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January 10, 2024

## CARDINAL CHATTER



1/12-\*\*NO SCHOOL\*\*

1/15- \*\*NO SCHOOL\*\*

1/18-Vision Testing 9am

2/1-2/3- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament FLS

2/4-PK-1<sup>st</sup> grade Sing

2/14- Valentine /Ash Wednesday

2/8-2/10-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament FLS

3/8- Academic Bowl

**The New Oklahoma School Voucher Tax Credit is in effect for January 2024.**

**All our Pre-School 4 year olds to seventh grade students MUST APPLY (8<sup>th</sup> Grade optional) between December 6 to February 5 for the new year at [www.parentalchoice.ok.gov](http://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.**

**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](mailto:yearbook@flcspc.com)

**Principal--Mr. Birnbaum--** Happy New Year! I pray that you are staying warm and healthy these cold winter days. We added four girls to our school from three families this month but lost one family of three girls to Ark City Kansas. Don't miss your chance at the School Voucher tax credit for this new year. It ends February 5 and this includes all school age students for the Fall semester.

**CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley:** Cardinal Care will be open Friday January 12th if you will need care on this day let us know as soon as possible by sending a message on brightwheel or call us at 762-1124. Cardinal Care will be CLOSED Monday January 15th.

**LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning:** Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you to all the parents who donated supplies for our Gingerbread Architecture project. We had some really, really cool designs! Enjoy the long weekend and stay warm!

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey-**We are back in the swing of things here in the music room! We are reviewing a few topics we talked about last semester in order to continue learning. This month we will focus on note names (middle school) or solfege (elementary school), slowly combining that with reading rhythms in order to read music. This will take some time, but it will all be worth it. Preschool-First Grade classes are singing in church on Sunday, February 4 at 9am. See you there!

**Religion—Mrs. Brey-** We are in the season of Epiphany right now! Even though that's true, we're back-tracking to Christmas and talking about the birth of Christ, and the Old Testament prophecies about it. Memory work will be due on Friday, January 19 over Psalm 23.

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine:** So glad to be getting back into a routine! This week we are learning about polar animals, the letter O, counting to 16, and reviewing shapes. Have a blessed rest of the week.

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin--**This week we are starting a new Alphabet cluster- R, E, and B. We are also working hard on learning to write our names. School will be out this Friday the 12th, and Monday

the 15th. The Bible words this week are: God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9. Have a fantastic blessed week!

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN—Mrs. Kelly** -Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you had a great break and a Merry Christmas. Happy Birthday Lilliana. January Book It calendar's are in folders today. The last day to return the December one is Thursday. No school on Friday and Monday. Our Bible words this week are O Lord, I love Your house, Psalm 26:8 and Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29 Our letter cluster this week is Rr,Ee,Bb and the number 10. Have a Blessed week.

**KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller:** -- Happy New Year! Thank you, parents and kids, for all the wonderful Christmas gifts! Also, thank you for the awesome Christmas party! This Thursday the 11th will be show and tell because we didn't have a cardinal chatter last week and because we don't have school tomorrow on Friday or Monday. Please send your child's signed report card back to school so I know you got it. I will give you another copy. Also, if you want a conference with me please call me and leave a message with the office or call/text my cell number. I would be happy to meet with you. Have a remarkable week!

**FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum--** Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we are in the 2nd half of the school year! Our memory verse for Thursday is Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know that plans I have for you," declares the Lord. Spelling this week are short and long o words. We are starting a new unit in Social Studies all about America. This week we will learn about American symbols and about the Pledge of Allegiance. In Science, we are learning about the Planets and working on a project. Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 4. Our class, along with Kindergarten and Pre-K, will be singing in Church! No school on Friday or Monday - enjoy your 4-day weekend!

**SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton:** Happy New Year!! I pray that you all had a phenomenal break and were able to celebrate Jesus with family and friends! Please put your last name in any winter apparel so that we can get it back to you if it's lost! Here are the units we are studying - Science: Landforms. Next week Social Studies: important people. Reading: illustrations (this week) and then nonfiction following that. Little House in the Big Woods begins January 22!! Math: new BIG concept: adding two-digit numbers with regrouping. Next week is place value and quarters. Upcoming memory: The First Commandment with Meaning tomorrow; Second Commandment with Meaning Jan.19. Spelling test is this Thursday. Religion: Jesus' childhood, prophets. AR goals are set! Start off strong, reading books each week! This Friday and Monday (Jan. 12 & 15) are days off for MLK Day.

**THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen:** Welcome Back!! It is so good to see these kids again, and to get back in our routine. This week: No school Friday and Monday. Reading, Spelling, Math Quiz, and Language tests are all on Thursday. I will also send home next weeks spelling words on Thursday. Math Fact Quiz is over 0,1,and 10 Facts. Please complete fact worksheets each evening and/or for extra practice you can get on IXL. Next week we will move on to 2 facts, with a quiz next Friday (1/19). Memory: This week is Psalms 3:5-6, next week will be start working our way through the 10 Commandments and their meanings. Social Studies: We are starting our unit on Government. Science: starting our unit on plants. Once last thing: We would like to welcome Elowen to our class! Stay warm this week!

**FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley:** I pray that you all had a wonderful Christmas, and a relaxing break to start the New Year with our Lord. This is a new year and a fresh start for a new academic quarter! Let's help the kids start on the right footing and staying there. I am AMAZED how many are ready to jump onto the new AR quarter by reading over Christmas break! This does make it easier to get those goals! There is another opportunity to read big over the four day weekend in between the two short weeks. See you on Tuesday the 16th. Do not forget your coats as winter is in full force so we do not get sick. We follow Ponca City Schools for inclement weather. They normally announce on social media. Blessings as we Love the Lord!

**FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson:-** Winter Greetings! Brrrrr! It's cold out there and it's supposed to get even colder. Sounds like a perfect weekend for a 4-day weekend! Hot chocolate, movies, and pj's are definitely in my future. I hope you all are doing well. The students and I have had a great

start to the new semester. We are sad to see Addy leave, and we pray that she enjoys her new school. However, we welcome Nora Wood to the 5th grade family and are glad you are here! With two short weeks, we will have to work diligently to complete all our work. Here's what's going on this week: Memory: Psalm 23 due Thursday

Math: Multiplying and dividing decimals

Social Studies: Building the first colonies in America

Science: Fossils and Dinosaurs

Language: Diagramming subject and verbs

Reading: The Summer of the Monkeys

Spelling: Test on Thursday

Blessings on the rest of your week!



### Basketball

Jan 8-12	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	McCord Tournament
Jan 8-13	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	McCord Tournament
Jan 12-13	Varsity Boys	Trinity Tournament -Jefferson City
Jan 15-19	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	McCord Tournament
Jan 19-20	Varsity Girls	Trinity Tournament- Jefferson City
Jan 22	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	@The Academy JVG 4:00, JVB 5:00, VG 6:00, VB 7:00
Jan 22-27	JVG/JVB	McCord Tournament
Jan 29	3/4B, JVG, JVB	McCord ¾ B 5:00, JVG 6:00, JVB 7:00
Feb 1-3	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	FLS 4 <sup>th</sup> grade Tournament
Feb 5	JVG,JVB,VG,VB	VS Dewey JVG 5:00, JVG 6:00, VG 7:00, VB 8:00
Feb 8-10	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	FLS 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Tournament
Feb 9-10	VG/VB	HCAA Tournament VG/VB TBA
Feb 16-18	VG/VB	Texas State Tournament -Tomball Tx
Mar 21-24		LBAA Nationals – Ft. Wayne, IN

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MATH – Mrs. Stewart--** 8th Grade (Adv): We spent a couple of days reviewing what we have learned so far this year in Chapters 1-5 and now have moved on to Chapter 6. We will be solving and graphing inequalities in the next few lessons.

8th Grade (Reg) & 7th Grade (Adv): We spend a couple of days reviewing what we have learned so far this year in Chapters 1-5 and now have moved on to Chapter 6. We are learning about ratios, unit rates and proportions. 7th Grade (Reg): We spend a couple of days reviewing what we have learned so far this year in Chapters 1-5 and now have moved on to Chapter 6. We are adding and subtracting positive and negative integers.

**LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester:** ELA is in full swing! Eighth graders completed their CSI Profiler presentations today for book 3, seventh graders have completed their slideshows for book 4, and sixth graders have their marching orders for their Narnia books.

Middle schoolers are doing more than reading though! They are also digging into grammar rules and concepts. Eighth graders will work with coordinating adjectives and conjunctions in the context of several comma rules, seventh graders are gearing up to apply comma rules when encountering certain parts of speech, and sixth graders are mastering action verbs, both physical and mental, as well as compounds before moving to state-of-being, helping, and linking verbs.

Of course, we can't forget about our WoW (Word of the Week), POIGNANT. Students grasped and used this term well in their compositions. Stay tuned for our new one! Lastly, report cards were sent home last week to be signed by parents and returned by yesterday. If I have not yet received your child's signed report, then please get it to me at your very earliest. I'm very proud of our students' academic successes!

**SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain:** Welcome to 2024, Cardinal families!! What a great first semester we have under our belts!!

7th grade is always ready to rock and roll and this semester we have added two new students to

our roster! Welcome to the Cardinal family Camille and Krystal!! They are fitting right in and we are so happy they are here!! REMINDER- THIS IS A 4 DAY WEEK!! NO SCHOOL FRIDAY!! Much to the students disapproval, we hit the ground running in Science class!

6th Grade is covering weather and erosion!

7th Grade is exploring the world of mapping

8th Grade is studying genetic changes and biotechnology.

All classes have vocab due on Thursday!

This week in PE, classes will be playing Handball!

**BASKETBALL** - JV girls and boys as well as V girls and boys played at Shidler on Monday night!

Varsity boys will be playing in Jefferson City, Mo this Friday and Saturday

3/4 boys will start the McCord tournament this week!

Varsity girls and boys play at the high school on the 15th versus West

Girls will play at Jefferson City Jan 19-20

Both Varsity teams are having a great season! Boys are 12-2 on the season and girls are 11-3!

Check the schedule and come out and support these great athletes!

GO CARDS!!

**SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey--** 6/7 Grade: We are learning/reviewing the branches of government.

Students are in the process of drafting a new law that will be effective in my classroom for a quarter by going through the lawmaking process.

8th: Students are learning about the buildup to the civil war. The timeframe we are focusing on is 1850-1860.

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

### ☐ January 2024 ☐

#### First Lutheran Lunch Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No School	2 No School	3 Fish Stick Tater Tots Vegetable Fruit Milk B: plain bagel	4 Beef Tips White Rice Vegetable Fruit Milk B: Pancake on a Stick	5 Taquito Vegetable Fruit Milk B: Cereal	6
7	8 Hot Dog Tater Tots Fruit Milk B: Cereal	9 Cheeseburger French Fries Fruit Milk B: Waffles	10 Awards Ceremony Pizza-Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk B: banana muffin	11 Enchiladas/Chicken Refried Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk B: Breakfast Burrito	12 No School	13
14	15 No School	16 Beef Soft Taco Mexi Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk B: Oatmeal/Toast	17 Omelet Breakfast Potato Orange Smiles Milk B: Mini Cinnamon Rolls	18 Vision Testing Turkey Ham chips Vegetable Fruit Milk B: Pancake/Sausage	19 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Vegetable Fruit Milk B: Cereal	20
21	22 Corn Dog French Fries Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk B: Cereal	23 Steak Fingers Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Fruit Milk B: Blueberry Muffin	24 Enchiladas/Beef Ranch Beans Fruit Milk B: bagel egg sausage	25 Chicken Noodles Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Bread Fruit Milk B: Cinnamon Toast	26 Ham & Cheese Tortilla Rollup chips Broccoli - Fresh Pickles Fruit Milk B: Cereal	27
28	29 Nacho Chips/Meat n Cheese Ranch Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk B: Cereal	30 Tug Boat w/Chili Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk B: Omelet	31 Pizza-Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk B: Sausage Biscuit			

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