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December 6, 2023

CARDINAL CHATTER

12/6 -Online Registration Due ASAP (**Tax Credit**)
12/6-Kdgn/1st Cowley College 12:15-2:30
12/7- *♫*Elementary Christmas Program *♫*-7PM
12/13-Spelling Bee-10:00 AM
12/15- **Half day of school** 11:20 Dismissal

12/15-End of 2nd quarter/1st Semester
12/17-Church Christmas Program (2nd-4th)6PM
12/18-1/2-Christmas Break



 **School Voucher Tax Credit—Registration opens at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday Dec 6**
The New Oklahoma School Voucher Tax Credit goes into effect January 2024. All our Pre-School 4 year olds to seventh grade students **MUST APPLY** (8th Grade optional) between December 6st to February 5 for the new year at www.parentalchoice.ok.gov.

The cost of the 2024/25 school year will be \$6000 per child.

No financial changes will occur for this school year but you may be eligible for the State to pay your upcoming Spring Semester.

♫ **Elementary Christmas Program** *♫* --**Thursday Dec 7th at 7 P.M.**

FLS Student Council Warmth for Winter-KFOR Ch. 4 Coat Drive, December 4-8: Brrr...it's chilly out there! The FLS student council is holding a coat drive and we need you! Help families stay warm this winter by donating your clean, gently-used coats to those in need. All sizes are needed. All coats collected will be delivered to the KFOR Warmth for Winter program in OKC. To make your donation a little easier, you may drop off your coats between 7:50 - 8:20 the week of December 4-8 by pulling into the drop-off line next to the middle school on 4th Street. A student council member will collect your coats right from your car! We have a **box in the Admin office** as well set up and you can drop off coats anytime! Help us make a difference for those who are in need!

COLLECTING PONCA CITY SANTA BUCKS: First Lutheran will be collecting the Santa Shops Ponca 1st tickets that are given out at participating local businesses each time you make a purchase during the Christmas season. If you are willing to donate yours to the school, please drop them by the school on or before December 19th. You can also place them in the black mailbox in front of the Administration Building. In the event that we win something, if you want to know if it was from your ticket, please write your name on the back of the strip of tickets & we'll let you know!



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!

Yearbook: Please send in photos of sporting events, class parties, and field trips!!
yearbook@flcspc.com

Principal--Mr. Birnbaum-- The first semester is coming to a close and the start of my final semester here is about to begin. I have had the honor and privilege to serve you here for these eleven years. I have accepted a Call to Atchison - KS to be their Lutheran school principal at the end of this school year. I pray God's blessings on all of us in this New Year.

CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley: The sign-up sheet for Christmas break is still out and available. If you need care for any of these days during the break, please get kids signed up. The sign-up sheets are coming down on Monday Dec. 11th. Also, reminder for ages 3 and older there is a sign-up sheet for the HALF DAY DISMISS on Friday Dec.15th make sure get child signed up for that day as well.

LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning: Happy December! Parents for grades 3-8 should have received a note about our last STEM this year. I have only heard from a few parents about helping with supplies. If you are willing to bring graham crackers, cookie icing, sprinkles, or candies that would be very helpful! Please send them along with your students by the end of this week.

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey:** The Elementary Christmas Musical is TOMORROW at 7pm in the sanctuary! This is open to anyone and everyone - please come join us!

Religion—Mrs. Brey- Sixth grade's memory for this week is over Luke 2:8-12. Seventh grade's memory work is over Luke 2:8-14. Both classes will have a test on Thursday, December 14th, which will be over unit four. We have been so happy to have Miss Jaclynn Heitman with us this semester to help teach 7th grade about God's Word. She has done an amazing job and we will be sad to see her go. Thank you, Jaclynn!

PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine: Since I was gone some last week, we are doing the letter M and number 13 again this week. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!!

PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin--WoW! it is almost Christmas; can you believe it! We are having our class Christmas party on Thursday, December 14th. There is a note in backpacks today. The following day on Friday, we will have a pajama party and watch a Christmas movie. Dismissal on Friday the 15th is at 11:10. This week we are continuing the alphabet cluster F, D, and H. Also, doing lots of Christmas crafts and activities! The Bible words this week are: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Luke 1:47. Have a great week!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN—Mrs. Kelly Welcome to our class Brynlee! I sent out a note last week about our Christmas party and gift exchange. We welcomed a new student this week, so our numbers have changed to 4 girls and 4 boys. Please adjust your stocking stuffers to 8 instead of seven, Thanks! Please check Class Tag for the sign up for goodies for the party. Pizza Hut Book It logs are due to me by Friday. The December log is in folders today. Our Bible word this week are, I will wait for the God of my salvation. Micah 7:7 and My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Luke 1:47 We are still on the letter cluster Ff,Dd,Hh and the number 9. Have a Blessed week! This is the last Chatter of 2023 and I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller: -- We had a great time at our field trip, thank you to all the parents that helped today. The kindergarten class Christmas party will be on Friday the 15th at 10:15 am. We will only have a half day of school on that day. All girls need to bring a gift (\$10.00 limit) for another girl and all boys need to bring a gift (\$10.00) for another boy. Please wrap these gifts and write from your child's name for our class gift exchange (if your child doesn't bring a gift/they won't get a gift). Parents are welcome to come to our party at 10:15! Please tell your child that they will not get to take home the gift that they bring, it is an exchange. Have a magnificent week!

FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum-- Happy December! Memory verse for Friday is Matthew 28:20 - I am with you always, to the end of the age. Thank you to the parents for driving to Ark City for the play. Spelling words this week are short i and long i words. In Social Studies we will learn about how Israel and Australia celebrate Christmas. You have received information about our donations for Santa's Cause. Please bring your toys/items to school by Friday! We will deliver the donations on Sunday. I hope you can join us from 2:00 to 3:00 to help wrap toys! (VFW - 2821 East Prospect) Our Christmas Party will be on Friday, Dec. 15 at 10:15 and early dismissal at 11:15. We will not have a regular Chatter next week so please check Class Tag for class updates. Happy birthday to Charlotte on Friday, December 8! Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton: Thank you to our drivers who took us to Cowley College yesterday! Memory due Friday is Luke 2:11. Next week's will be due on Thursday and will be Luke 2:7. This past and coming weeks, we are diving into other cultures. Due Monday is the book project. Dec

14 is our class Christmas party - Each student should bring a wrapped \$5-10 book or game for a classroom gift exchange and then sign up to bring something to the party! Dec 15 is a half day (11:20 dismissal) and we'll do Christmas games and our favorite culture games. AR goals will be ending soon, so please be reading with your child to help them meet their goal! Congratulations to Brooks, Quinn, Lola, and Brystyl for reaching theirs! We have our AR field trip scheduled for January 5 to go ice skating. Please return those permission forms before Christmas break. Christmas Program tomorrow (Thursday, Dec.7) here at First Lutheran in the Church. Be there at 6:45, dressed in nice church clothing! See you there!

THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen: Wow, two more weeks till we are half way done with Third Grade! Time flies when you're having a great time. Reminder: the musical is tomorrow! Please dress nicely and be in the church by 6:45p.m. This Week: Memory, Spelling, Reading, and Language are done Friday. Remember this is the last one till after Christmas. Memory can either be said to me or they can complete a fill in the blank test on Friday morning. A.R. We are almost all complete with A.R. goals with quarter. A field trip form went home yesterday for our reward that will take place after break. Social Studies: We are having a blast going around the world and studying different Christmas traditions. Keep asking your children about these. Science: We will have a test next week over this chapter. Be on the look out for a review sheet. Christmas Week: a handout should have come home today with fun dress-up days to do next week. We will be complete Christmas activities through the week. Look for a note about our Christmas party and our stuff the stocking event. I hope you all are enjoying this wonderful season! Thank you for all your support.

FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley: Thank you to the drivers that helped today for our field trip. Make sure you send in a "family" picture if you have not yet. Chapel offering is going for Victor and Rosario or food for the food pantry at church. Let's share with those that need our help. The last day to make AR goals is the 15th so we may go ice skating on the field trip! Many have made their goals; some are at different places to make the AR Goals. Please log into Renaissance to see where your child is at. The amount on the slip does not include lunch money. Please look for the note sent home on Tuesday, for information on our CHRISTmas party and exchange. Peace as we show Love to the people that Christ has placed in our lives.

FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson:- Hello, Everyone! The second quarter sure flew by as I'm finding myself writing the final Chatter article for the year! We are in the final days before breaking for Christmas and have several important dates to remember... today (Wednesday) we all enjoyed our field trip to Cowley College to see "The Gingerbread Pirates." Thanks, Mrs. Steichen, for organizing that for us. Also, a huge thanks is extended to all the parents and grandparents who accompanied us. We couldn't do fun trips like this without our volunteers who get us where we need to go! Here's what's coming up:

Thursday, December 8: Christmas Musical @ 6:30

Monday, December 11 - Friday, December 15: Christmas dress up days for elementary. See the green sheet that is coming home with today with the Chatter!

Friday, December 15 - Final day to make AR goal

Friday, December 15: Christmas Party / School out for Christmas Break at 11:20 (We will be doing a gift exchange during our party. If your student would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift by next Friday. Our gift theme is to bring a gift card along with a sweet treat. The overall price of gifts should not exceed \$10.)

Friday, January 5, 2024 - Ice Skating AR reward field trip to Wichita Ice Center. (The blue permission slip is due to me by Thursday, January 4th.)

That's all for now! I hope you have a very blessed Christmas and New Year!



Middle School

Dec 7	VG/VB	@ PC WEST	VG 5:00/VB 6:00
Dec 8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	VS. Medford	JVG 4:30/JVB 5:30/VG 6:30/VB 7:30(@FLS)
Dec 10	¾ B, JVG, JVB	Blackwell League	

7th – 8th MATH – Mrs. Stewart-- 8th Grade (Adv): We are still working on graphing linear equations. We should finish up Chapter 5 next week and be ready for a test by the end of the week.

8th Grade (Reg) & 7th Grade (Adv): We are finishing up Chapter 5 this week. We have moved on to solving equations with fractions. We will review, quiz, and take a test over Chapter 5 next week.

7th Grade (Reg): We are continuing to work with fractions. This week we are multiplying and dividing fractions. We will finish Chapter 5 next week and take a test towards the end of the next week.

LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester: All grade levels are preparing for Friday's GRAMMAR tests! They should be studying outside of class. Next week's tests (Monday's STAR reading and Tuesday's semester FINAL) do not require studying, as students know it or they don't. BINDERS are due the following Wednesday. Lastly, students have been working on their literature PROJECTS since last week - Bloom balls for sixth graders and characterizations for seventh graders. Both projects are due Monday.

SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain: It's the most wonderful time of the year!! Can you believe that we are creeping up on CHRISTmas break! These students have been working hard in Science! I hope they are enjoying learning about all the things! As we are getting into our last 1.5 weeks of the semester, we are still very busy!

6th grade- End of semester project due on DEC 13. Their project is over the rock cycle! They will be able to work on it in class from today through Tuesday!

7th Grade- End of semester project due on Dec 13. Their project is over tectonic plates! They will be able to work on it, in class, today through Tuesday!

8th Grade- End of semester project due on Dec 13. Their project is over the double helix!

I will also give them Monday and Tuesday to turn in any missing assignments for half credit.

7th Grade will have a CHRISTmas party on the morning of Friday December 15! Reminder- we get out at 11:20 that morning.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's grade, please reach out to me! I would love to set up a conference for you!

GO CARDS!!

BASKETBALL - LETS GOOOO CARDINALS!! We are in FULL swing this season! 3rd/4th boys, JV girls, JV boys, V girls and V boys have all been practicing hard and playing well!

This past week JV boys took 1st in the Blackwell 5th grade tournament. BOTH VARSITY GIRLS AND VARSITY BOYS TOOK FIRST AT HOPE! This Monday JV girls, JV boys, V girls and V boys went to Oklahoma Bible Academy and swept all four games! If you have not caught a game this season, you should! These teams are so much fun to watch!

SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey-- 6th/7th: Students have been learning about the Bill of rights. Next week we will go over the responsibilities of citizens.

8th: Students are wrapping up their Westward Expansion unit. Students will be learning about the buildup to the civil war in our last week before break.

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Reaching out with Jesus, Walking together in Jesus*

Did you know that we have gift cards for sale in the office? Vendors sell them to us at a discount, and we sell them to you at face value. You can help us raise money, just by purchasing your gift cards in the school office!

Current gift cards that we have in stock are listed below; we can order many others...just ask Lori in the office for the list!

\$25

Academy, Aeropostale, Amazon, American Eagle, Applebee's, Bed Bath and Beyond, Belk, BestBuy, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, Freddy's, iTunes, Journey's, Kohl's, Logan's Roadhouse, Lowe's, Marshall's/TJ Maxx/HomeGoods/Sierra/Home Sense, GAP/Banana Republic/Athleta/Old Navy, Olive Garden/Longhorn/Cheddars/Yard house/Bahama Breeze/Seasons 52, , Outback Steakhouse/Carrabba's/Bonefish Grill/Roys/Fleming's, Red Robin, Starbucks, Texas Roadhouse, Walgreens, Zaxby's

\$10

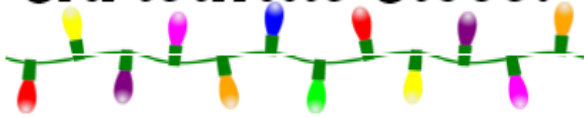
Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Chuck E. Cheese, Dominoes, Panera Bread, Pizza Hut, Sonic, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell,

If you need a gift card right now, please contact the office to see what we have on hand, complete the form below, and return to your homeroom teacher to place an order. Alternatively, you can see what's available for order at www.shopwithscrip.com , scroll to the bottom and click on "Brand List", and then "View All", and you can see what stores are available for order and in what denominations. If you want to place an order for something we don't have in stock, we'll get it in time for Christmas!

I would like to purchase/order the following Scrip Gift Cards:

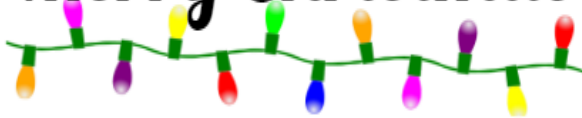
What Store	How Many	What Denomination (\$25/\$50/\$100)	Total Due

Christmas Closet



We are accepting donations of new/gently used toys, clothes, & household items for our "Christmas Closet". These items will directly benefit the families in our church and school as well as other members of our community. The Christmas Closet is located next to the South doors in the daycare building. These items will be available first come first serve no questions asked to anyone that needs them.

Merry Christmas



– FREE ADMISSION –

12 NIGHTS IN AWESOMEVILLE

6-8 pm EVERY Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 1-23

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
at the corner of Hartford & Pecan in Ponca City

- Stroll under the 9-ft.-tall lighted and decorated Christmas Arbors to the sounds of Christmas music.
- Mrs. Claus will have complimentary decorated tree-shaped waffles on a stick and hot chocolate!
- Every THURSDAY night, kids can participate in a craft project to make an ornament to take home.
- Photo-op area with 9-ft.-tall lighted and decorated Christmas trees.

Park in the church's West parking lot, off Hartford. Follow the lights up the hill to Awesomeville, in the North parking lot. Cart rides available for those in need.

This project is a gift from St. Paul's United Methodist Church to our community.

