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Dear 8th Graders and Parents:

Zion Lutheran School has a chapter in the **California Junior Scholarship Federation**. CJSF is “an affiliate of the California Scholarship Federation (high school level), a statewide organization which is also affiliated with the Association of California School Administrators. It was founded in 1967 for the purpose of fostering high standards of scholarship, service and citizenship in the junior high school grades.” Its motto is “scholarship for service.” All students who qualify for this organization should apply and be recognized by ZLCS and the future school(s) they will attend.

Membership for 7th and 8th-grade students is determined by the grades earned during each 7th and 8th grade semester. Semester membership is based on work done in the **previous** semester. A student must reapply each semester for membership, and membership is neither compulsory nor automatic. To apply, the student needs to fill out an application form available on the school website or from Mrs. Roberts, CJSF Advisor. Grades from the previous semester (both quarters) are recorded on the application. (Therefore, incoming 7th graders may not apply until the beginning of the 2nd semester of the school year with grades earned from the 1st semester of 7th grade.) Please note the deadline below for applying. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

If the student applies, qualifies, and is accepted in CJSF for at least three of the four possible semesters, they will be awarded the Honor Membership Pin at graduation, the official gold seal will be placed on their diploma, and Honor Membership will be indicated on their Cumulative Record which is sent to the student’s next school. At the high school level, CSF awards scholarships to deserving students. Students should also record CSF membership on their college applications and biographs.

CJSF meetings will occur at least twice each semester in room #16 during lunch. Our chapter elects five officers at the first meeting, and \$6.00 dues for each semester is due and collected at the first scheduled meeting. Each semester, members will complete a service project for each of the following: the school, the church, and the community. Each member should come prepared with service project ideas.

The deadline for 8th graders to apply this semester is **Monday, September 12 by 3:15 p.m.** Applications are available online now, at the School Open Forum and Parent Orientation on August 24, and from Mrs. Roberts. Please use your Gradelink account to access your grades when filling out the application. The school is not responsible for providing the grades. Applications may be turned in at the office, emailed to me, or given to Mrs. Fischer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

In His service,

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