



ZASADA FAMILY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FROM OUR FOUNDERS

Z.F.H.S. proudly celebrated our 20th anniversary year in 2018. The days, weeks, and months were busy with school and work but we found a bit of time to play in July and October as you'll read in the sidebar. Other milestones included Julie's elementary school visit to celebrate her 1st grade teacher's retirement, Grandma Allie's 100th birthday party (Julie's beloved babysitter), Todd hitting his mid-40's, and our 5th year homeschooling. Our living history museum (aka family home) got a kitchen cabinet makeover, wood floor upgrades in 2 bedrooms, and board-and-batten treatment in the hallway. We also celebrated the life of Todd's aunt, Joyce Smith, as she was laid to rest in September.



2019 shows no signs of slowing down as Justin will graduate high school, Tim will get his driver's license, Nate will graduate 8th grade and make his Confirmation, Ali will turn 8 (going on 18), and Mary Helen will begin her violin lessons like her big sister.

QUOTABLE QUIPS

Tim: "Where's my pencil?!" asking while assuming someone took his.

Justin: "Here, use this one."

Mom: exasperated he didn't really look to see it under his book—"No, don't give him one. He's Mr. Jump-to-Conclusions."

Tim: "Uuuuhhh, that's our entire family!"

Mom: "So I should've just left you sleeping?!" finding Nate sleeping on the couch with his math book on his head instead of doing his lesson.

Nate: "I wasn't sleeping, I was dozing off. I never sleep during the day."

Tim: while we were all eating out at Culvers "Our family is not built to eat in front of people."

Mom: "Don't write in that textbook."

Nate: "It doesn't matter. You're not going to be able to homeschool them (meaning his sisters). You're going to be in your 70's or 60's then. (pause) I don't keep track of your age. 50's then."

Ali: "Mom if you eat black seeds, does watermelon grow in your stomach?"

Mom: "No" Ali: "Justin told me that. Another one of those fairy tale lies."

Dad: "Tim the reason you always have headaches is constant screen time. It's scientifically proven."

Tim: "I never would believe a scientist."

Ali: "You are the most unhelpful child in the world Mary." when Mary hands her diaper to Ali to throw away.

Mary: "Thanks. I love you Ali"

FUND-DRAINING EVENTS

Two family vacations contributed to the rapid depletion of our savings account this year. In July, we loaded the van full of kids and chaos to drive to Cincinnati for the Couple to Couple League's family conference. The adults enjoyed great speakers while the children tolerated their breakout sessions. But the signature event this year was a 12-day trip to Southern California to meet the mouse and his princesses, tour Hollywood sites, jump ocean waves, explore San Juan Capistrano Mission and relax while visiting with Julie's family. (Thanks to our 10th year following Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace program—no debt followed us home, which might be the most exciting "souvenir" of all.)



Mary Helen: "Mom who is that?"

Mom: "That's Mom, Dad, and Justin." (as a baby)

Mary Helen: "What?! Boys aren't supposed to be babies! Only girls!"

Ali: "Mom, are boys supposed to get stinking sleep and girls get beauty sleep?"

Mom barking out orders through the bathroom door while Tim's in the shower: "Tim, do you hear me?"

Tim: "Yes! It's impossible not to!"

Todd to Julie: "Oh look, Google earth has a new picture of the [Cedar Lake Hist. Assoc.] museum and your car's in the parking lot. What a surprise."

Mary Helen: "Mommy we forgot to pray on our body." in reference to making the sign of the cross when praying before meals.

Mary: "What does it say?" asking about her t-shirt

Mom: "Mommy's little helper" Ali: "Um, how does she help?"

Mom: "Not much." Ali: "That shirt doesn't really fit her."

MEMBER MEMORIES

This year wouldn't have been as wildly successful without the contributions of our members. Some favorite memories include...



Justin, 17.75

"it's a tie between the Little Toyko (CA) grocery store to stock-up on Ramune and Pockys and meeting and taking a picture with Edna (from the Incredibles) at California Adventure."



Tim, 16!!!!

"Getting my driver's permit."



Nate, 14.5

"Going to In-N-Out Burger in California."



Alice, 7.5

"Meeting Elsa & Anna" at Disney's California Adventure



Mary Helen, 3.95

"That's not Olaf! There's a human in there." at a costume meet-and-greet