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November 15, 2023

## CARDINAL CHATTER

11/13-21—Scholastic Book Fair  
11/15-Mid Quarter Reports  
11/16—Muffins with Mom 7:30-8:00 AM  
11/17—Paint & Praise (all ages) \$30(See Flyer)  
11/17—Freddy's Food Truck here 5-7 for Art  
11/20- ECE- Grandparents Day-  
11/21—K-8 Grandparents Day

11/22-24-Thanksgiving Break -No School   
11/28-School Voucher Tax Credit Meeting 5:30 PM Church  
11/29-Middle School to Pollard Theatre/ Guthrie 9:30

12/2-Christmas Market  
12/6-Kdgn/1<sup>st</sup> 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  
12/15-End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter/1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
12/17-Church Christmas Program (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>)6PM

12/18-1/2-Christmas Break 

 **School Voucher Tax Credit Meeting—Tuesday Nov 28 at 5:30 P.M. in the Church.**

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** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade optional) between December 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31 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.

**Grandparents Day-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade -Tuesday 11/21/23 Contact the office by Thurs Nov 16** if your Grandparents would like to join you for lunch **\$5 if paid in advance (by 11/20)** This helps the Lunchroom to know how many meals to prepare/ **\$7 pay at the door**

*Grandparents Day Schedule:*

- 9:00 Assembly in the gym
- 10:15 Chapel in the church Sanctuary
- 11:00 Visit the Classroom
- 11:15 Book Fair & Lunch
- 12:15 School Dismissal

We will start with the middle school students and grandparents going to their classrooms and then lunch, while the kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade going to their classrooms. Then they will rotate to book fair, lunch, and recess. **Students may leave early with their grandparents, but please come sign out in the Administration building.**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Christmas Market Oklahoma**—FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET OKLAHOMA FESTIVAL, scheduled for Saturday, December 3th, 2022, is rapidly approaching. If you would like to be a vendor or know someone who would like to participate, please call the church, or school office or Shirley Zimmerman (580) 761-4657, thank you!

**COLLECTING PONCA CITY SANTA BUCKS:** First Lutheran will be collecting the Santa Shops Ponca 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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!!

**Principal--Mr. Birnbaum--** PLEASE join us for the Paint & Praise Party this Friday evening. This Tuesday is Grandparent Day celebration for K-8th. Parents are welcome to attend all morning BUT please let our grandparents have the chairs in the gym until we know we have enough room. TUESDAY - NOV. 28 is a BIG informational meeting in the church at 5:30 about the new government Tax Credit. Please attend so we can all learn together.

**CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley:** Daycare will be closed NOV. 22nd-24th, we did not have enough signed up for Wednesday Nov 22 to be open. Please make sure that you are putting your child's name in their jackets. We have a few jackets that were left, that are hanging inside the doorway.

**LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning:** Hello! Book Fair is in full swing! Please come see us after school any day this week, or tomorrow morning (11/16) at 7:30 for Muffins with Moms. Please come visit us Monday or Tuesday after Grandparents Day activities! Since there is no chatter next week, I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving, enjoying the blessing that is spending time with friends and family.

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey:** Middle School Choir and Children's Choir will sing in church on Sunday, December 3rd. Our Christmas musical is on Thursday, December 7th at 7pm.

**Religion—Mrs. Brey-** Memory work is due Friday, over Jeremiah 29:11.

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine:** Hello families! We are continuing to learn about Autumn. We are learning about being thankful, the letter L, number 12, and the 5 sided pentagon shape. We are working hard on songs for the Grandparents Day program! I still need some of you to sign up for food to bring. Have a blessed rest of the week!!

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin--**This week we are doing a review of all the letters we have learned so far- A, M, S, P,T,I, N,C,O. We are also working hard to get ready for Grandparent's Day. Please, if you have not already, Go to our Class Tag page and sign up to send a food item to help make the event special. Thank you so much! We will also be learning all about the the 10 Commandments this week! The Bible words this week are: Love the Lord your God. Deuteronomy 6:5. Have a blessed week!

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN—Mrs. Kelly** We are excited for and working hard on our Grandparent's Day program! If you haven't had a chance to sign up to bring treats for Grandparents' Day, please look on Class Tag for the sign up. I put the invitations in their backpacks on Friday. I hope you found them. We will start at 10:00am in the church sanctuary. Just a reminder that our only day in school next week will be on Monday and we dismiss at 11:00 am. If you need aftercare Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday you need to sign up with Cardinal Care. Our Bible words this week are, My help comes from the Lord. Psalm 121.2 and I am the Lord, your healer. Exodus

15:26 We are reviewing the letters Aa,Mm,Ss,Pp,Tt,Ii,Nn,Cc,Oo and learning the number 7 this week. Have a Blessed week and a Happy Thanksgiving!

**KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller:** -- Our field trip form and money was due today (Cowley College). If you haven't turned your child's form and money in please do so tomorrow on Thursday. Also, please make sure you invite your child's grandparents to "Grandparents' Day" (Tuesday the 21st 9:00 am in gym) and get them a lunch ticket (call office). Students may leave early with their grandparents on that day, but please sign out the child in the Administration Building. No parents please but you can adopt an older person to be your child's grandparent. Have a wonderful week!

**FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum--** Memory verse for Friday is Psalm 23:3 - He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Field trip forms and money were due by today (Wednesday). Please get those turned in if you haven't done so yet. We have been preparing for Grandparent's Day and are looking forward to it! We will have show and tell on Friday. Bring something that you are thankful for! Thank you to Mrs. Manning for all of her work on the Book Fair! I hope you have been able to visit it! Spelling this week are R blend words. We will finish up our unit on the history of the First Thanksgiving in Social Studies. In science we are learning about what causes day and night, and also about the sun. I thank God for the blessing of being able to teach your child! I pray that you all have a very blessed Thanksgiving!

**SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton:** Happy Thanksgiving! I am grateful for your child and the blessing that they are in our class! I'm also thankful for you who support your child's learning and goals! Grandparents Day is on Tuesday and the kiddos have worked hard on a super cute program! Grandparents should arrive by 9am in the school gym and can check their child out of the school office anytime following. Book Fair is this week - thank you in advance for supporting your child's and our classroom reading! Muffins with Moms is tomorrow morning 7:30-8 in the school library! Memory is Away in a Manger Verse 1. Folders will not go home over break, but they will come out following it. We've finished up habitats and adaptations, are working with money more in math, and will need to pass addition fact fluency tests before Christmas. Things to do over break: read, study long o spelling words, learn all 3 verses of Away in a Manger, and enjoy time with your family and friends!!!

**THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen:** Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you all know that I am very thankful for all you do for your children and myself. I know I though a lot at you all and it always gets done. THANK YOU!!! Memory: Psalm 107:1 - due on Friday. This is located in your child's planner. Spelling, Reading, Math and Language Test on Friday. Science Test (rocks) on Thursday - review went home on Tuesday and I will share a link to the Kahoot this evening. When we get back from Thanksgiving, we will be starting a new unit on cells. Social Studies: We are currently working on an in class Native American project. These are due on Friday, check on your child to see if how it is coming. We will start a new unit after Thanksgiving on Christmas traditions from around the world. Book Report: Remember these projects are due on FRIDAY. Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving break.

**FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley:** Our health is really important to not be safe. Don't forget your coat, extra rest, vitamins, and continue to stay healthy as God is showing His unwavering power in the weather. Keep reading for AR. Some of us are having a difficult time focusing to make the points and goals. Now is the time when we cannot neglect our assignments. Scores have dropped into the not happy zone. Make sure the kids are showing you their work and using their support system. Some are putting sports above academics in the classroom. Let's make sure that we are putting the focus and foundation of the student first, before athletics. Midterms come out today. Please have the half slip of paper signed for Friday after a conversation. Help the kids by staying on top of grades and assignments on Fast Direct. Don't forget the book fair is here this week! Bring in your coins for our Mite competition. Grandparent's day is Tuesday. Blessings as we prepare our hearts for the Lord!

**FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson:-** It's almost Thanksgiving, and I, for one, am very excited! Thanksgiving means Grandparents' Day! I love Grandparents' Day...seeing the kids with their grandparents always reminds me of my relationship with my grandma and grandpa. It brings back wonderful memories! That being said, next Tuesday, November 21 will be our performance, book fair, and lunch dinner with our grandparents. I hope to meet many of you then. We are continuing our preparation for the Christmas musical in December. I will be getting with everyone on costumes soon. Actors should be memorizing their lines. That's all for now! Blessings on your Thanksgiving Break. I pray it's a time of rest, family, and fun for you all!

## Middle School

**Nov 16-18-** JVG/JVB Dewey Tournament

<b>Nov 19-</b>	¾ B, JVG,	JVB Blackwell League
<b>Nov 20</b>	¾ B, JVG, JVB	vs. McCord ¾ B 5 PM, JVG 6 PM, JVB 7PM
<b>Nov 28</b>	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	Shidler JVG 4:30, JVB 5:30, VG 6:30, VB 7:30 PM
<b>Nov 30</b>	VG/VB	@PC WEST VG 5:00/ VB 6:00
<b>Nov 30-Dec 2</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Blackwell 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MATH – Mrs. Stewart--**8th Grade (Adv): We are finishing up Chapter 4 this week. We plan to review on Thursday and take the Chapter 4 Test on Friday.

8th Grade (Reg): We took the Chapter 4 Test on Friday and started Chapter 5 on Monday. We will be working with fractions for the next few lessons.

7th Grade (Adv): We are continuing Chapter 5 this week. We have been working with fractions and will continue for the next few lessons.

7th Grade (Reg): We took the Chapter 4 Test on Friday and finished corrections on Monday. Tuesday we started Chapter 5. We will be working with fractions for the next few lessons.

**LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester:** STOP! Grammar time! Eighth and seventh grades are busy working with manuscript form while sixth grade is mastering subjects, predicates, and fragments. Sixth graders even completed a Fragment Speak challenge Monday in which they were to talk only in fragments for the afternoon. They had fun trying to avoid complete sentences during the school day! As GRAMMAR EXAMS will not be administered until after Thanksgiving Break, all middle schoolers should be focused on reading their CLASS BOOKS at home for now. These can be accessed from any electronic device and are due November 27.

Also, my homeroom is currently practicing its piece for GRANDPARENTS DAY. In the process, I've learned that this group of students can make anything fun! Lastly, our class PARTY is THIS Friday afternoon. Be sure to check the link Carmon sent during the weekend for this upcoming Thanksgiving Bash, as we still have slots to fill. That's all, folks. Happy MID QUARTER!

**SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain:** Cardinal Families! The time has come for Thanksgiving Break! As we are creeping up on this, let me tell you how THANKFUL I am for YOU! I love having your children in class and at our school!

6th Grade- we are still working our way through Earthquakes and Volcanoes!

7th Grade- They have been learning matter, thermogenics, energy! Also, we have been working on our Grandparents Day presentation!

8th Grade- Genetics! We will live in genetics for awhile as there is so much going on in the area!

**BASKETBALL -** Basketball has been going great! JV girls took 3rd in the Shidler tournament and 1st in the Blackwell Tournament! JV boys got 4th at Shidler and 1st at Blackwell! V girls and boys both took 2nd at the Shidler Tournament!

JV has played at McCord this week! 3rd/4th boys and JV girls won and JV boys did not quite pull it off.

We had our first Pep Rally of the year on Monday and it was awesome! Thank you, so much to Coach Paige and the cheerleaders! We are super excited for the season with you all!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL--Cookie Dough Orders** should be in on the **16th!** I will send out a FD for pickup! GO CARDS!!

**SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey--** 6th: Students are learning about the history, geography, and culture of India.

7th: Students are exploring the economics, culture, history, and geography of North Africa.

8th: Students are still working hard on their westward expansion unit. We are currently in the 1830s as we have finished discussing the "Trail of Tears" and are looking at inventions during this time period.

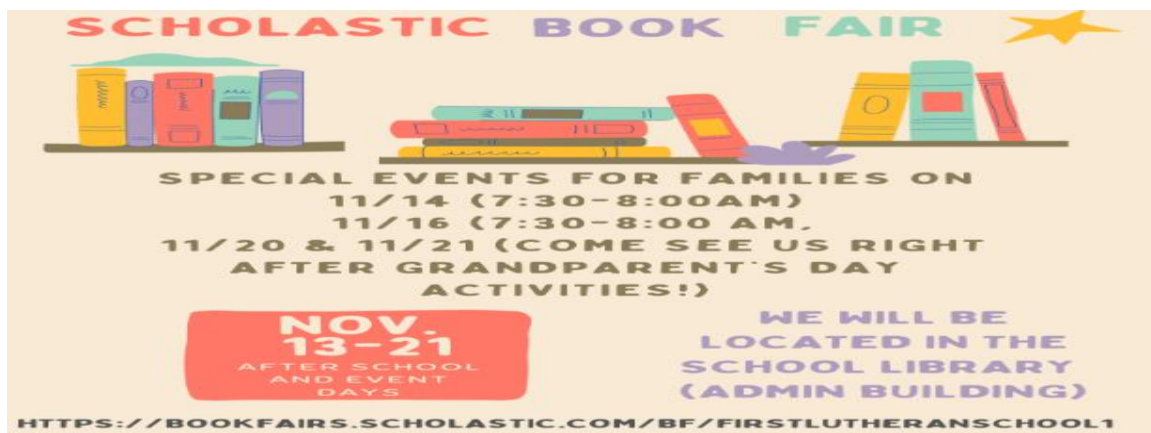
**Chess Club:** Due to the dramatic drop in interest and attendance for Chess Club, we will be ending chess club 10/26

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



The poster features a central illustration of a cross with a stylized figure inside, set against a teal background. To the right of the illustration, the text reads: "Paint & Praise", "First Lutheran School", "Fundraiser", "November 17th", "5:30-6:30". Below this, a box contains the text "Help us keep ART at Lutheran". A QR code is located to the right of the box. At the bottom right, there is a logo for "The Double Academy" and the website "THE.DOUBLE.ACADEMY.COM".

**\*\*Freddy's Food Stand - HERE on Friday November 17 from 5 to 7 to help support our ART program.\*\***



The poster has a yellow background with a star in the top right corner. It features illustrations of books on shelves. The text reads: "SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR", "SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FAMILIES ON", "11/14 (7:30-8:00AM)", "11/16 (7:30-8:00 AM,", "11/20 & 11/21 (COME SEE US RIGHT AFTER GRANDPARENT'S DAY ACTIVITIES!)", "NOV. 13-21 AFTER SCHOOL AND EVENT DAYS", "WE WILL BE LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY (ADMIN BUILDING)", and the URL "HTTPS://BOOKFAIRS.SCHOLASTIC.COM/BF/FIRSTLUTHERANSCHOOL1".



*Thanksgiving Break Nov 22-24*



Christmas Market Oklahoma  
2023

Old World Shopping and Entertainment  
Festive Music, Vendors, Homemade Food and Cookies  
Shopping and Fellowship  
**Saturday, December 2nd**  
**First Lutheran Church and School**  
**Ponca City**  
Free Parking and No Entrance Fees



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](http://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

