

Zion Chapel Homecoming 2025-2026

October 15-17

“Treasure the Tradition”

Homecoming week will begin Wednesday, October 15 and continue through Friday, October 17th.

This year’s theme is **“Treasure the Tradition”**. We encourage faculty and students to be creative and participate in the week’s activities. It is a wonderful opportunity to foster unity and school spirit.

We will be having a number of events, dress up days, and competitions to enjoy throughout the week.

Homecoming Bonfire - Thursday, October 16th

A community bonfire will be held on Thursday, October 16th at 7 p.m. at the back of the high school. The bonfire will be set up down the hill going towards the baseball and softball fields. All spectators and activities will be on the pavement on top of the hill in the parking lot. We will also have food trucks and Kona Ice.

Homecoming Friday, October 17th

▪ **TAILGATE**

- o Grades participating: Pre-K through 5th Grade
- o Date and Time: October 17th, 9:30-11:00 playground & snack areas

▪ **PARADE**

- o Parade line-up will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the parade will begin at 12:30 p.m.
- o Parade entry forms / roster should be turned in to the front office by Monday, October 6th at 3:00 p.m.
- o NO candy, toys, or other items should be thrown from parade entries.
- o At this time, plans are for the parade route to begin in the elementary parking / baseball field area, continue behind the elementary buildings and band room, between the old gymnasium and library, follow along the side of the AgriScience building, and end near the Youth Sports field. This may change as deemed necessary. Due to the parade set-up, the elementary parking lot will only be accessible for parade entries.
- o Students are not allowed to drive vehicles during the parade.
- o No bicycles.
- o Students cannot be on a float if they have checked out of school.

- **HOMECOMING COURT PRESENTATION / PEP RALLY**
 - The Homecoming Court presentation / Homecoming Pep Rally will take place on the football field immediately following the parade.
 - Elementary will follow normal dismissal routines and high school students will return to class.
 - Elementary students who sign out after the pep rally must sign out in the student's classroom. High school students must check out through the high school office.

- **HOMECOMING COURT CORONATION**
 - Coronation of the Homecoming Queen and Court will be held during the pregame ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

- **FOOTBALL GAME**
 - Kick-off for the Homecoming football game versus the *Calhoun Tigers* will be at 7:00 p.m. in Green Memorial Stadium.
 - Homecoming Spirit Competition winners will be announced.
 - Alumni will be recognized during the game with special recognition given to the Class of 2016, Class of 2006, and Class of 1996.



Homecoming Spirit Competition

The Homecoming Spirit Competition will consist of three divisions:

- lower elementary (preK - 2)
- upper elementary (3-5)
- middle school (6-8)
- high school (9-12).

All competitions will be between grade levels and not individual classes. Winners will be announced at the homecoming game and will receive a party sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Points for the Homecoming Spirit Competition can be earned in three categories:

PreK - 2nd Grade

1. Dress-Up Days

- Teachers will enter the number of students per grade level who participate in the designated dress-up day on an online form each morning during homeroom. The grade level with the largest percentage of participants will receive the largest number of points and the grade level with the lowest percentage of participants will receive the fewest points (elementary grade levels can earn up to 4 points per day).
- Dress code **MUST** be followed! Hats are allowed if part of the costume, but should be removed during class if requested by the teacher.
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 - Thursday, Oct 16: Captain and First Mate (Iconic Duos)
 - Friday, Oct. 17: Make the Tigers Walk the Plan (Hoco shirt and Pirate accessories)

2. Coloring Competition

- A Homecoming-themed coloring sheet will be provided.
- Each teacher should select two “finalists” from their classroom and submit these to the front office for judging by Thursday, October 9th at noon. Submissions should include the student’s name and grade level on the back.
- Teachers are encouraged to display the coloring sheets on the wall outside their classrooms during Homecoming week.

3. Spirit Link Competition

- Students will purchase spirit links for 50 cents each, write their names and grade levels on them, and add them to the chain in their first period / homeroom teacher’s classroom.
- Chain links will be provided in the teacher’s file buckets each day. Money collected should be placed in the ziploc bag.
- The first period teacher will document the number of links sold per grade level on the Homecoming online form each day. Links will be sold October 6-15.
- Chains will be picked up from the classrooms at 9:00 am Thursday morning. The owner of the link that is chosen will win a restaurant gift card.

- Grade levels will earn points for the number of links sold in each category: Elementary PK - 5th grade most links sold will earn 4 points, second place 3 points, etc.

3rd - 5th Grade

1. Dress-Up Days

- Teachers will enter the number of students per grade level who participate in the designated dress-up day on an online form each morning during first period / homeroom. The grade level with the largest percentage of participants will receive the largest number of points and the grade level with the lowest percentage of participants will receive the fewest points (elementary grade levels can earn up to 4 points per day).
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2. Spirit Link Competition

- Students will purchase spirit links for 50 cents each, write their names and grade levels on them, and add them to the chain in their first period / homeroom teacher's classroom.
- Chain links will be provided in the teacher's blue bags each day. Money collected should be placed in the blue bag.
- The first period teacher will document the number of links sold per grade level on the Homecoming online form each day. Links will be sold October 6-15.
- Chains will be picked up from the classrooms at 9:00 am Thursday morning. The owner of the link chosen and cut will win a restaurant gift card.
- Grade levels will earn points for the number of links sold in each category: Elementary 3rd - 5th grade most links sold will earn 4 points, second place 3 points, etc.

3. Song of the Day

- Each morning following announcements, a "mystery song" will be played over channel 1 of the radio and over the intercom. Teachers will call into the office

(using their cell phones) and be required to “finish the song”. Two bonus points will be awarded for the correct “caller / grade level” each day.

6th - 8th Grade

1. Dress-Up Days

- Teachers will enter the number of students per grade level who participate in the designated dress-up day on an online form each morning during first period. The grade level with the largest percentage of participants will receive the largest number of points and the grade level with the lowest percentage of participants will receive the fewest points (high school grade levels can earn up to 6 points per day).
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2. Homecoming Door Decor

- Each teacher will guide their assigned class to a “Treasure the Tradition”-related theme and decorate their door.
- Homecoming doors will be created by each grade level (grades 6-8).
- Entries will be judged on the following criteria: Fits the Homecoming Theme (Disney), Visually Appealing, Creativity, Promotes School Spirit, On Time.
- Doors must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4th.
- Each grade level is responsible for their own supplies / decorations. Bulletin board paper will be provided by the school. Please do not request supplies from the art department.
- The winner will earn 6 points, second place 5 points, etc.

3. Parade Entry

- Grade levels can earn 10 bonus points by having a float entry.
- To qualify for the bonus points, a parade entry form must be completed and turned in to the front office by the deadline. To earn points, the entry must be classified as a float or moving vehicle and cannot consist only of walking participants.

- Float construction must take place off campus.

4. Spirit Link Competition - TBD the selling of links at break for grades 6-12

- Students will purchase spirit links for 50 cents each, write their names and grade levels on them, and add them to the chain in their first period teacher's classroom.
- Chain links will be provided in the teacher's bags each day. Money collected should be placed in the bag.
- The first period/homeroom teacher will document the number of links sold per grade level on the Homecoming online form each day. Links will be sold Monday - Thursday of Homecoming week.
- Chains should be brought to the pep rally where one link will be randomly selected from each category chain. The owner of the link will win a restaurant gift card.
- Grade levels will earn points for the number of links sold in each category: High School winner will earn 6 points, second place 5 points, etc.

5. Song of the Day

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6. Break Competitions -

- Students will be selected to perform the daily break competitions prior to break each day.
- During each schedule break time, students will report to their normal break area. Students will then view or compete in each competition. Grade level winners will receive two points per game won each day.

7. Alma Mater

- Grade levels can earn 5 bonus points by submitting a video of a member or members of the class singing the Alma Mater. The video should be emailed to davisa@coffeecounty.k12.al.us no later than Wednesday, October 9th at 3:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, October 15th, two students from each grade level (7-12) will be randomly selected to sing the Alma Mater. If one of the two students can sing the Alma Mater, the grade level will be awarded an additional 5 bonus points. If both students can sing the Alma Mater, the grade level will earn 10 bonus points.

- Recordings may be featured on the Rebel News program.
- A recording of the Alma Mater will be placed on Google Classroom to assist with learning the lyrics and melody. The lyrics are:

Alma Mater, Fairest Mother
 Zion Chapel, dear old school,
 Here we learn life's grandest lessons
 Love of God and Golden Rule.
 Love of country, love of learning
 Love of truth and liberty,
 Here we sing our heart's devotion:
 Alma Mater, Hail to thee.

9th - 12th Grade

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3. Homecoming Banners (9th -12th)

- Homecoming banners will be created by each grade level (grades 9-12).
- Banners should be created using white bulletin board paper, provided.
- The banners will be displayed in the halls through the week and on the fence during the homecoming football game.
- If grade levels want to display their banner during the homecoming parade, a parade entry form will need to be completed and turned in to the front office.
- Entries will be judged on the following criteria: Fits the Homecoming Theme (Pirate), Visually Appealing, Creativity, Promotes School Spirit, On Time, Meets Dimension Criteria.
- The grade level should be visible on each entry.
- Banners are due in the auditorium by noon on Friday, October 10th.

- Supplies will be provided as members complete the banner in the auditorium the week prior to homecoming. Please do not request supplies from the art department.
- The High School winner will earn 6 points, second place 5 points, etc.
- High School grade levels will select five students to form a “banner committee” to create the grade level banner. Committee members will work during the given times. Extra times must be supervised by an adult.

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