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Sunday School: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
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August 30, 2023



CARDINAL CHATTER

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| 8/31 | Last Day FLS 23-24 Theme Shirt orders | 9/15 | Oklahoma Teacher Convention – No School |
| 9/4 | Labor Day – No School/Daycare Closed | 9/15 | No Daycare closed for Convention |
| 9/12 | Room Parent Meeting 2:30 Cardinal Room | 9/15 | Cheer Shirts/hoodies orders due |
| 9/13 | Mid Quarter Reports | | |

Oklahoma Parental Choice tax credit goes into effect January 1st.

More information can be found at the following websites.

www.everykidcountsok.org/blog/faqs-oklahoma-parent-tax-choice-credit

to learn more from Every Kid Counts Oklahoma (EKCO).

oklahoma.gov/tax/helpcenter/income-tax.html

to read about student funding and tax credit eligibility from the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Thank you so much to Stephanie Wittwer, SAE with Promethean for the cookies for our staff.



22-23 YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED \$20 FOR ONE, \$35 FOR TWO, & \$45 FOR THREE

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.

Room Parent meeting on Tuesday - September 12 at 2:30 in the Elementary Cardinal room to make plans for Fall Festival.

School Shirts last day to order and include your payment is Thursday, Aug 31st. This is the last order going in. So, if you're wanting a shirt make sure you get by the office before 3:15 Thursday. If you did not get an order form from last weeks chatter I have them in the school office.

Breakfast and Lunch Reminder: *Free Summer Lunches have ended so we have begun 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: If you missed the announcement at our church in June or at Back-to-School night, I have given the congregation a one-year notice to find a new principal. I will have served here 11 of my 33 years and it is time for a new adventure. I don't know if I will continue to serve here or even in Ponca but I do know that God will continue to bless us all.

CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley: Childcare will be closed the following days in September. September 4 Labor Day September 15 for Teacher Convention Fall break 13 & 15 the signup sheets will be

available towards end of September. If your child is in 2nd grade and up and they are not checked into childcare before 7:30, then the parents need to drop them off across the street at the cafeteria.

LIBRARY – Mrs. Manning: Hello! We have been very busy in STEM! Last week we learned about roller coaster engineering and aerodynamics. Each week there will be a short Google Classroom assignment following a project. We will almost always have an opportunity to work on that in class. Please keep us in mind if you have STEM related items to donate! Old Legos, cardboard, popsicle sticks, etc. I hope everyone enjoys the cooler weather this week!

♪ **MUSIC ♪ – Mrs. Brey:** MANDATORY parent/guardian meeting on Thursday, August 31st! Choir families (children's choir and MS choir) will meet at 6:00pm, and band families will meet at 6:20pm. Students are not required to attend this meeting (but they may if they'd like to), but I do need to see all band/choir parents/guardians. If your child is in any of these groups, they should have brought home a pink sheet of paper about this. It is also posted on our FLS Music Facebook page.

Religion—Mrs. Brey-6th and 7th grade has been reading through the book of Genesis. We have learned about Adam and Eve, the flood, the tower of Babel, and we are starting Abraham this week. Memory work is on Friday, September 1st, over Numbers 6:24-26. Memory work may NOT be re-done, please make sure you are studying!

PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine: We are having so much fun in preschool! Our Bible story this week is Noah and the great flood., and God's wonderful promise. This week we are learning: B, 2, green, & square. We are doing well with classroom procedures! Have a blessed rest of the week.

PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin: Our class is learning so much already about sharing and being friends! We are off to a great start! We are continuing to review rules, procedures, shapes, and colors. We had a great Back to School Night! No School Monday for Labor Day. Have a great week!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Kelly: We are having a fantastic time in PreK! Thank you for sharing your kids with me. I am enjoying getting to know them. It was great seeing everyone at back-to-school night. If you weren't able to make it, there is a sheet in folders today that we went over last night. Our Scholastic book order information is in folders today. Orders are due back to me or online by September 13th. Show and Tell will be the first Friday of each month, our first one is on Friday. Please let your child bring something that will tell us about them or your family. Our school fundraiser is in folders today. All you need to do for your child to get a prize is send some email's and bring back the envelope filled out. The kids are excited to get their new pet(stuffed)!Our Bible words this week are, I will bless you. Genesis 12:2 and We are God's children 1 John 3:2 We are remembering our class procedures and getting to know our friends. We are reviewing colors, shapes, and the alphabet. Have a Blessed week!

KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller: Back to School Night was last night on Tuesday. Thank you, parents, for coming! If you didn't then I put all the papers you missed in your child's Monday Folder which is in their backpack today. This Friday will be our class show & tell. Please have your child bring something that will fit in their backpack, thank you. Please keep working on the ABC's and sounds with your kids at home and their new "Monday Folder" homework. Thank you, and have a wonderful week!

FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum: Thank you everyone for coming to Back to School Night! If you did not make it, please look in your child's folder for the information. Please let me know if you have any questions! Our memory verse for Friday is Psalm 31:14 - I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." Thank you for the classroom wish list items that have been brought in so far. These items are very much appreciated! Have a wonderful 3-day weekend!

SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton: Hello! Thank you for coming to Back to School Night last night! If you did not make it, I will be sending home a navy-blue folder with your child that includes the things that we covered. Please sign up as a family member of your child on an app called "SeeSaw." This is how pictures from the classroom and short reminders will be sent to you. This week's memory is The Lord's Prayer and next week is John 3:16. Memory and Spelling are both on Fridays. Some of the students have not been bringing homework back to school, so please check their grades on

FastDirect and any papers at home. There is no school on Monday, September 4. Thanks!! Charity

THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen: Thank you so much for coming to Back to School Night. I am so excited about this school year! Please reach out at any time with any questions or concerns. Remember no school Monday, September 4th. We will still test on Friday, September 8th. This Week: Memory: Old Testament Books of the Bible (Genesis through Ester) due on Friday. YouTube song is linked on FastDirect. Spelling, and Reading Test on Friday. Math: We will have our first test on Friday also. After this test we will move to 20 problems a night. Language Quiz on Friday will be over verbs. Social Studies: look for a quiz next week over the oceans. Have a wonderful week!!

FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley: Thank you for the great family support last night for Back to School Night. If you were not able to make it last night, information has been sent home to look at, and please contact me with any questions. I can really see we are going to have a great year with amazing parents that are supporting their kids for a well-rounded, high-academic education. I am so blessed with a great group of kids that are eager to learn. Thank you! We are reviewing in Math, in Language are working foundational skills. We have our AR goals set, so read to earn those points. Our Chapel offering is school supplies for overseas students, as well as Compassion International for Victor and Roserio. Please look on FastDirect Bulletin Board for the electronic version of the Friday Letter. Spelling, and Reading tests are on Friday; Memory is due tomorrow. Do not forget there is no school on Labor Day. Blessings as we continue to learn how we are blessed by God as we have Forgiveness Life and Salvation in our life.

FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson: Greetings 5th Grade Families! Our class is finally into the groove of things, and I'm very pleased with how we are doing. We've been working on routines, class procedures, being good role models for the younger students in our building, and most importantly, representing ourselves as Christians in all that we say and do. I'm seeing a year of growth, fun, and learning ahead of us! It was great to see everyone at Back to School Night last night. Thanks for coming! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let me know through FastDirect and I would be happy to make a phone call or set up a time to meet.

Here's what's going on in class this week:

Memory: The Lord's Prayer due by Friday

Spelling: Spelling list 2 test on Friday

Reading: Continue reading Maniac Magee together as a class; reading "Thunder Rose" in Reading Street; continue reading your AR book.

Math: Working on Lessons 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6

Language: Continue working with prepositional phrases as we move into our unit on Verbs

Social Studies: Continue chapter 1 "Our Nation's Geography"

Science: Begin Chapter 1 "Comparing Living Things"

That's all for now! Blessing on the rest of your week!

Middle School

7th – 8th MATH – Mrs. Stewart: All 7th and 8th grade math classes are finishing Chapter 1 this week. 8th (Adv) will review on Friday and take their first exam next Tuesday. 7th (Gen & Adv) and 8th (Gen) will review on Wednesday and take their first exams on Thursday.

LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester: It was great to see a lot of y'all last night! It's always a pleasure to see students, parents, and teachers come together. The remainder of this week in ELA is comprised of an exam (tomorrow) and the commencement of reading the new class books (Friday). Next, after Labor Day(!), students will begin their Grammar unit that's centered on the mechanics of writing. It will kick off with a hands-on demonstration that's sure to sweeten the lesson.

SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain: Hello Cardinals! Science is rockin and rollin!

6th Grade- we have finished up chapter 1 and are moving on to all things Matter!!

7th Grade- we are discussing substances and their compounds, chemical and physical changes and reactions. This is a review for returning students but new information to new students. If

you have questions, just let me know!

8th Grade- We have been discussing the modern classification system for living things and are starting our insect project! They need condiment cups and an eager, open mind! NO MONARCHS OR HONEYBEES please! They can print pictures of those two!

Please help your students remember that they need to come prepared, every day.

Please check your students grades and help them get in the habit of checking their grades!

BIG thanks to everyone who came to back-to-school night! I hope that you feel better informed and had all of your questions answered!

6TH GRADE!! ALL STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED LUTHERHOMA PAPERS- PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING!!

8TH GRADE- PLEASE SEND ME NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING OUR TRIP IN THE SPRING!!

Athletics-- REMINDER!! If your child is interested in playing basketball this year (grade5-8) there is a meeting THURSDAY at 6:40pm in the Science room in the middle school. I HIGHLY encourage you to attend as this will be the time and place that coaches will answer questions, give practice schedules, etc.

GO CARDS!

SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey: 6th: Students will be able to define and give examples of natural resources by the end of the week. We will soon be going into our culture unit.

7th: Students just wrapped up our culture unit. Students will be learning about Asian history throughout the week.

8th: Students have learned about the French and Indian War and how it helped push forward the American Revolution. Students will be identifying more causes of the Revolutionary War and exploring documents that made U.S. independence possible.

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

*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.

September 2023

First Lutheran Lunch Menu

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|--|---|---|---|--|-----------|
| | | | | | 1 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Vegetable Fruit Milk B: Cereal | 2 |
| 3 | 4 No School or Daycare | 5 Little Smokies Baked Beans Baby Baker Fruit Milk B: Breakfast Burrito | 6 Chicken Sweet & Sour Fried Rice Egg Rolls Fruit Milk B: Sausage Biscuit | 7 Enchiladas/Beef Ranch Beans Fruit Milk B: Cinnamon Toast | 8 Fish Stick Tater Tots Vegetable Fruit Milk B: Cereal | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Hot Dog Tater Tots Fruit Milk B: Cereal | 12 Beef Soft Taco Mexi Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk B: Pancake on a Stick | 13 Mid Quarter Reports Pizza-Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk B: French Toast Sticks | 14 Quesadilla Scalloped Potatoes Carrots (cooked) Fruit Milk B: Biscuit/Gravy | 15 No School or Daycare | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Cheeseburger French Fries Broccoli - Fresh Fruit Milk B: Cereal | 19 Quesadilla Beans Fruit Milk B: Pancake/Sausage | 20 Pancake & Sausage Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Milk B: Scrambled Eggs | 21 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Bread Fruit Milk B: Whole grain donuts | 22 Corn Dog French Fries Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk B: Cereal | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Nacho Chips/Meat n Cheese Ranch Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk B: Cereal | 26 Chicken Alfredo Lettuce Salad Bread Broccoli - Fresh Fruit Milk B: Waffles | 27 6th grade Lutheroma Pizza-Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk B: Breakfast Burrito | 28 6th grade Lutheroma Ham & Cheese Sandwich chips Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk B: Sausage Biscuit | 29 6th grade Lutheroma Taco Burger MexiRice Refried Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk B: Cereal | 30 |

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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\$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 _____

Orders Due October 1, 2023

spirit blanket fundraiser

\$25

ORDER FORM

Please support our athletic program by buying a blanket, we profit over 50% with each blanket sale!



Spread school spirit while raising money!
Return the form below with cash, check receipt to order.



Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: *Amanda Porter - Cain*

Quantity: _____

Check, Cash Receipt: _____

Total Included: _____

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