



ZEELAND EAST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER WEEK OF SEPT. 8-12, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 10: Senior Counseling Meeting (Advisory)
- Sept 12: Senior Friday
- Sept. 19: Half-day - Dismissal @ 11am
- Sept. 21: NHS Induction Ceremony, 2pm
- Sept 26: Zeeland Bird Bowl
- Sept 27: Zeeland's Got Talent, 7pm
- Sept 29-Oct 3: ZW Homecoming Week
- Sept 30: HS Choir Concert 7pm
- Oct 1: Count Day
- Oct. 1: Junior Counseling Meeting (Advisory)
- Oct. 3: Half-day - Dismissal @ 11am
- Oct 4: Marching Band at Pumpkin Fest Parade
- Oct 9: High School Band Concert 6:00pm
- Oct.6-10: ZE Homecoming Week
- Oct. 11: ZE Homecoming Dance

INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: [HERE](#) is a document with our campus calendar & daily schedule. Below is next week's schedule.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 HOUR DAY W/ Advisory	6 HOUR DAY NO ADVISORY	6 HOUR DAY W/ Advisory	6 HOUR DAY NO ADVISORY	6 HOUR DAY W/ Advisory
1st Hour → 7:45AM - 8:35AM	1st Hour → 7:45AM - 8:45AM	1st Hour → 7:45AM - 8:35AM	1st Hour → 7:45AM - 8:45AM	1st Hour → 7:45AM - 8:35AM
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Advisory → 10:36AM - 11:19AM	Lunch 1 10:55AM - 11:25AM	Advisory → 10:36AM - 11:19AM	Lunch 1 10:55AM - 11:25AM	Advisory → 10:36AM - 11:19AM
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4th Hour 11:26AM - 12:16PM	Lunch 2 12:00PM - 12:30PM	4th Hour 11:26AM - 12:16PM	Lunch 2 12:00PM - 12:30PM	4th Hour 11:26AM - 12:16PM
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5th Hour → 12:53PM - 1:43PM	6th Hour → 1:42PM - 2:40PM	5th Hour → 12:53PM - 1:43PM	5th Hour → 12:37PM - 1:35PM	5th Hour → 12:53PM - 1:43PM
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ZEELAND'S GOT TALENT - Get Ready to Shine!: Do you have a talent you want to share with the world? Can you sing, dance, juggle, or do something totally unique? Then we want you for **Zeeland's Got Talent**, our annual high school talent show! We're looking for awesome, family-friendly acts to compete for a chance to win cash prizes. Whether you're a solo performer or have a group act, all talents are welcome to audition. **Ready to show us what you've got? Apply now!** Applications are due **September 10**. Click this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/H6q43po6XEATlRdm6>. Tell your friends, tell your family—this is your chance to shine on stage!

Want to be in the audience? Tickets for the event go on sale **Wednesday, September 3** online at zpsarts.ludus.com. High Schoolers may even participate as student judges if selected. All proceeds from the show will benefit the Zeeland Dance Ensemble's Disney trip fund. Your support helps a great cause! Be a part of the first performing arts event of the year! We can't wait to see you there!

NHS vs. NSHSS: NHS and NSHSS have very similar acronyms, so we know this can be confusing to students and parents alike. Please know that all Zeeland National Honor Society communications will come directly from Zeeland emails or mailing envelopes. We do not have any control over NSHSS.

Honors Students and Parents: *It has come to our attention that there is some confusion between honor society offerings. Currently, there are two programs that we are aware of.*

National Honor Society is a Zeeland-based activity. There is a Zeeland East Chapter and a Zeeland West Chapter. Students pay a small fee for dues, attend meetings at their buildings, and participate in service projects. 10th and 11th graders with a GPA of 3.5 or higher are invited to apply in the spring semester. All communications come directly from the sponsoring teacher (currently Rachel Coussens at East and Lindsey Spaman at West) via email or mail.

The National Society of High School Scholars is a national-based organization. There is no Zeeland chapter. A large fee is paid to the organization. Because this is not a Zeeland-sponsored activity, there are no meetings or events on campus. All communication comes directly from the NSHSS.

PUMPKINFEST 5K RUN - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Join us for a fun-filled morning of fitness and community celebration at the Pumpkinfest 5K Run, happening Saturday, October 4, 2025, during Zeeland's Annual Pumpkinfest celebration!

Hosted by the Zeeland Athletic Boosters, this event supports our student-athletes and helps fund gear, scholarships, and opportunities across all sports. Whether you're running, walking, or cheering from the sidelines, we'd love to see you there!



Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025



Location: Zeeland West High School



Start Time: 8:30 AM



Register by September 19, 2025 for early pricing



Register online: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Zeeland/ZeelandAthleticBoostersPumpkinfestRunPumpkinfestRun>

Let's lace up, come together, and make this year's Pumpkinfest 5K the best one yet!

SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS FOR FAMILIES: See [THIS ATTACHED FLYER](#) for information about an important event taking place on September 9th at 6:30pm. Parents will learn important safety info from experts in the field. We need to work together to keep our preteens/teens safe while they navigate the world of social media.

ZPS BOND: On November 4th, we will ask the community to renew the current millage rate. If approved, the bond proposal would authorize the district to borrow \$186 million for district-wide improvements with no net increase from the current debt levy. Construction projects would occur in phases from 2027 to 2035. Please see [the website](#) for more information, and reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for voting! [Video Link for Bond 2025](#) [Infographic](#)

ZEHS CLASS OF 2026 SANP NEWSLETTER: [HERE](#) is the latest update from our senior parent committee.

APPLY FOR OUR MEAL PLAN: Whether you qualify or think you may qualify, please take a moment to fill out our free/reduced lunch application. There are many benefits to qualifying for free/reduced lunch including discounted fees for AP testing, technology fees, athletic fees, and cap & gown fees. [HERE is the online application](#). The fastest way to apply is through the ZPS meal site - <https://www.zps.org/about-us/food-service/>. If you prefer a paper copy of the lunch application, [HERE](#) is the link. For questions about meals, send emails to foodservice@zps.org.

ZEHS CLASS OF 2026 - IMPORTANT ITEMS

- **Senior Parent Meeting** - [Presentation slides are HERE](#).
- **Senior Diploma Name Submission** - Please use [THIS FORM](#) to submit your name for your diploma.
- **Senior Portraits for Yearbook** - Senior portraits for yearbook are due *via email* no later than Friday, December 19. Portraits should be sent to ZEHSyearbook@zps.org. If you have any questions regarding yearbook senior portraits, please email Mr. Costello at mcostell@zps.org.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE PARENTS OF THE ZEHS CLASS OF 2026

Below are a few important dates for the ZE Class of 2026:

- Saturday, Apr 18, 2026: *ZE Prom - 7:00pm-10:00pm @ GR Museum*
- Friday, May 15, 2026: *Last day for Seniors*
- Sunday, May 17, 2026: *ZE Senior Honors Ceremony - 2:00pm-4:00pm @ DeWitt Auditorium*
- Wednesday, May 20, 2026: *ZE Commencement Ceremony - 7:00pm @ DeVos Fieldhouse - Hope College (with Senior breakfast @ 8:30am Haworth & rehearsal at 10:00am)*

We will determine the senior walk-through date in the fall. We look forward to a great 2025-26 school year for our seniors.

NHS INDUCTION: The Zeeland East and Zeeland West National Honor Society Induction ceremony will take place on September 21st at 2pm in the DeWitt Auditorium. Participating members have received information from their NHS advisor. Students will receive dress code information from their advisor, as this is a semi-formal occasion. Parents, guardians, and family members are invited to attend and celebrate with their NHS members.

CHIX ATHLETICS UPDATE: [Sports Ready Form](#) // [Zeeland East Athletics Site](#)

COUNSELING OFFICE UPDATE

- **Counseling Senior Assembly:** Seniors - Please join the counseling office staff on Wednesday, 9/10 during Advisory to discuss important tasks for the senior year. Please check in to Advisory for attendance and phone storage and then report to the DeWitt Auditorium (East) or Main Gym (West). [Bring your Chromebook](#).
- **October SAT:** The registration deadline for the October 4 national SAT test is September 19. Any senior who desires to retake the SAT for the opportunity to improve scores for college admission or scholarships can register at this link by signing into their College Board account - <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>.
- **Juniors interested in taking the fall PSAT/NMSQT on October 21** can register [HERE](#) by Friday, 9/26 at 3:00 p.m. This is an OPTIONAL test to prepare for the SAT. It is also the qualifying test for National Merit Scholarship consideration. Cost is \$20. The late test registration window runs from 9/26 to noon on 10/3 at a cost of \$30. No registrations will be accepted after the late deadline.
- **US Service Academy Information Session:** On Thursday, September 11 from 6-7:30 p.m. Congressman Bill Huizenga will be hosting his annual US Service Academy Information session for high school students interested in learning more about the US Service Academies (Army West Point, US Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, US Merchant Marine Academy, US Coast Guard Academy). The event will be held at the Otsego VFW. This is a great opportunity for students to hear from representatives from the various academies as well as how the academy nomination process works. More information is available [HERE](#).
- **Hope College will be hosting the annual Holland Area College Night on Tuesday, September 16** from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the DeVos Fieldhouse. Reps from over 50 colleges will be on hand to meet with students and parents. More information is available [HERE](#).
- **Seniors:** Each year, the local chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) invites Zeeland East and Zeeland West to participate in the DAR Good Citizen Program and Scholarship Contest. This program is intended to encourage and reward seniors who possess the qualities of good citizenship: dependability, service, leadership, patriotism. If you are interested in being considered for this honor, please complete [this form](#). For the chance to win at least \$500, students will be required to prepare a resume and write an essay. The deadline for consideration is 11:00 a.m. on September 19.
- **College Rep Visits:** During the fall, college representatives visit our high schools to present information about their institution. If you are interested in attending any of these visits, fill out [this form](#). Please check back often as more schools

continue to schedule visits. Students may sign up for up to THREE visits. Students who choose to attend a visit must be in good academic standing. All visits are open to both East and West students.

- **Ottawa Area Academy Internship Program:** The Academy Program provides 9th–12th grade students with opportunities to learn about the professional world and complete an internship. Students will meet at a business location in West Michigan and will immerse themselves in the business with a team of other students from around Ottawa County to solve a real challenge that the business is facing. The program runs 2 days/week from approximately 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sep. 17 to Nov. 7 (16 total meetings) and students will need to provide their own transportation. First year participants can earn 3 free transferable college credits and second year participants earn 3 additional credits. More information and a link to register are available [HERE](#).
- **Parents/Guardians:** As we look to continue to provide ZHS students with opportunities to engage in career exploration, we would like to expand our job shadow database, and we need your help! If you are willing to partner with us by offering a job shadow experience at your place of employment, would you please take time to complete this [FORM](#)? If you participated previously, someone will be in touch to confirm your interest for this school year. Thank you!
- **Interested in learning more about opportunities in the healthcare field?** Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital is once again offering career exploration seminars to individuals 16 years of age or older. More information is available [HERE](#).
- **CTC Students:** [HERE](#) is the ZPS CTC Calendar for the 25–26 school year.
- **Feel free to follow the "Zeeland High School Counseling Office"** on Facebook to stay up-to-date with important information, reminders, and deadlines.

CAMPUS NEWS

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS & SCHOOL CALENDARS

[HERE is our announcements page.](#) Here will find the latest updates & events taking place at our school & campus.

MENTAL HEALTH HEALTH RESOURCES

If you are struggling or need support, tell someone. **You are not alone.** [HERE](#) is a great resource for parents to review regarding youth mental health.

- OK2SAY – Anyone can report tips on criminal activities or potential harm directed at students, school employees, or schools. Tips can be submitted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Click [HERE](#) to submit a tip.
- Crisis Counselor Text Line – **Text HOME to 741741 & National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1-800-273-8255**
- Suicide Prevention Online Chat – <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/> OR dial **988**

DIGITAL TICKETS/PASSES FOR ATHLETICS

[Zeeland East Ticket/Passes Link](#) // [GoFan Frequently Asked Questions](#)