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February 22, 2023

CARDINAL CHATTER

3/1 Talent Show Auditions @ 3:30 in the gym
3/2 Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel)!



3/4 Middle School Winter Dance 7-9:00 P.M.
3/9 Talent show in the evening T.B.A (see more below)

988 Saves Lives - Anyone can now call or text 988 to reach the national suicide prevention lifeline. The hope is that the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline becomes synonymous with mental health care, just as 911 is with public safety. (Texas Co-op Power magazine, February 2023, p. 5)

Two bills in the Oklahoma House: HB 1935 creates the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax Credit Act, which would allow a \$5,000 annual tax credit for parents of eligible students that attend private schools. (HB2755, provides a \$2500 raise for public school teachers.)

Time to re-enroll your child. We will begin accepting new applicants - March 1st. So, get your spot reserved ASAP.

NO INCREASES! Our School Board voted last week to keep School Registration/Enrollment and Tuitions rates the same for next school year. We are implementing a \$50 registration fee for the Early Childhood program to get financial commitment from families. We are also working on Summer Day Care rates to reduce drop-ins to ensure spaces for those who need us full-time. We also voted to keep the \$200 referral gifts to families who get new families to our school in kindergarten to 6th grade. (See the attached financial page for Referral Credit and more.)

ASH WEDNESDAY – Today February 22nd, is the start of the Lenten Season of the Church Year. For the next seven weeks we will be focusing on the suffering that our Lord endured on this earth so that we could have eternal life. At Chapel we will do the imposition of ashes, which is when Pastor will make the sign of the cross on our foreheads with ashes (representing our burnt up/destroyed sins). Students do not have to do it, but most will. This chapel will be only Kindergarten and older.

Room Parents - Please be working on your class auction projects. The auction will be at the Osage Casino on April 1 so your items should be in the school office immediately after Spring Break please.

Chess Club is now available to 2-5 graders in the middle school on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:15-4. We will have it divided up between those who are brand new to chess and those who have an idea of what they're doing. If you have any questions, please let me know! Mr. Brey

Talent Show- March 9 5:30 PM. In the gym, Pick up applications from your teacher. Try-outs are Wednesday March 1st. If you have questions contact 4th grade teacher Megan Sibley.

School's 70th Anniversary Reunion - We are making plans to celebrate this milestone with a golf tournament on Friday-March 31, comedians, dinner, auction, and dance at the Osage casino on Saturday-April 1. Also, some basketball, and a special memorial worship service on Sunday-April 2. Mark your calendars and tell your friends and our alumni.

***Last week to order 70th Anniversary Shirts, Hoodies and Sweaters**

INK & TONER RECYCLING: Help us keep your costs down! If you have a new or used ink or toner cartridge that you are done with, please send them with your student and the teachers will get them to the office. We recycle these and earn credit on the supplies that the school purchases each month. THANK YOU for your help with this!

Can I have your grocery receipts instead of trashing them?? Since the Box Top program has gone virtual, we are missing out on Box Top Rewards. If you are willing, after you go shopping for groceries, home, or office, could you (*) put your receipt in the black box in front of the office, (*) bring them to Lori in the office and I can scan it and give it right back, or (*) put them in an envelope addressed to "Connie – office" and put it in your child's backpack / take home folder / have them give it to their teacher? I'll scan them with the Box Top App, and then I will trash them or return them via your child (if you write your name on the receipt). Don't worry about checking to see if there are any applicable products in your cart—it just takes a second to scan it, and if we get nothing, at least we tried. BUT...sometimes there are Box Top Rewards associated with non-food items like Ziploc, Hefty, Paper Mate, etc. You just never know, so it's worth a shot! Of course, you can download the app yourself and scan the receipts if you would rather. Thank you!

OH! We always would like to scan your **Staples receipts** to get extra Staples rewards for the school; that is in addition to you putting the receipt in for your own rewards; they'll apply the Rewards to both your account and to a registered school!

Stu-co- Mrs. Harbeson- See Middle School dance flyer attached.

70th Anniversary Shirt - Order Yours Now!

Have you signed up for your First Lutheran School 70th anniversary shirt yet? If not, now's your chance! Attached to this edition of the Cardinal Chatter is an order form showing all your options. We have shirt sizes ranging from toddlers to adults. Short-sleeved and long-sleeved t-shirts are being offered along with sweatshirts and hoodies! All shirts will be sports gray with a black and red designed screen by Casey McClaskey of Legacy Signs.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to commemorate the 70th anniversary of our school! The FLS student council is sponsoring this fundraiser. Proceeds will be used not only for upcoming school events, but also to support our philanthropy project for this semester, the Ponca City Humane Society.

Sandi Lyons- Cafeteria- As a friendly reminder: No fast food for breakfast or lunch. It is in the parent handbook. At breakfast NO Starbucks, donuts, pop or coffee. They will be sent to the office.

DAYCARE – Mrs. Becker:

Principal --. Birnbaum: This is the last week of February and only two weeks left in this quarter until Spring Break. Get your Re-enrollment forms in so you don't lose your spot.

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey:** Kindergarten and First Grade students are learning their song for church - "Life is a Journey." They have beautiful voices and awesome actions for the song, and we're excited to share it with you on Sunday, March 5th at 9am! Middle school students just finished a paper about hymns, and this week we're diving more into hymns in the Lutheran world and from other Christian churches.

LIBRARY- Mrs. Manning- Just another reminder to send school related pictures to the yearbook account at yearbook@flcspc.com We appreciate you!

PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine: This week we are learning about pairs, giving, 9, and red. Our Bible story for the week is "The widow's mite" found in Luke 21:1-4. Have a blessed rest of the week!

PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin: I hope everyone had a great 4-day weekend! This week we start learning about the letters V, J and Q. We are still working on our Letter certificates; the children are doing a great job! Please continue working with them at home. The Bible words this week are: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me." Matthew 19:14. Have an awesome week!

PRE-K – Mrs. Kelly: I hope you enjoyed your long weekend! Book orders are in folders and are due back to me by Friday, March 3rd. Chapel offering continues to go to New Life Trails. Please consider sending offering each week. Read across America Week is next week. Look in folders today for information about our reading fun. Our Bible words this week are, Jesus says, "Let the little children come to Me" Matthew 19:14 We are learning the letters Vv,Jj,Qq and the number 16. Have a Blessed week!

KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller: I hope everyone had a great long weekend with Presidents' Day! Please keep bringing your Monday Folders to school every Monday and if we don't have school on

Monday then bring them on Tuesday, thank you. Mark your calendars for March 5th because Kindergarten will sing with First grade on that Sunday at the 9:00 am service. Students may sit with their families until they are called up to the front. Please have a magnificent week!

FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum: Memory verse for Friday is Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. We have been working very hard on a class book that will be published. Please look for the information packet that came home today. On Thursday we will join the church group OWLS (Older, Wiser, LutheranS). We will read to them, play bingo, and have a special treat. Friday is Show and Tell. Our theme this month is to bring something that represents your favorite color (pink bracelet, red socks, green lego - be creative!). 1st grade and kindergarten will sing in Church on March 5. Please make plans to join us for church at the 9:00 service! Next week we will celebrate Read Across America! Have a wonderful week!

SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton: I pray you had an enjoyable and restful extended weekend. 2nd grade has passed the \$100 mark for Heifer International, with \$105.20. The students' goal was set at \$170, with 2 ½ weeks left to raise money before the end of the 3rd quarter! We are exploring suffixes this week and prefixes next week. No vocabulary this week, but there will be new words for next week. Memory is the 6th Commandment with meaning, and next week will be the 7th Commandment with the meaning. We will continue with our subtraction lessons interspersed with other lessons, and have a subtraction test at the end of next week. Yesterday we began our "March Book Madness" bracket to see which book is the elementary building's favorite! In reading we continue to grow in fluent reading - pausing at punctuation and focusing on understanding the story we are reading, rather than sounding out each word. Continue to read and ask questions as you read to help with AR. We have stopped reading logs as we switch the focus to book reports and chapter books this spring. Congratulations to Anthony, Blake, and Isaiah for meeting your AR goals!

THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen: CONGRATULATIONS to the boys' and girls' basketball teams for placing in the Texas tournament this weekend. Also, thank you to all the coaches who dedicate all their times to their players. We love you all! This week: Memory, Spelling, Language Test all on Friday. Look for a math test next week. We are starting a new science unit: rocks, and a new Social Studies Unit : 3 branches of the government. Look for a test in both of these before we leave for Spring Break. A.R. We only have a couple more weeks left before the end of the quarter. Please ask your child where they are with their A.R. March Book Madness: The bracket is set. Look for the winner in the coming weeks! We will be reading a book a day out of 16 books. These are all book written in 2022. The kids look forward to this every year. Movie: we are finishing up the One and Only Ivan this week. We will watch the movie on Friday, please send pillows, blankets, and snacks with a drink. THANK YOU! A huge thank you goes out to Kennedy and family for our new pencil sharpener. I am still in need of straws if anyone is willing to donate. We use these each week for our STEM projects. This week is based on President's Day. HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK! Enjoy this nicer weather.

FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley: The quarter is winding down very quickly with a few school days left. Keep reading to make current AR goals. Please log in to check grades and AR. Make sure ALL sick and late work is being completed. We are 5th graders in training. This is a challenge that some are really stepping up to the plate for, and others need more guidance from their support system. Keep up the great work! See you tonight at Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. Lenten supper is at 5:15 p.m. Blessings as we focus on Chris's love.

5th Grade & Middle School

ATHLETICS – Coach Amanda: Last game of the season Thursday night -Right after Mini Cheer performance at 6:30 P.M.



Congratulations to our varsity girls for taking FIRST place in the Silver Division of the Texas Lutheran Basketball tournament this weekend while the boys finished THIRD in the same division.

5th GRADE– Mrs. Sibley Hello Parents! Hope you had a good 4 days off with your students! We will be studying "The Wreck of the Titanic" during reading time. More pronoun study for our language time this week! Our science projects are due this Friday, February 24! If your student has theirs done, they may bring them in on Thursday, February 23rd! In Science we will be studying plate tectonics. Have a great week! Mrs. S. Sibley

Religion: Mrs. Brey- Sixth grade students are diving into the book of Job. We are also discussing Ash Wednesday and more about lent. Memory work (Luke 17:3-4) is due on Friday.

MATH – Mr. McKinley- 5th-This week we will work on polygon angles and perimeter and then work into circles and circumference.

6th-This week we will be solving 2 step equations, inequalities, working with functions and graphing.

7th-This week we will be looking at slope and slope intercept form.

MATH—Mr. Birnbaum- 8th grade: Get your IXL assignments completed ASAP from this past long weekend. Finishing up grades for this third quarter.

SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain: Helllllloooo Cardinals! A short week but it is packed with all the things!

6th Science- we will be talking about our machine projects.

7th Science- We will be testing over our minerals and ores on THURSDAY!

8th Science- We are working our way through Chapter 6! They are learning about heredity and Punnett squares!

PE- we will be utilizing the nice weather and playing games outside!

Basketball- our season is coming to an end. Boys took 3rd in silver and girls took 1st in silver at the Texas Regional Tournament! It was a great weekend of basketball and fellowship! Boys will face off in a game Thursday evening at home! Come out and support them in their last game of the season! Also- catch the mini cheer performance just before the game!

Track- if your child is interested in track, please contact me!! 7-8 girls and boys will practice and compete with PCPS! GO CARDS!!

LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester: This week in Literature, class books are due. Students will receive instructions Friday for the accompanying assignment that will be worth a test grade and due the following week. If your child is absent on the day, it is due, make sure (s)he still submits the assignment digitally via Google Classroom by the deadline to avoid a late deduction on it. Speaking of test grades, middle schoolers completed an exam on synonyms today for vocabulary. They will now turn their attention to antonyms as they wrap up direct and indirect objects in Grammar. In Religion, students are still interacting with the Gospel of Mark as they march toward this semester's prayer and worship session wherein, they will soak in the Creator's presence.

SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey: 5th: Students are continuing on their slideshow on early American History.

6th: Students are moving on from Greece and learning about Rome.

7th: Students are wrapping up their state standards, which this week includes a review of government types and how we measure the quality of life in countries.

8th: We will start our LAST state standard this week! We will be wrapping up the civil war and starting our reconstruction unit on Friday.

***First Lutheran Church & School—Growing up into Jesus,
Reaching out with Jesus, Walking together in Jesus***

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Middle School Dance Information

The middle school winter dance is quickly approaching! Here's the information for the evening:

Winter Dance Theme: **A Night in Paris**

When: **Saturday March 4, 2023**

Time: **7-9 p.m.**

Where: **FLS gym**

Cost: **\$5 per person** (Half will be given to the Lutheran church pantry fund and half will go towards the cost of the dance. You may pay in the school office in advance for \$5 or at the door for \$8.)

Who is invited: All FLS 6th, 7th, and 8th grade middle school students only. This is not considered a "date dance." The winter dance is a time for all the students to dress up, have fun with their friends, and listen to good music. Also, please remember that this is a middle school dance.

Fancy cars, suits, and dresses are not necessary. Let's save that experience for our students when they go to their high school prom.

Chaperones: Mrs. Harbo and the middle school teachers. Parents are welcome to stay and take pictures when you drop your student off but should plan on leaving by 7:30.

Dress: This is a semi-dressy dance. No sweats, shorts, or t-shirts.

Ladies - dresses or pants. Dresses may not be strapless. (Spaghetti straps are ok for the dance only.) No heeled shoes at the dance. Please follow the school dress code for appropriate length and fit of your dress. Gentlemen - Button-down shirts or polos. Slacks or nice jeans. (No very distressed jeans or jeans with holes.)

Food: The student council will be providing snacks and drinks. However, it is strongly encouraged that you eat dinner before coming to the dance. In past years, a parent or two from the class will organize a dinner for the students. If your class chooses to do this, please take into consideration the cost of the meal so every student can afford to go.

Washington D.C. trip fundraising opportunity for all 6th - 8th grade students!

FLCS is hosting a golf tournament on Friday, March 31 at Wentz Memorial Golf Course. All 6th-8th grade students will have the opportunity to sell sponsorships for the tournament. Students will keep 20% of each sponsorship they secure, and it will be applied to their D.C. accounts.

Just to give you an idea of how this can add up...

\$100 - hole sponsor (\$80 FLS/\$20 student)
\$300 - Cardinal Sponsor (\$240 FLS/\$60 student)
\$800 - Corporate Sponsor (\$640 FLS/\$160 student)

You do not have to know anything about golf to participate! We will be meeting next week to discuss and answer any questions you may have. Here are the details:

Date: Tuesday, February 21

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: FLC Fellowship Hall (the green doors at the top of the stairs to the church)

Who: all FLS parents/students in grades 6-8

What:

- Explaining how the fundraiser works
- Explaining the hole sponsor breakdown
- Handing out sponsor sheets and tournament information
- Signing up to secure sponsors for our golf tournament
- Answering any questions you may have

Questions: contact Mrs. Harbeson through FastDirect

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL – Reunion Celebration Weekend

1104 N. 4th St – Ponca City, OK 74601 (580-762-9950)



Help us celebrate 70 years of education!

FRIDAY – March 31

- 8:45 **GOLF Tournament** @ Wentz (\$100 per person—RSVP)
- 12:45 Grilled Burgers for golfers (additional \$10 for guests—RSVP)
- 2:15 Christian Comedian-Ventriloquist (\$5 per person at the gym doors)
- 7:00 Christian Comedian-Magician at ~~Ponca~~ Theater (\$10 per person—RSVP)

SATURDAY – April 1

- 2:00 Christian Comedian-Magician at ~~Ponca~~ Theater (Tickets at the door)
- 2:00 – 5:00 **Basketball**
 - 2:00 Basketball (varsity girls vs parents/alumni)
 - 2:30 Basketball (varsity boys vs parents/alumni)
 - 3:00 Alumni Girls Basketball odds vs even years
 - 3:30 Alumni Boys Basketball odds vs even years
 - 4:00 Alumni Co-ed Basketball odds vs even years
- 5:00–10:00 Child Care (\$30 in advance) for 4th grade & under (pizza & movie)
- 5:30 – 9:30 **Legacy Dinner, Auction, & Dance @ Osage Casino** (64464 US HWY 60)
\$40 in advance (\$60 at the door if space is available)
- 5:30 Hors D'oeuvres (Business Casual)
- 6:00 Dinner-Buffer (Lemon & Thyme Chicken Breast)
- 6:30 Christian Comedian-Ventriloquist
- 7:15 Auction & Dance



SUNDAY – April 2 - Palm Sunday

- 9:00 Worship & Memorial Service (Remembering Paul Schatte & Tom Ramsey)
- 10:30 Sunday School & Bible Class

RSVP - First Lutheran Reunion Celebration Weekend

- ___ GOLF Tournament 8:45 @ Wentz (\$100 per person) = \$ _____
Fri. March 31 12:45 Grilled Burgers (\$10 for extra guests = \$ _____)
- ___ Comedian—Magician @ Ponca Theater (\$10 per person) = \$ _____
Fri. March 31 7 p.m. (Reserved for our private celebration)
- ___ Legacy Dinner, Auction, & Dance @ Osage Casino (\$40 per person) = \$ _____
Sat. April 1 from 5:30-9:30 (\$60 at the door if space available)
- ___ Child Care @ FLS gym \$30 per child (for 4th grade & under only) = \$ _____
Sat. April 1 from 5:00-10:00 - Please provide ages: _____

I will not be able to attend but would like to contribute \$ _____ (Tax Deductible)

Check included or Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ Code _____

Signature _____ Name _____

Address _____ Phone or Email _____

Please RSVP by Friday—March 10 — **First Lutheran** — 1104 N. 4th St – Ponca City, OK 74601
580 – 762 – 9950 teacherbimbbaum@hotmail.com

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S 70TH REUNION SHIRT ORDER

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - Hebrews 13:8

Orders are due to the school office by TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

SCHOOL ADDRESS: 1104 N. 4TH STREET - PONCA CITY, OK 74601

FAX #: (580) 762-4243

Styles and Prices			Sizes			
SST	Short-sleeved t-shirt	\$15.00	YS	Youth Small	AS	Adult Small
LST	Long-sleeved t-shirt	\$18.00	YM	Youth Medium	AM	Adult Medium
SWS	Sweatshirt	\$21.00	YL	Youth Large	AL	Adult Large
H	Hoodie	\$25.00	YXL	Youth Extra Large	AXL	Adult Extra Large
					A2XL	Adult 2X Large
					A3XL	Adult 3X Large

Order Form			
(All shirts will be sports gray with red and black screen)			
Shirt Style	Size	# of Shirts	Total \$



Name: _____ Oldest Student's Name and Grade: _____

(Please select one)

_____ Send shirts home with my student.

_____ I will pick up my shirts at church on Sunday, March 19.

_____ I will pick up my shirt at the reunion.

_____ I will add \$5 for shirt(s) to be mailed to me at: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **(Make checks out to FLS and mark "Shirt Order" on memo line.)**