ZBTHS DISTRICT 126



CLUBS/ACTIVITIES
2023-24

ACADEMIC TEAM

In Academic Team, students competitively play trivia games in teams of five against other schools. Trivia questions come from all topics: pop culture, sports, history, literature, math, languages, art, mythology, science, religion, and computers. Since we compete in teams, students often focus on studying the subjects they enjoy the most. We also spend a lot of time learning fun facts as a whole team and practicing our new knowledge on Kahoot, Quizizz, or with our team's buzzers. If you enjoy learning new things and playing trivia with friends, the Academic Team is the place for you! Typically, Zion-Benton hosts 1-2 home meets and participates in at least 4 away meets, plus a conference meet. This is an IHSA-sanctioned activity. Please email Mrs. Slabaugh so that we can add you to our Canvas course. *Sign up for our Remind using the code @zbacademic -- this is where we send out all our meeting reminders!

MEETS: TBD

SPONSORS: Mrs. Slabaugh Varsity / TBA - JV (corin.slabaugh@zb126.org)

<u>ANIME</u>

Are you all about anime? Have a passion for pocky? Does reading manga make your day? Come join Anime Club! We are a diverse group that welcomes all otaku and those who would like to know more about becoming one. Join us now and start chatting with others in our Canvas chats! Have a question? Just email Mrs. Slabaugh at corin.slabaugh@zb126.org or Ms. Grafman at deborah.grafman@zb126s.org. Join our Remind! Text @zbthsanime to 81010 for updates.

MEETS: Future meetings will be announced soon.

SPONSORS: Ms. Grafman (deborah.grafman@zb126.org) and Mrs. Slabaugh (corin.slabaugh@zb126.org)

ART CLUB

The Art Club is here for students who love the Arts and cannot seem to get enough of them throughout the school day. Our club members enjoy open studio times where we enjoy each other's fellowship and each other's artistic skills; we learn how to work together through group projects that will beautify the school and community. You do not have to be enrolled in an art class to join! Artists of all backgrounds and experiences are welcome.

Join our Remind group chat to get meeting and event dates. Text @artclubzb to 81010 or use the Remind app.

MEETS: Art club will meet once a month from 2:45-3:45 in room 223.

SPONSOR: Ms. Hicks (lydia.hicks@zb126.org)

<u>BAND</u>

The Zion-Benton band program consists of three concert bands and a marching band. The marching band rehearses throughout the fall and splits into separate concert bands in November and/or December. The bands perform in four concerts each year as well as tours to perform in the community and in select years tours out of state. Students in the band program also participate in local/state contests and festivals. Students with no previous experience can join the Beginning Band class offered during the school day. Students must be registered for this class.

MEETS: Daily during school

SPONSOR: Mr. Kazmi – Director (shan.kazmi@zb126.org)
Ms. Pierce – Assistant Director (kathryn.pierce@zb126.org)

JAZZ BAND

Jazz Band is open to students in grades 9-12 who play Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Piano, Guitar, Bass, or Drums. Students may be required to audition if they are not currently enrolled in a band class. Jazz Band rehearses one evening a week from October-April and performs at various concerts and other functions.

MEETS: Once a week from late October through May in the Band Room

SPONSOR: Mr. Kazmi – Director (shan.kazmi@zb126.org)
Ms. Pierce – Assistant Director (kathryn.pierce@zb126.org)

BASS FISHING CLUB

Focuses on teaching competitive bass fishing strategies from the beginner to the advanced angler. Practice indoors and out when possible. Students of all ages are welcome - even if you play another sport! The club conducts fundraising, and attempts group outings & interclub tournaments, with a primary focus on preparing for the Sectional and State tournaments in the spring. The club will also involve itself in community service events when possible. Students can participate at the introductory level or work towards making a competitive team. If you wish to be part of the Bass Fishing Team, contact Mr. Galgan by email (tadd.galgan@zb126.org)

MEETS: Meets throughout the year - competes mostly in the spring.

SPONSORS: Mr. Galgan tadd.galgan@zb126.org

BEE LEADERS

The Bee Leaders are upperclassmen who visit Freshman advisories and serve as mentors and leaders. They work collaboratively with staff to promote a positive school climate and diverse culture. Bee Leaders also assist with the Freshman Zero Day and various school events.

MEETS: During advisory various times throughout the year, at least monthly.

SPONSORS: Ms. Grafman (deborah.grafman@zb126.org) & Mr. Kubic (chris.kubic@zb126.org)

BLACK STUDENT UNION (BSU)

is a student-led organization that focuses on developing young African American leaders. BSU seeks to provide a safe and comfortable setting for students to share thoughts, feelings, and views regarding the issues that affect our African American/Black population. Our goal is to celebrate Black Culture, educate students about black history, promote academic excellence, and model leadership.

Club Activities:

- Discussions/roundtable talks about black culture
- Planning District Black History Month in School Activities
- Connect with surrounding Lake County High School BSU organizations for events and volunteering opportunities
- College Visits
- Guest Speakers

MEETS:

SPONSOR: Mr. Garner (christopher.garner@zb126.org)

BROTHERHOOD OF EXTRAORDINARY YOUNG MEN

Brotherhood of Extraordinary Young Men is a dynamic organization established specifically to assist our participants to excel academically, socially, culturally, professionally, and in the community. Brotherhood of Extraordinary Young Men is primarily comprised of male students who strive for academic excellence and make a commitment to plan and implement programs that benefit their community at large. We encourage our participants to embrace leadership by being positive examples for each other through a strong commitment to academic achievement, brotherhood, and community service.

MEETS:

SPONSORS: Mr. Berkley (jonathan.berkley@zb126.org)

CARD & BOARD GAME CLUB

Card & Board Game is a social club that focuses on playing board and card games at ZBTHS. This includes games of strategy, cooperation, social collusion, and even a little bit of plain old fun for students of all grades or skill levels. Come join our club and make great friends while playing new and exciting games every week.

MEETS: 2:40 pm every Thursday in room 102 starting on September 7, 2023

SPONSORS: Ms. Sanchez (jeanne.sanchez@zb126.org), Mrs. Klema (cory.klema@ zb126.org)

CHOIRS

The four Zion-Benton choirs sing at concerts at school and in the community. Beginning Treble Choir, Concert Choir, Advanced Treble Choir, and Chamber Singers participate in several school concerts, area and college festivals, and school events. Incoming Freshman or first time choir students should sign up for Beginning Treble choir or Concert Choir. See Mrs. Rickert or your counselor to have choir added to your schedule.

MEETS: Daily during school (class)

SPONSOR: Mrs. Rickert - Choir Director (jennifer.rickert@zb126.org)

CHOIR - JAZZ VOICES

A select group of 12-16 female and male singers. We focus on vocal jazz technique and literature. This group performs at choir concerts, at their own ZB Jazz Night, and participates in other events outside of school. Students must be currently enrolled in a curricular choir that meets during the regular school day in order to participate in this ensemble. See Mrs. Rickert in room 226 for more information.

MEETS: After school 1-3 times per week

SPONSOR: Mrs. Rickert - Choir Director (jennifer.rickert@zb126.org)

CHOIR - ZB ACAPELLA POP

Open to all students at ZBTHS. No audition is necessary. We focus on popular and seasonal acapella music in the style of Pentatonix and other acapella groups! Learn to harmonize and sing acapella style. Performances include scheduled choir concerts and other opportunities around and outside school.

MEETS: 1-2 times a week before and/or after school

SPONSOR: Mrs. Rickert - Choir Director (jennifer.rickert@zb126.org)

CLASS OFFICERS

Involvement of students elected by their respective school class to cultivate leadership and communication skills, promote school spirit, plan safe and fun activities such as Prom and Senior Week activities, and conduct fundraisers. Sponsors and officers encourage participation by other students interested in promoting class unity.

MEETS: All year, 1-2 times/month before or after school

SPONSORS: Senior Class Officers - Ms. Peterson (ana.peterson@zb126.org)

Class Officers (F/So/J) - Ms. Pickering (amy.pickering@zb126.org)

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

At Dungeons & Dragons Club (D&D Club for short), we meet to play D&D in student-run campaigns. We teach students how to play the game, as well as provide a space for students to run their own games. If you're interested in improv, game design, creative writing, or just a space to play a game each week with friends, this is the club for you! Please note that you will need to provide your own ride home, since our meetings go on after the activity buses leave.

MEETS: Room 358 every Tuesday from 2:45-5:00pm

SPONSOR: Ms. Maquire (riley.maguire@zb126.org)

ENCORE PLAYERS

(Drama)

Encore Players is made up of all students who are involved in Drama at ZBTHS. Encore Players is the producing group for all ZBTHS Drama Productions. Students who wish to join should try out for a play or one of the production crews. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Regnier in the VPA/English Department or Ms. Meyer by email.

MEETS: Daily (including some Saturdays) for rehearsals and performances **SPONSORS:** Mrs. Regnier, Drama Producer (kelly.regnier@zb126.org)

FORENSICS DEBATE/SPEECH CLUB

Good for those of you who love to act or talk, the Forensics Debate Club is a competitive IHSA team that competes in a variety of categories in various tournaments from November through February culminating in the IHSA State Series. The team offers 14 different events ranging from acting to speaking to drama to comedy to pairs. Come check it out!

MEET: TBD

SPONSORS: Ms. Peiffer (hanna.peiffer@zb126.org) & Ms. Martinez (edith.martinez@zb126.org)

FRENCH CLUB

French Club is a club dedicated to promoting the French language and culture. Our regular meetings occur bi-monthly; however, others are scheduled as needed in order to plan and prepare activities which usually include:

A welcome breakfast in the Fall, a Fall picnic, a corn maze visit in October, Holiday Folk Fair in November, fundraising, and trips to French restaurants and French-language movies.

MEETS: Twice a month

SPONSOR: Ms. McKeown (meredith.mckeown@zb126.org)

Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA is the high school division of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. FBLA helps high school students prepare for careers in business through academic competitions, leadership development, and educational programs. The FBLA high school experience should be tailored to individual members to ensure that they are gaining the knowledge, skills, experiences, and behaviors they need to be successful after high school. Based on these experiences as well as the knowledge and skills gained through their Business Education programs, FBLA members understand they can choose to: enter the world of work, join the military, continue with a Business Education Program in college, or select another focus for further education. The ZBTHS chapter of FBLA offers over 70 different areas of business that students can pursue, learn about, and compete in regional, state, and national competitions. We look forward to you being part of the Future Business Leaders of America here at ZBTHS.

MEETS: Once per month; more frequently during competition season. Room 400 for meetings.

SPONSOR: Mr. Geary (ryan.geary@zb126.org)

GERMAN CLUB

German Club gives students the chance to see and appreciate German culture in the area. Our meetings are once or twice a month, with activities happening on various evenings. Typical examples of activities are Kino Abend (movie night), Holiday Folk Fair in Milwaukee, restaurant trips, and Christkindelmarket in downtown Chicago.

MEETS: Twice a month

SPONSOR: Ms. Rymer (michelle.rymer@zb126.org)

GIRLS WHO CODE

Girls Who Code gives female students the opportunity to to learn from fun and simple coding tutorials, build community through interactive activities, and learn about inspiring role models. Students can work in teams to design a project that solves real world problems they care about through code. No prior experience is necessary.

MEETS: Weekly but subject to change as it can be done virtually as well

SPONSOR: Mrs. Theodore (melissa.theodore@zb126.org)

HEALTHY YOUTH

Healthy YOUth (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) is a drug prevention program for dedicated, hard-working, and responsible ZBTHS students who have chosen to be drug-free and who want to share that commitment with others in their community. Healthy YOUth is more than just a club. The program is sponsored not only by ZBTHS but by the Cebrin Goodman Center and the Coalition for Healthy Communities. Healthy YOUth members will be mentors and role models for other students who choose to live a healthy lifestyle. To do this confidently, Healthy YOUth students will receive support and guidance throughout the year from Community Health Specialists from the Lake County Health Department and sponsors at the high school.

Healthy YOUth members will help organize events and participate in activities at the high school, with the Coalition for Healthy Communities, Substance Abuse Prevention Work Group, Community Awareness, and Social

Norms Marketing. Some of the recent accomplishments include a successful alcohol awareness campaign and passing legislation that prevents smoking in parks and hosting underage drinking parties.

Healthy YOUth members will meet twice a month to keep up-to-date on drug prevention, learn leadership and presentation skills, and have fun! Members will be required to participate in our annual Retreat Night event and a Healthy YOUth training. Meetings are held twice a month during alternating periods.

MEETS: Twice per month during alternating periods

SPONSORS: Ms. Will (deborah.will@zb126.org) & Mr. Hall (brent.hall@zb126.org)

HOMECOMING

A student committee was formed to generate school spirit and plan the activities and dance during the annual Homecoming Week. The committee plans spirit week, pep assembly, dance, and fundraising efforts.

MEETS: Fall, 10-12 times after school

SPONSORS: Ms. Sherman (genevieve.sherman@zb126.org)

KEY CLUB

Open to all students wishing to be involved in service-oriented activities. Key Club works with the Zion Kiwanis Club on projects designed to promote a better school, community, and country. This includes two Blood Drives; one in October and one in March. They also hold fundraisers, walk in the Labor Day Parade, Peanut Days, distribute turkey baskets at Thanksgiving, gift wrapping at Christmas, Pancake Breakfast in March, and many other service projects within our community.

MEETS: Executive Board meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month in room 209 at 7:15 AM

General Membership meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in room 209 at 7:15 AM

Link for upcoming meetings and events are on the Key Club activity page or on the Key Club website:

https://sites.google.com/zbths.org/zbthskeyclub

SPONSOR: Mrs. Shorey (lauren.shorey@zb126.org)

L.A.S.O (previously H.A.T.T)

Latin American Student Organization exists to promote the uniqueness of Latin cultures and to foster a love and appreciation for Latine people's history, customs, traditions, food, music, and heroes. Our goal is to provide a safe space for Latine identifying ZB to embrace their cultural identity and to do this in conjunction with other Latine students. All students at ZB are welcome to attend yet we aim to offer a community tailored to the needs of our Latine ZBs.

MEETS: Once a month

SPONSOR: Ms. Martinez (edith.martinez@zb126.org)

MOSAICS

(Literary Magazine)

Mosaics is the official literary publication of ZBTHS; it has been in print since at least 1963. Students who participate in *Mosaics* have a strong interest in writing, art, photography, and graphic design. As such, they work throughout the year to compile, edit, and publish the finest novel excerpts, poems, plays, short stories, personal essays, art, and photography submitted by students, faculty, and alumni. Students also work on developing their own pieces and honing their writing skills. The year ends with the printing, promotion, and sale of the publication.

MEETS: TBD

SPONSOR: Mr.Burd (jeffery.burd@zb126.org)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

NHS is a service organization that is by invitation only. Students will receive application information early in the second semester of their sophomore or junior year if they have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.75. Students must complete the application by the set deadline. A committee will then review the applications and determine membership based on high levels of leadership, scholarship, service, and character, with input from all faculty members. Once members are inducted, they are required to attend meetings, complete service hours at school and in the community, and design and carry out service projects.

MEETS: twice a month on Wednesdays, 7:10-7:40 am in the South Commons, plus outside service hours **SPONSORS:** Mr. Kubic (chris.kubic@zb126.org) and Ms. Saed (sama.saed@zb126.org)

NJROTC - DRILL TEAM

A nationally ranked precision drill team composed of 30-40 NJROTC cadets that compete throughout the year against other NJROTC drill teams throughout the nation. The team has won the Area Three West Academic/Drill and Physical Fitness championship seven of the past eight years and has gone on to compete at the National Drill competitions in Pensacola, and Daytona Beach, Florida. The team is composed of armed and unarmed platoons that perform basic and exhibition drills. All Drill Team members are in the NJROTC program.

MEETS: Daily practice from 3 PM – 7 PM ROTC drill deck. **SPONSOR:** <u>Chief Nelson</u>, USN-Ret (vincent.nelson@zb126.org)

NJROTC - ORIENTEERING TEAM

Orienteering is an outdoor sport that combines land navigation with a treasure hunt. Popular in Europe, the Chicago Area Orienteering Club (CAOC) has many members who have competed nationally as well as internationally. The Orienteering team competes with CAOC on selected Sundays in the forest preserves in the south Chicago area. Although the CAOC courses are open to the public, all members of the NJROTC team are in the ROTC program.

MEETS: Sundays from 0900-1430 (9:00AM - 2:30PM) at various forest areas. Each activity meets with 18-22 cadets.

SPONSOR: Captain Paul Annexsted, USN-Ret (paul.annexsted@zb126.org)

NJROTC - RIFLE TEAM

An eight-time 2004, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, and 2021 Navy National Air Rifle Team, 2009 and 2016 Junior Olympic Champions, 2013 and 2014 National Rifle Association National Champions, 2014 and 2017

Civilian Marksmanship Program National Champions and 2009 US Army National Champions composed of all NJROTC cadets. The team has won the Illinois State Championship fifteen of the last seventeen years. Cadets are issued all the equipment they will need for practice and competitions at no cost. There is a one-time fee of \$50 dollars to cover pellet and target cost. The team competes in various local national Competitions and Junior Olympics. Annual competitions if qualified include trips to Fort Benning, GA, Colorado Springs, Co, Nashville, TN, Camp Perry, OH, Anniston, AL, Phoenix AZ, and various locations in Illinois. We are one of the best and well known JROTC Sporter Rifle Teams in the Nation.

This is a year-round sport that requires an extensive amount of dedication and precision. Team members must be in the NJROTC program to be on the team.

MEETS: Varsity meets Monday through Thursday at the main campus rifle range from 1500-1630 (3:00-4:30 PM). JV meets Monday through Thursday from 1630-1800 (4:30-6:00 PM).

SPONSOR: Master Chief Hackstein, USN-Ret (daniel.hackstein@zb126.org)

NOR'EASTER

(Z-B Yearbook)

Students are involved in the production of the yearbook. Responsibilities and skills developed include interviewing, graphic design, photography, writing copy, and meeting the publisher's deadlines. New ideas are always welcome. Students need not be enrolled in yearbook class to be involved! Amateur photographers are welcome! Send us your photos! Get involved and join us!

MEETS: Daily during school and twice per week after school as needed.

SPONSOR: Mr. Sevener (jeffery.sevener@zb126.org)

PROM COMMITTEE

A Committee that includes the Junior and Senior Class Officers and other interested Junior/Senior students meets to plan the Prom.

MEET: Once a month, November through January, then bi-weekly until Prom.

SPONSOR: Ms. Niemiera (kristen.niemiera@zb126.org)

ROBOTICS TEAM

The Robotics Team is open to all students who are interested in learning about the latest in today's technology. The competition is held in the spring and sponsored by CLC, depending on availability. This season will meet virtually and focus on programming and design.

MEETS: TBD

SPONSORS: Mr. Bush (chris.bush@zb126.org)

SAGA

Our ZB SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Acceptance) Club promotes and provides a safe environment that serves to support, educate and unite our diverse population. SAGA is partnered with Illinois Safe Schools Alliance and

consists of students from all grade levels and orientations. Typical activities include promoting the Day of Silence, Anti-Bullying Week, and Ally Week among others.

MEETS: Twice a month

SPONSORS: Ms. Pavelske (megan.pavelske@zb126.org)

SISTER 2 SISTER

S.A.A.S/SISTER2SISTER (Student African American Sisterhood) is part of a national organization dedicated to unifying African American and Hispanic girls through the development of a sisterhood of distinction. Our purpose is to inspire, motivate, enrich and develop cultural awareness, provide adult/student role models, develop leadership qualities and provide opportunities for academic, social emotional, fiscal and service growth. SAAS is committed to planning and implementing programs that empower not only themselves but the community at large.

MEETS: Every other Tuesday from 2:50 – 3:45 PM in room 102

SPONSOR: Cory Klema (cory.klema@zb126.org) & Maddi Parmacek (maddi.parmacek@zb126.org)

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club is open to all students who are interested in learning more about the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures around the world! We gather twice a month to provide students with opportunities to experience various aspects of culture, such as food, music, games, traditions, and even trivia. We also coordinate activities throughout the year with the French and German Clubs.

MEETS: Monthly on Wednesdays

SPONSOR: Ms. Boehm (taylor.boehm@zb126.org)

STINGER

(Z-B Newspaper)

Students are involved both in the classroom and after school to produce an accurate, informative, and entertaining newspaper for the school. They gather information, take pictures, write stories, and use state-of-the-art computer programs to create this monthly paper.

MEETS: Daily during school

Student editors meet 4 – 5 days each month after school **SPONSOR**: Mr. Sevener (jeffrey.sevener@zb126.org)

SWARM

SWARM (ZB Spirit Club) promotes school pride, unity, and spirit. SWARM sponsors theme nights for home games and attendance at school activities. Activities include attending school events while wearing SWARM t-shirts or other Z-B gear.

MEETS: SWARM leaders contact Ms. Sherman

SPONSORS: Ms. Sherman (genevieve.sherman@zb126.org)

THESPIAN SOCIETY

The International Thespian Society is an honorary organization for high school drama students. Membership is awarded to those students who earn enough points through participation in Encore Players productions. The Thespian Society participates in several other events each year, including community service events. They attend area plays after school hours as well as the Illinois High School Theatre Festival and sponsor the theatre awards banquet at the end of each production season.

MEETS: Regularly during performance season

SPONSOR: Ms. Regnier (kelly.regnier@zb126.org)

WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

The weight room is open after school three days a week as designated. There is no sign-up or team, so feel free to come any time that the weight room is open. There is no obligation. Come when it works for your schedule. More information can be obtained in the weight room. Open times are listed on the bulletin and posted in the weight room.

MEETS: Afterschool as designated

SPONSOR: Mr. O'Connell (daniel.oconnell@zb126.org)

Z-B STAGE CREW

ZB Stage Crew is the "behind the scenes" activity of all ZB theatre productions. We are always looking for students who want to learn how to work backstage. We will teach you how to construct, paint, light school productions, work with all the tools as well as learn the language of the theatre. It is also a great group to make good friends.

MEETS:After school during play productions in the ZB Theatre Shop. Times TBD. Students will be given a schedule for each production.

SPONSOR: Mr. Regnier (warren.regnier@zb126.org)

Z-B TECHCREW (Tech Support – Information Technology)

TechCrew is a 4-year student-led program in which students provide tech support and maintenance of the school's computers and other equipment. Working with the school's IT support staff, students can expect to learn the ins and outs of servicing computer hardware and software, customer service/support, leadership, and much more. Summer work and scholarships are available to qualifying students. TechCrew is open to all district students who want to and are willing to learn. Interested students can find applications in the Tech Office during the opening weeks of each semester. To get the most out of TechCrew, it is recommended that students join during their freshman year.

MEETS: Monday – Friday after school until 3:45 PM and throughout the summer **SPONSOR:** Mr. Meyer, (john.meyer@zb126.org) System Support Specialist

Webpage: http://www.zbths.org/domain/30

Z-B TV

ZB-TV students will participate in the recording and streaming of high school and community events. They may also assist District 126 with programs on academics and teacher in-service. Depending on their level of skill, they may also compete in video and film festivals.

MEETS: As needed each week to discuss upcoming programs and techniques in room 218.

SPONSOR: Mr. Angelos

ZB GARDENING

Going into our 3rd year! Flexible schedule all year with students signing up on a calendar to help weed, plant, and harvest a variety of vegetables such as peppers, beans, corn, pumpkin, zucchini, cucumbers, etc... This club donates food to the local food pantry as well as sells it to the community at a farmstand. Students will run fundraisers during the school year. We will also have a new Greenhouse! And students can take charge of what we plant each year. This is a student-led activity!

MEETS: August-Oct (twice a week); Nov-March (flexible in the greenhouse); Summer (skeleton crew calendar) **SPONSOR:** Ms. Lahare (nancy.lahare@zb126.org)