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August 23, 2022

CARDINAL CHATTER

8/24	6 TH Gr. Lutherhoma Mtg. 5:30 P.M.(M/S Science rm)	8/31	Last Day FLS 22-23 Theme Shirt orders (see attached)
8/24	8 th Gr. Washington DC Meeting 6:15 P.M.(M/S Science rm).	9/4	Labor Day – No School/Daycare Closed
8/26	First Lutheran Yard sale 7-11AM (gym- see attached)	9/13	Mid Quarter Reports
8/28	First Lutheran Church Sunday School Rally 10:30	9/15	Oklahoma Teacher Convention – No School
8/29	Back to School Night 5:00-7:00 PM (see attached)	9/15	No Daycare closed for Convention
8/27	Sunday School Rally 10:30 ECE (basement see flyer)	10/3	Fall Picture Day!

Thank you so much to the Ponca City Lions Noon Club for the cookies on Monday!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT IS TUESDAY, August 29! Join us for **Back to School Night Dinner:** Support FLS Cheer and have a night off cooking dinner! August 29th from 5:00-6:15 walking tacos will be available in the cafeteria for \$10/ticket in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets are available in the school office through the school day on August 29th.

ONE- OR TWO-PAYMENT DISCOUNT: If you chose the one- or two-payment tuition option, your August payment is due on or by Thursday, August 31 to get the discount. If you need help figuring your total due with the discount(s), please contact the office.

FALL PORTRAIT DAY will be Tuesday, October 3. Watch for order forms soon!

Breakfast and Lunch Reminder: *Free Summer Lunches have ended so we have began charging for Breakfast and Lunch. Accounts. These need to be paid regularly. You can set up auto payment by calling the school Office. Or send payments with your child to take to Ms. Lori in the office.* Breakfast costs \$3.00 for students. Lunch costs \$3.60 for students. Adults wanting to eat the costs are \$3.25 for breakfast and \$5.00 for lunch. Extra milk is 50 cents. **Also, no fast food or caffeinated drinks in the cafeteria, if you send them with your students, they will need to come to the office to eat. This includes in the mornings. Thank you!**

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!

Principal--Mr. Birnbaum: Welcome to our 71st school year. We praise God for you! We hope to see you this coming Tuesday night (Aug. 29) to learn about what goes on in your child's classrooms and how to stay informed on changes. Come and meet our incredible school faculty. See you Tuesday night to learn more.

CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley: Welcome back!!! Cardinal Care will be closed the following days. September 4th for Labor Day and September 15th for a Teacher Convention. We will also be having days that will require some sign-up days for your child to attend childcare on those days that we will be closed. Please watch for that information to come on those days.

LIBRARY – Mrs. Manning: "Hello and welcome back! It's so nice to see everyone again! First and foremost, I would like to shout out a thank you to Kirra Wells and Rose Ware for helping me reorganize the school library over the summer! I would also like to mention that we are adding STEM to our curriculum this year. If any families have Legos they no longer use, or anything STEM related (excess solo cups, popsicle sticks, etc.) We will put them to use! If your child would like

to bring an old t-shirt, apron, or smock to keep in their locker for STEM/Art they are welcome to do so. Grades 2-8 are able to have out 2 books from the school library at a time. FLS library books will have a barcode and a stamp that say, "First Lutheran School "Thank you all, and have a wonderful year!"

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey:** WELCOME BACK! It's going to be such a great year in music! Please follow our Facebook page "FLS Music" to see what we're up to in the music room. The last day to join band and/or choir is on Friday, August 25th. If your child is involved in band or choir, we will be having a parent meeting on Thursday, August 31st at 6:00pm (choir) and 6:20pm (band) in the music room.

Religion—**Mrs. Brey**—It is so good to be back at school! For middle school religion this year, Mrs. Brey will be teaching 6th and 7th grade, and Mr. Steve Gales will be teaching 5th and 8th grade. For 6th/7th grade, memory work will be due every Friday. The students received a sheet of paper with all the test dates and memory work dates on it for the entire year - this is also accessible on Google Classroom. Our first memory work will be on Friday, August 25, and it will be over John 1:1-4.

PRE-SCHOOL – **Mrs. Daine:** Welcome back to school!! We are off to a great start! We will learn our letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. This week: A, 1, blue, & circle. Please remember to bring a water bottle/cup/container every day, I will send it home daily to be washed. Blankets & sheets go home on Fridays, please launder, and return on Mondays. I'm looking forward to being your child's teacher this year!!

PRE-SCHOOL – **Mrs. Colvin:** Welcome back to school! This is going to be a great year!! Welcome to my class Peyton, Koda, Emma, Jolene, Kinzleigh, Jonathan, Fletcher, Houston and Everly! We are going to have so much fun! This week we are going over procedures and rules and just getting a feel of the classroom. We are also reviewing letters and shapes. Be sure to sign the take home folder and return it Thursday please. Have an awesome week!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN – **Mrs. Kelly:** Welcome to PreK! I hope you all had a wonderful summer! I sent out invitations for our ClassTag page on Friday. I hope you all have accepted and had a chance to look at the pictures from our first days of school. Thank you for the wish list items and snacks that you have sent in! Back to school night will be on Tuesday, August 29th. our Bible words last week were, God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31 Our Bible words this week are, Forgive us our sins. Luke 11:4 and I trust in you, O Lord Psalm 31:14 We have been learning procedures and other social skills, reviewing shapes and colors, and started reviewing the alphabet one letter each day on Monday. Have a Blessed week!

KINDERGARTEN – **Mrs. Miller:** Welcome back to school! I love our kindergarten class, thank you parents for sharing your children with me this year. We are working hard on learning all our capital and lowercase letters with their sounds. If your child doesn't know their alphabet and sounds very well, please work on these at home every night because we are also learning to read now. This week we have 2 new words (I & am). Please come to "Back to School Night" on August 29th to get your child's first quarter word list and other information. Thank you again parents and I hope everyone has a great school year!

FIRST GRADE – **Mrs. Birnbaum:** Welcome to 1st grade! We are blessed to be here at First Lutheran and I am excited for the new school year! Please make plans to join us for Back to School Night next Tuesday, Aug. 29. Look for details and schedule in the Chatter. Our memory verse for Friday is Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. We will have our first spelling test on Friday. Also remember to return the Reading Notebook on Friday. And one more thing for Friday - Show and Tell. Have your child bring something that will tell us about themselves. (A favorite book or toy, a family picture, a picture of a pet, etc.) God's blessings and protection on our first full week of school!

SECOND GRADE – **Ms. Felton:** Welcome to 2nd Grade!!! I am so excited for this year, which you can get more information about at Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 29! This Friday we will celebrate our first full week of school, because every day of learning should be a celebration! Memory, Spelling, and Vocabulary are sent out each week via FastDirect and I will hand out a.

Master copy at Back to School Night. Please come - you will have a special gift from your child waiting for you and can leave them something in return! Memory for this week is Genesis 1:1. Next week is the Lord's Prayer. Please be checking your child's red folder for homework, placed on the left side.

THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen: WELCOME BACK!! I am so excited to have your children in class this year. I look forward to seeing all of you next Tuesday evening for Back to School Night. I will be handing out information about our class and talking about the upcoming year. This week: Memory is due on Friday (Col. 1:13-14) This is taped into your child's planner. Test: Spelling, and Reading Test on Friday. Science: Starting a Unit on Planets. Social Studies: Starting a Unit on Geography. Look out for a quiz next week over the seven continents. Headphones: I am so sorry that headphones did not make it on the supply list! If you have any please send them to school as soon as you can. THANK YOU! Have a wonderful week!

FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley: Welcome to another Fabulous school year in 4th grade! Thank you for choosing First Lutheran. We are blessed to be here at First, and know that we have Forgiveness, Life and Salvation with Jesus our Risen Savior! We have a Love, Grace, and Journey with Jesus Christ that will never fail! I cannot wait to see how He blesses us together in 4th grade. Puzzle pieces are due by this Friday, 25th. Baby Pictures are due by Friday September the 1st. I am so excited to be with everyone this new school year. See you at Back to School Night on the 29th! Please look in the rest of the Chatter, my Fast Direct and Friday Letter for school and classroom specific information. Don't forget reading and spelling test for Friday. Memory is due tomorrow. Kids get thirsty and hungry at morning recess. They need their water bottles and snacks. Have a great week with our Lord.

FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson: Greetings, 5th Graders and Families! I am so excited to be the 5th grade teacher to an awesome group of students! We have started the year off great as we are easing into our new routines and subjects. We are adding something new each day so as not to be too overwhelming all at once. 5th graders have planners this year that they will be responsible for keeping up-to-date with assignments and important dates. I will check and initial them every day. Students are not required to have a parent signature each day unless assignments are not handed in or become lost.

I'm looking forward to Back to School Night next Tuesday, August 29. Come for dinner between 5-6:15 and then stop by the 5th grade room for one of our sessions...either 5:15-5:35 or 5:40-6:00. After the second session, all new FLS families are invited to the church sanctuary for a quick meeting before all families meet at 6:15. If you ever have a question or if you have a concern, please send me a FastDirect. I check my FD throughout the day and will get back to you ASAP. If needed, I will plan a time that works for both of us to meet. Because I am preparing for the day, I will not be able to schedule meetings in the morning before school. That is, it for now! I pray God's blessings on all for a blessed school year!

Middle School

7th – 8th MATH – Mrs. Stewart: Hello, my name is Bethany Stewart, and I am teaching 7th and 8th grade math this year. I have 15 years of combined teaching experience at NOC and Cowley College. For the past 5 years, I have worked from home as a computer programmer. My husband, Mat and I have been married for 20 years and have 3 children. Our oldest son, Braden, is a senior at Ponca City High School and is on the swim team. Our daughter, Baylee, is a sophomore at Ponca City High School and is on the softball and basketball teams. Our youngest son, Nathan, is a 7th grader at First Lutheran and is in the band and on the basketball team. I am looking forward to a great year teaching math at First Lutheran!

In 7th Grade (General) we completed Lesson 1.1 and started Lesson 1.2 last week and will complete Lessons 1.3-1.6 this week. We will finish the chapter, review, and take our first test over Chapter 1 next week.

In 7th Grade (Advanced) and 8th Grade (General) we took a pre-assessment and started Lesson 1.1 last week and will complete Lessons 1.2-1.6 this week. We will finish the chapter, review, and take our first test over Chapter 1 next week.

In 8th Grade (Advanced) we started Lesson 1.1 last week and will complete Lessons 1.2-1.5 this week. We will finish the chapter, review, and take our first test over Chapter 1 next week.

For each lesson, students are assigned practice problems to complete. I give them time in class to work on these problems. So far, most students have either completed them in class or finished them in study hall. They are also welcome to take them home and return them the next day of class.

LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester: Greetings! It's great to see all of your children in the classroom again. ELA student exams have been rescheduled for next week, as enough students will benefit from a more in-depth discussion of the readings before testing to develop a greater appreciation of the classic assigned this summer. Therefore, their new novels will be assigned at the end of NEXT week. Lastly, I look forward to seeing parents at our Back to School Night. Please come with any questions for me. Until then, take care!

SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain: Hello Cardinal Families!

We are off and running in middle school Science!! Please ask your child, daily, if they have work, they should be doing! It is hard to catch up once they are behind! Reference my syllabus for credit policy!!

6th Grade- we have been discussing how Science and the word of God are connected! If you have questions, please let me know!

7th Grade- We are working on molecular structure! They are learning how to measure mass, area, and density!

8th Grade- We are learning the classification system for all living things! Please remember they need to bring condiment cups with lids for our insect hunting! We will be hunting at school starting MONDAY!! However, they will need to hunt at home as well.

6th Grade Parents- there is a **Lutheroma meeting** at **5:30 in the Science room** of the middle school THIS THURSDAY!!

8th Grade Parents- there is a **DC meeting** at **6:15 in the Science room** of the middle school THIS THURSDAY!!

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL- your student has received their first fundraiser for their DC trips for this year! It is a cookie dough order! All profits go directly toward your child's DC trip in 8th grade! If you have questions, please let me know!!!

Athletics-- Basketball practice schedules will be out soon! The coaches are all excited to get back in the gym!

GO CARDS!!!

Middle School P.E.—Mrs. Porter-Cain Middle School PE- we have been easing into getting fit while still having some fun! Please remember- if your child does not have appropriate shoes at PE, they will sit out and get a zero for the day!

SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey: 6th: Students are learning how to read and create maps. Students will soon develop mental mapping skills.

7th: Students are currently starting their Asia unit. Students have been focusing on East Asia and will continue to learn about its geography, history, and culture.

8th: Students are learning about early American history. Students will soon be able to learn all the causes and the aftermath of the French and Indian War and how it helped lead to the Revolutionary War.

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

August 2023 First Lutheran Lunch Menu						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 First day of school Hot Dog Tater Tots Fruit Milk B: Cereal	17 Beef Soft Taco Mexi Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk B: Cinnamon Toast	18 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Bread Fruit Milk B: Cereal	19
20	21 Chicken Patty Sandwich Tater Tots Vegetable Fruit Milk B: Cereal	22 Quesadilla Beans Fruit Milk B: Scrambled Eggs	23 Pizza-Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk B: Pancake/Sausage	24 Chicken Alfredo Lettuce Salad Bread Carrots (cooked) Fruit Milk B: Biscuit/Gravy	25 Corn Dog French Fries Broccoli - Fresh Fruit Milk B: Cereal	26
27	28 Turkey Wrap Broccoli - Fresh Fruit Milk B: Cereal	29 Breakfast Burrito Hash Browns Orange Smiles Fruit Milk B: French Toast Sticks	30 Sub Sandwich Baked Beans chips Pickles Fruit Milk B: Pancake on a Stick	31 Nacho Chips/Meat n Cheese Ranch Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk B: Whole grain donuts		

FOOD ALLERGY:

If your child has a food allergy and you plan to participate in school meals, it is imperative that you contact the office immediately to make sure that we know of the allergy.

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A Guide for Students & Parents

Since 2010, Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarships have provided qualifying students with a school voucher to attend a private school of their parents' choice. LNH scholarships help parents/guardians cover the cost of tuition at eligible private schools. Use the roadmap below to see if your child may qualify for an LNH Scholarship.

Start Here

LNH Scholars are students who have:	Required to have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in effect	Required to have an Individualized Service Plan (ISP) developed by OKDHS	Required to have attended an Oklahoma public school the year prior	In addition to an LNH Application, Acceptance Letter from the Private School and Vendor Payee Form, applicants must submit:
Special needs or disabilities	Yes	No	Yes	- IEP - MEEGS
A parent in the US Armed Forces and transferred from out of state	Yes	No	No	- a 'Change of Station Order'
A parent in the US Armed Forces and transferred from a foreign country	Yes	No	No	- a 'Change of Station Order'
Been served by SoonerStart and determined eligible for school services	Yes	No	No	- Copy of IFSP
In an out-of-home placement through the state's foster care system	No	Yes	No	
Been adopted from the state's foster care system	No	Yes	No	
In an out-of-home placement through the state's Office of Juvenile Affairs	No	Yes	No	
RENEWALS:				
Renewing an LNH Scholarship	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	



2023-2024

First Lutheran T-shirts

This year's shirts are heather grey with red, black & white lettering.
Stop by the office to see an example, or to purchase shirts.

Please return order form to the office *on or before*

Thursday August 31, 2023

Send home with student (Name) _____ Grade _____

Please mark the number of t-shirts in each size you wish to order.
Example: 2 S M L XL XXL XXXL

Youth Sizes YXS YS YM YL

Adult Sizes S M L XL XXL XXXL

Number of Shirts _____ = \$ _____

\$14 (one shirt) \$26 (two shirts) \$36 (three shirts)

Total Cost \$ _____


(school use only: paid _____ check# OR _____ cash)

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

ANNUAL FIRST LUTHERAN YARD SALE

Drop by for some cool, quirky
finds and great bargains!

SATURDAY AUGUST 26
7:00 - 11:00 A.M.



Sunday School **RALLY DAY** 

It is finally here! We are going to have a party! It is going to be August 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the basement of the Early Elementary Building. If you are between three years old and in sixth grade, you are invited to our LUAU! We are going to have so much fun. The decorations are going to be awesome, we are going to have great snacks, and we are going to play fun games.

What is this for? This is our kickoff to fall Sunday School! If you have any kids, grandkids, or neighbors in this age group, this would be a great time to start bringing them to Sunday School! It starts at 10:30 on Sunday morning. Sunday School is where kids start building a foundation for life; it is so very important as they get older. Don't ask them if they want to go, just take them, just like you take them to school! They will have fun when they get there; they just don't realize it! We hope to see you there! If you have any question, please call Linda Lyons at 580-304-5510.



FLY
FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
5:30-7:00
First Lutheran Church

FLY will be starting back on Wednesday, August 30th, at 5:30 pm in the Youth House! All middle school through high school-age students are invited to join us for dinner, devotions, and games each week! This year we will be focusing on FLS - Forgiveness, Life, and Salvation, and learning how we can live our faith out loud! Our Labor Day lock-in is scheduled for Sunday, September 3rd. Join us at FLY for more info!

Coffee with Jesus

HEY MOMS! DROP THOSE KIDDOS OFF
AND JOIN US FOR A BIBLE STUDY AND
COFFEE!
WE MEET TUESDAY MORNINGS, 8:30-9:30,
IN THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

All ladies are invited to attend Coffee with Jesus, a Tuesday morning Bible Study group. We meet in the church Fellowship Hall from 8:30-9:30 A.M. every Tuesday. Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR and PLAN TO ATTEND, if you have questions, please contact Shirley, (580)761-4657.



FLS CHEER
\$10 per ticket

Back To School Night Dinner

August 29, 2023- 5:00-6:30 PM

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BACK-to-SCHOOL Night & Parent Orientation

(Tuesday – August 29, 2023)

5:00 – 6:15 Supper in Cafeteria (Fundraiser)

5:15 – 5:35 First Session (5th grade & down) in your child's classroom

5:40 – 6:00 Second Session (5th grade & down) in your child's classroom

6:00 – 6:15 NEW FAMILIES (in the Church)

6:15 – 6:30 ALL FAMILIES (in the Church)

6:30 – 7:00 ALL 6th-8th grade Families (in the Church)

Lutheran Schools Pen Pal Project

If you are in 2nd-8th grade...
If you would like to exchange letters with a student
in another Lutheran school...

Lutheran Schools Pen Pal Project is for you!

The Pen Pal Project will match you with another student, close to your age and sharing your interests. You will receive his or her name and address in October. Then you can begin writing and receiving letters.

Fill out the form below. Send it and a check for \$5.00 to:

L.S. Pen Pal Project
PO Box 172
Atkins, LA 52206

All applications must
be received by
September 25th

Note to Parents: My experiences as a Lutheran elementary teacher, mother, and Christian author have prompted me to begin this project. It is my prayer that it will provide your child with an enjoyable skill and faith-building relationship with another child.

God's blessings—Susan Waterman Voss

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Name _____ Circle-- Boy/Girl Grade _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State and ZIP Code _____

Name, City, and State of your school _____

Please check areas of interest—

Athletics Math Music Art Reading Science Writing

Other interests and things I should know to help make a good match _____

Have you participated in the Lutheran Schools Pen Pal Project before? _____

Parent must sign: I have checked the above information to make sure it is correct and legible. I give permission to have my child participate in the Lutheran Schools Pen Pal Project. I understand that my child's name and address will be given to his or her pen pal. My child is willing to make the commitment to write letters for this project.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

OPTIONAL—PARENT email—will ONLY be used if I have questions about address, etc. (Sometimes information is illegible or incomplete.) It will never be shared.

Occasionally a need arises for an extra pen pal. Would your child be willing to take on a second pen pal? (No extra fee) Yes No

All matches subject to availability

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\$20 EACH

Parent name: _____

Child's Name and grade: _____

Size & Quantity:

- S _____
- M _____
- L _____
- XL _____
- 2XL _____
- 3XL _____
- 4XL _____
- 5XL _____
- Total _____

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Pull overs- \$-40.00

Parent name: _____

Child's Name and grade: _____

Size & Quantity:

- S _____
- M _____
- L _____
- XL _____
- 2XL _____
- 3XL _____
- 4XL _____
- 5XL _____
- Total _____