off to a running start and the Zionsville Student Athletic Trainers are busy working to keep all our student athletes healthy and in tip top shape. They have partnered with Tom Foster of LazyBoy furniture galleries to kick off a new sideline seating fundraiser to raise money for a trip to St. Louis this summer. For all home games this season they will be raffling off a sideline seating and dinner package. The winners will be drawn at the beginning of the first quarter and the winner and one guest will get to enjoy watching the eagles from the sidelines while enjoying dinner and drinks provided by the student athletic trainers. Tickets will be available outside the entrance of the game pregame. Please support your student trainers as they support your athletes. Tickets cost \$1.00 per ticket, 3 for \$5.00, or an arm's length for \$10.00.

The first winner was Zionsville's own Mr. Wandland. He and his beautiful wife enjoyed pizza, drinks, and comfortable lounging.

## Guidance News

### National College Fair – A Must See!

FOR PARENTS OF ALL STUDENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR: This year NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) is again sponsoring a national college fair in downtown Indianapolis at the Convention Center on **Tuesday, October 11**. The fair is open to families from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m., and we strongly encourage you to attend as a family! And yes, take your freshmen too! It is *never* too early to begin thinking about college.

*In fact, over the past two years, when asked “what would you do differently?” our seniors have overwhelmingly responded that they “would have studied/tried harder during their freshman and sophomore years” AND “wished they would have spent more time researching colleges.”*

This college fair will see upwards of 5,000 students in one day. It is strongly recommended that students register in advance for the fair at [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com).

### Scholarships & Award News

NASSP and Herff Jones, Inc. are sponsoring their **Principal’s Leadership Award** for 2011-2012. Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000 will be awarded to 100 outstanding seniors in the country. Seniors are chosen on the basis of leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience and academic record. If you are interested in being considered for this award, please pick up a form in the guidance office and turn it in no later than November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Williams Comfort Air is currently accepting **nominations to honor teachers who are ExtraordinAIRy**. They will honor six ExtraordinAIRy teachers (2 elementary, 2 middle school and 2 high school teachers) – each will receive a \$500 cash award and a \$500 donation to their school. You may know a teacher who has reached out to students and helped them learn life lessons as well as educational lessons – this can be a way of saying “Thanks”

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### The Top Five Reasons Your Students Should Attend the Indianapolis National College Fair

1. More than 200 colleges and universities will be in attendance
2. Speak one on one with admission representatives
3. Useful workshops on topics such as financial aid, the college search and the admission process
4. Meet with college admission experts at the Counseling Center
5. It's FREE and OPEN to the public!

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and letting our Zionsville teachers know they are appreciated. Teachers in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Morgan and Shelby counties can be nominated. They will accept nominations through **November 30** – just visit <http://www.MyIndianaTreasure.org> and complete the nomination form.

United Way of Central Indiana is offering their **Youth Leadership Initiative** opportunity to freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are interested in philanthropy. Participants must be able to commit time to attend the opening retreat and YLI sessions throughout the school year. For more information or an application, please visit [www.uwci.org/yli](http://www.uwci.org/yli) or check in the guidance office. Applications are due by **November 4**.

The **School of Informatics and Computing at Indiana University** is offering an opportunity for tech-savvy high school girls who are interested in computing. They are planning to give out 20 awards and each winner will be recognized at an awards benefit in Indianapolis in the spring. Awards include \$250 in cash, engraved

plaques, a gift bag and scholarship offers to select Indiana schools. For more information, visit [www.ncwit.org/award](http://www.ncwit.org/award) and click on “Find an Award Competition,” then the state of Indiana. The entry portal will be open between **September 15 and October 30, 2011**.

The **Prudential Spirit of Community Award** is given to high school students who have made a difference through volunteering over the past year. The award includes \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. Visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit), click on “Apply Now” link, and follow the onscreen instructions. The deadline for applying is **November 1, 2011**.

The **Richard Lugar Minority Scholarship Program** awards scholarships to minority high school seniors that intend to enroll in an Indiana college or university. Eligible students must have a “B” average or higher and must be African American, Hispanic or Native American. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please see guidance for an application. The deadline to turn in applications to guidance is **November 18**

*Junior Powder Puff players, Erin Kunkle, Maggie McCurren, Kinzie Anderson and Lauren Benson, strike a pose.*



**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.

<b>October 4</b>	<b>November 15</b>	<b>February 7</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>December 6</b>	<b>February 21</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>November 1</b>	<b>December 17</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>May 15</b>



Please join the  
Zionsville Education Foundation  
for the 2nd annual

## FALL FROLIC

Saturday, November 12, 2011  
6:30-11 p.m.

Indianapolis Executive Airport  
\$100 per person/Tables of 10

Dinner and Dancing  
Silent Auction and Raffle  
Benefits ZEF spring grant fund

For ticket information, please visit  
[www.zionsvilleeducationfoundation.org](http://www.zionsvilleeducationfoundation.org)  
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