

District 126



Zion-Benton Township High School District 126

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWS

Superintendent's Welcome

It's a great day to be a Zee-Bee! We are very enthusiastic about the 2009-10 school year and sincerely look forward to serving our students and their families.

Recently, the District received very good news from the Illinois State Board of Education that our Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) scores increased by 10.1% in Reading and 5.3% in Math. We are very pleased that within these scores, our ethnicity subpopulations experienced percentage increases ranging from 6.0 to 14.1%. We are confident that these improvements are due to our strategic school improvement initiative, the efforts of our faculty in implementing researched-based practices, and our students embracing the many opportunities designed to maximize their opportunities for success in and beyond high school.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our parents as well. Surely, the most significant influential partner we have in achieving student academic success is our parents. Parents, as you read this first Beeline newsletter of the 2009-10 school year, please do not underestimate your value and importance to your student and our school improvement efforts. We invite and welcome you to be actively involved! Visit our website frequently for important updates. Login to Family Access to monitor your student's on-time class attendance and grades. Be involved in your school's parent network and booster clubs. Attend the myriad of extracurricular activities and events that will occur throughout the year. Before you know it, these precious high school years will be over, and your student will be moving on to face the real world and its many challenges. By being involved, you will find comfort in knowing you have done everything possible to maximize your student's success and will store up memories to treasure for years to come.

Sincerely,
Chris Clark, Superintendent

IMPORTANT DATES

**Schedule Pickup & Fee Payment
for all District 126 Students at
Zion-Benton High School**
August 18 & 19 - 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
August 20 - 1:00-8:00 p.m.

First Day

Freshmen Only - August 25
Zion-Benton HS - 7:50-11:30 a.m.
New Tech HS - 7:30-11:10 a.m.

First Full Day

All Students - August 26
ZBTHS - 7:50 a.m.-2:38 p.m.
NTH - 7:30 a.m.-1:04 p.m.

Weds. Early Release Schedule for New Tech Only
Early Bird Physical Education starts at 7:00 a.m.

ZEEBEE CHAMPS!

*Congratulations to our ZeeBee
NJROTC Rifle Team*



*and
Bass Fishing Team!*

**THE NJROTC RIFLE TEAM
SECURED THE 2009 ARMY
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND
JUNIOR OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL!**

**THE BASS FISHING CLUB
ACHIEVED STATE RUNNER UP
IN THE INAUGURAL IHSA
STATE COMPETITIONS!**

Back To School Checklist

STUDENTS NEW TO THE DISTRICT - Any high school student who has moved into the District or who has not yet registered for classes should contact Student Services at 847-731-9351, as soon as possible for information on how to register for classes.



Preparing for Schedule Pickup- Aug. 18 & 19 – 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Aug. 20 – 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

- Proof of Residency** – Illinois state law requires that students live within District 126 boundaries. A June or July gas, electric, water, phone (*not cellular*) bill, a copy of a rental agreement, or the closing papers on a home purchase reflecting parent/legal guardian name and address **is required** for schedule pickup.
- Physical Exam & Immunizations** – Illinois state law requires all students entering ninth grade or transferring from another school to present a current physical exam and proof of immunizations, including proof of two measles shots. The Hepatitis B is required. The physical exam form must be signed and dated by the doctor in the two designated places and the parent in one. Dental exams and TB skin test (intro dermal mantoux) are strongly recommended. Students must meet these requirements prior to completing schedule pickup. Students failing to comply with this law will be denied admission to school. Questions or concerns should be directed to Health Services at 847-731-9351.
- Free/Reduced Lunch Forms** – The Free/Reduced Lunch Form has been sent. Please turn in the completed form to the Business Office prior to August 4. Additional forms are available in the Bookstore, main offices, or Business Office.
- Fees** – Please refer to the fee schedule and details regarding schedule pickup on the cream insert. Starting this year, parents have the option to pay student fees at www.zbths.org before schedule pickup by clicking Skyward Family Access. Families visiting New Tech High's Website, simply click District Links for Skyward Family Access. Otherwise, student fee payments may be paid during schedule pickup via cash, check, or MasterCard/Visa. For faster service, we recommend bringing several checks for various expenses.
- Personal Supplies/Workbook Fees** – It is the student's responsibility to be prepared with pens, pencils, paper, and folders. As listed in your school's *Course Guide*, some courses require workbooks, paperback books, and/or other supplies. Students must be prepared to pay these fees when instructed in order to prevent falling behind in class.
- P.E. Uniform Requirements** – Physical Education uniforms are required and will be on sale during schedule pickup. Uniforms consist of a physical education shirt (reversible or single layer), shorts, athletic socks, gym shoes, and athletic supporter for men. A sweatshirt or sweat suit is recommended for outside activities. All P.E. clothing should have a permanent identifying mark.
- Calculator** – The Math Department has agreed upon the best, most economical, and easiest to use calculators. During the first few days of school, instructors will distribute required calculator information. Students must possess the appropriate calculator. See course requirements in the *Course Guide*.
- Yearbook Pictures** – All *seniors must* have their free senior yearbook picture taken by Visual Image Photography (VIP). If you have not yet had your free senior yearbook picture call VIP at 800-577-9570. Senior portrait packages are arranged through the photographer of your choice. Please see green flier for further details.

FALL SPORTS START DATES

Note: the "Athlete-Parent Handbook" will be available for pickup in the District's Athletic Office (847-731-9361) on August 1.

FOOTBALL

Tues., August 11	Equipment Checkout in Locker Rooms 9:00 a.m.–Varsity 10:00 a.m.–Sophomores 11:00 a.m.–Freshmen
Wed., August 12	Practice – All Squads Meet in Locker Rooms-8:00 a.m.

GOLF

Wed., August 12	9:00 a.m.–Returning Varsity Only Shepherd's Crook Golf Course 12 noon. All Other Golfers Shiloh Golf Course.
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BOYS SOCCER

Wed., August 12	3:30 p.m.–Pearce Fieldhouse
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GIRLS SWIMMING

Wed., August 12	2:45 p.m.–Pool
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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wed., August 12	8:00 a.m.–Fieldhouse
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CROSS-COUNTRY

Wed., August 12	8:00 a.m.–Main Gym
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GIRLS TENNIS

Wed., August 12	9:00 a.m.–Tennis Courts
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MANDATORY – ALL SPORTS PARENT-ATHLETE MEETING Monday, August 17, 2009

6:30 p.m. – Fieldhouse – All freshmen, transfers, and new athletes who will be participating in *any* sport during the 2008-09 school year.

7:15 p.m. – Main Gym - *fall* athletes only – general session at 7:15 p.m. followed by individual team meetings for fall sports.



2009-10 ZBTHS DISTRICT 126 CALENDAR

All student absences must be reported by a parent/legal guardian.

To report a NTH student absence call 847-731-9813.

To report a ZBHS student absence call the Attendance Office at 847-731-9300, press 2 at the recorded message.



(Monthly events, activities, and early release days will be reported in upcoming District newsletters.)

Tues., August 25, 2009	Freshmen Only – 7:45-11:30 a.m. ZBHS & 7:25-11:10 a.m. NTH
Wed., August 26, 2009	First Full Day of School for All Students. (1:04 p.m. Early Release for NTH Students Only.)*
Mon., September 7, 2009	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Thurs., September 17, 2009	Educational Fair – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fri., September 18, 2009	Early Release – 1:51 p.m. ZBHS & 1:35 p.m. NTH
Wed., September 23, 2009	Early Release – 11:45 a.m. ZBHS & 11:25 NTH – Assessment Day for Frosh., Soph., Jrs.
Mon., October 12, 2009	NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
Wed., October 14, 2009	Early Release – 12:40 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH – School Improvement Planning
Fri., October 23, 2009	End of Quarter 1
Thurs., October 29, 2009	Early Release – 12:51 p.m. ZBHS & 12:39 p.m. NTH – Parent/Guardian Conferences 1:30-3:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fri., October 30, 2009	Early Release – 1:51 p.m. ZBHS & 1:35 p.m. NTH – Day after Conferences
Tues., November 3, 2009	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Institute Day
Wed., November 11, 2009	NO SCHOOL – Veterans' Day
Wed., November 25, 2009	Early Release – 1:51 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH
Thurs., November 26, 2009	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Day
Fri., November 27, 2009	NO SCHOOL – Day after Thanksgiving Day
Wed., December 9, 2009	Early Release – 12:40 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH – School Improvement Planning
Fri., December 18, 2009	Early Release – 1:51 p.m. ZBHS & 1:35 p.m. NTH
Mon., December 21, 2009 - Fri., January 1, 2010	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
Mon., January 4, 2010	Classes Resume
Wed., January 13, 2010	Early Release – 1:20 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH – Exams
Thurs., January 14, 2010	Early Release – 1:20 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH – Exams
Fri., January 15, 2010	Early Release – 11:45 a.m. ZBHS & 11:25 a.m. NTH – Exams and End of Semester One
Mon., January 18, 2010	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King's Birthday
Wed., January 27, 2010	Early Release – 12:40 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH – School Improvement Planning
Tues., February 9, 2010	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Institute Day
Mon., February 15, 2010	NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day (Emergency Makeup Day #1)
Mon., March 1, 2010	NO SCHOOL – Casimir Pulaski's Birthday (Emergency Makeup Day #2)
Wed., March 10, 2010	Early Release – 12:40 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH – School Improvement Planning
Fri., March 26, 2010	Early Release – 1:51 p.m. ZBHS & 1:35 p.m. NTH and End of Quarter 3
Mon., March 29, 2010 Fri., April 2, 2010	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
Mon., April 5, 2010	Classes Resume
Thurs., April 8, 2010	Parent/Teacher Conferences – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fri., April 9, 2010	Early Release – 1:51 p.m. ZBHS & 1:35 p.m. NTH – Day after Conferences
Wed., April 21, 2010	Assessment Day for Frosh., Soph., Jrs.
Thurs., April 22, 2010	Assessment Day for Jrs. Only
Fri., April 23, 2010	NO SCHOOL – School Holiday
Wed., May 12, 2010	Early Release – 12:40 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH – School Improvement Planning
Mon., May 31, 2010	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day Holiday
Tues., June 1, 2010	Early Release – 1:20 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH – Exams
Wed., June 2, 2010	Early Release – 1:20 p.m. ZBHS & 1:04 p.m. NTH – Exams
Thurs., June 3, 2010	Early Release – 11:45 a.m. ZBHS & 11:25 a.m. NTH – Exams
Thurs., June 3, 2010	(Last Day of School if No Makeup Needed)
Fri., June 4, 2010	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Institute Day & Tentative Graduation
Fri., June 11, 2010	Last Day of School if Maximum Emergency Days Used



*Note: Every Wednesday is a 1:04 p.m. School Improvement/Staff Development early release schedule for NTH students only.

2008-09 SCHEDULE OF COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAMS

This testing schedule is important for college bound sophomores, juniors, and seniors and for those students who are uncertain of future plans. Registration packets are available in Student Services Office.

Contact Dr. Means at 847-731-9342 with questions.

Zion-Benton Twp. High School Code is 144-515

Starting Time for all Tests is 8:00 a.m.

New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East Code is 144-516

Test Purpose	Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Fee Registration Deadline	Where	Cost	Who
ACT – Assessment Program http://www.actstudent.org Visit web site to create an ACT Student Account, register for test, and preparation material information.	Saturdays				\$32 ACT (No Writing) Fee	Juniors and Seniors
	09/12/09	08/07/09	08/21/09	ZBHS	\$47 ACT (Plus Writing)	
	10/24/09	09/18/09	10/02/09	ZBHS	\$21 Late Registration Fee	
	12/12/09	11/06/09	11/20/09	ZBHS	Register with ACT	
	02/06/10	01/05/10	01/15/10	ZBHS		
	04/10/10	03/05/10	03/19/10	ZBHS		
06/12/10	05/07/10	05/21/10	Other Site			
SAT – Scholastic Aptitude Test http://www.collegboard.org Visit web site to create a student account, register for test, and preparation material information. SAT I – Reasoning Test SAT II – Subject Tests	Saturdays				\$45 Regular Fee	Register with SAT Juniors and Seniors
	10/10/09 – I&II	09/09/09	09/23/09	Not offered at ZBHS. See SAT Registration Folder for Testing Locations.	\$20 Subject Test Fee	
	11/07/09 – I&II	10/01/09	10/15/09		Late Registration Fee	
	12/05/09 – I&II	10/30/09	11/12/09			
	01/23/10 – I & II	12/15/09	12/30/09			
	03/13/10 – I Only	02/04/10	02/18/10			
	05/01/10 – I&II	03/25/10	04/08/10			
06/05/10 – I&II	04/29/10	05/13/10				
PSAT/NMSQT - Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude and National Merit Scholarship Qualifications Test http://www.collegeboard.org Visit web site for planning and scholarships.	Wednesday 10/14/09 NTH	Friday 10/09/09	--	NTH	\$15 Register at Bookstore	Sophomores take the PSAT
	Saturday 10/17/09 ZBHS			ZBHS		Juniors take the NMSQT

CHANGE IN STUDENT SERVICES!

Due to shifting enrollment we have revised the case load for counselors for the upcoming school year. Please see the revised listing below to verify you student's counselor for the 2009-2010 school year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Steven Richter, Assistant Principal for Student Services at 847-731-9340.

Counselors

Mrs. Suzanne Swanson A-CA
 Dr. William Means CB-F
 Ms. Nina Tate G-JOH
 Mrs. Allison Zameck JOI-MIK
 Mrs. Marsha Paulsen MIL-Q
 Mrs. Jennifer Marhefka R-STO
 Mr. Calvin Schneider STR-V
 Dr. Mary Budzik W-Z

Counselor/Career Coordinator

Mr. Calvin Schneider

Counselor/College Coordinator

Dr. Mary Budzik



Student Services Survey

Students Services is looking for your assistance in planning for the future. Please take a few moments to go to our website at www.zbths.org and complete a very short survey. You can locate the survey by going to the home page. Under the column listing Headlines select Student Services Survey. You will be directed to the Student Services Welcome page. Located at the bottom of this page you will select Please take Student Services Survey. The survey itself should only take a few moments and we appreciate your feedback. The results of this survey will be shared in the very near future.

Policies and Procedures

ATTENDANCE

Experience and research tells us that daily on-time attendance is the foundation for being successful.

The Board of Education and state law requires that students attend school every day unless there is a valid excuse. Valid cause for absence shall be illness, observation of religious holiday, death in the immediate family, family emergency, and other situations beyond the control of the student. Any other absences may be considered truancy. We ask that all appointments be made after school hours. If a student needs to be released from school early, a parent must call the Attendance Office with a verifiable excuse. A verifiable early release excuse shall be a doctor appointment, dental appointment, or a court appearance. In each case the student must bring a note to the Attendance Office verifying the excused early release.

CAFETERIA

1. All students must use their picture ID with bar code when purchasing breakfast or lunch.
2. No other student may use another student's ID to make a purchase.
3. Replacement IDs must be purchased at the Communications Office.

CELL PHONES

Students have the privilege of possessing cell phones and pagers while on school grounds. The use of cell phones and pagers is limited to **ten minutes prior to the first bell** to begin the school day and/or **ten minutes after the last bell** to end the school day; otherwise, these devices must not be visible and must be in the off position.

COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Students are expected to pay the basic fees for textbook rentals, PE, ID card, locker, etc., when they report for schedule pickup. Additional workbook fees are to be paid as soon as the student is informed by his or her instructors. Required workbooks will be available for purchase during schedule pickup. The following procedure will be used to collect past due accounts:

- Accounts that remain overdue will be submitted to a collection agency.
- Driver Education students: course completion will not be submitted to the state.

- Seniors will not be permitted to participate in commencement or receive their diploma.
- Students will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular social functions, such as dances.

DRUG TESTING POLICY

District 126 has a no tolerance policy towards any controlled substance. It is the policy of District 126 that any student under the influence or possessing, using, or transferring any controlled substance (illegal drugs) will be arrested, suspended, and referred to the Board of Education. District 126 also implements an Athletic Random Drug Testing Program. Details are available in the *Athletic Handbook* located in the Athletic Office.

STUDENT/PARENT PARKING for ZBHS

1. Parents may drop off and pickup students at the north side of the building.
2. Students who ride the bus will get on and off at the south and west sides of the building.
3. Students driving to school will park in the north lot only. After school students will exit on 21st Street.
4. Students riding bicycles should follow the Rules of the Road and pedal on the shoulder of the road with traffic. Do not ride on the sidewalk.

TEXTBOOK ISSUANCE & RETURNS

Students are required to return to the Bookstore the same books issued to them upon completion of the course at the end of the semester or year. **Failure to do so will mean purchasing each book not returned to the Bookstore by the published return deadline.** Books will have a bar code for issuing and returning that must not be damaged.

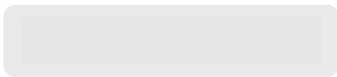
Books will **NOT** be accepted for credit if they have been written in, defaced, water damaged, missing bar codes, or returned after the published deadline.



Dates and times for students to return books will be announced and published prior to the close of each semester. It is the student's responsibility to seek out this information as well. These timelines must be followed as inventories are taken and replacement books ordered.

ZION-BENTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
 One Z-B Way,
 21st Street and Kenosha Road
 Zion, Illinois 60099

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BREAKFAST FROM ARAMARK



If there is a way to be less hurried in the morning, would you take advantage of it? If there is a way to improve your child's grades, would you consider it worthwhile? Our AMP UP with Breakfast program allows your child to start the day off right.

Breakfast is only \$1.00, Lunch \$2.00.

In today's economy, why not take advantage of such a great deal. Your child will receive nutritious meals at affordable prices. For parents with financial struggles, we offer a **Free and Reduced Meal Program**. All you need to do is fill out the application and return it to the school.

Log into Family Access, click the link for Food Service to **make payments** directly **online** for your child's breakfast and lunch. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Aramark Food Service Office at 847-731-9745.

2009-10 NOR'EASTER ORDER FORM

The 2009 Nor'Easter may be ordered at schedule pickup at a cost of \$55 per book. After schedule pickup, the cost of the yearbook will increase to \$60 per book. No yearbook orders will be accepted after November 3, 2009.

Student Name(s) (Please PRINT)	Year in School	Advisory	Cost
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
			\$ _____
		TOTAL COST	\$ _____

CLIP AND RETURN WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO ZION-BENTON TWP. HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 126