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November 29, 2023

## CARDINAL CHATTER

11/29-Middle School to Pollard Theatre/ Guthrie 9:30  
12/1 -Online Registration Due ASAP (**Tax Credit**)  
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—Registration opens at 8:30 A.M. Friday Dec 1**

**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.**

*♪ Elementary Christmas Program ♪--Thursday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.*

**Christmas Market Oklahoma--FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET OKLAHOMA FESTIVAL**, scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd, 2023, 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!

**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!

**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!!

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

**Principal--Mr. Birnbaum--** I know it is strange asking you to register for the next school year already but with the new Oklahoma School Voucher system, you need to go online and do it quickly before the funds run out and you will be left with the \$6000 school tuition bill. You may not have decided what you are doing next year but better safe than sorry. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

**CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley:** The signup sheets are out for Christmas Break!! If you need care for any of those dates make sure you sign up on the sheet in the entryway of Childcare! The sign-up sheet will be taken down on Monday Dec. 11th. Once they come down, I will have dates we will be open and/or closed for the break. If you do not sign up your child most likely they will not have available spot. Please also watch brightwheel for updates!!!

**LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning:** Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The book fair was a hit! Thank you to my families that came and shopped, you are supporting our classroom and school libraries. I am sending a note home about our last STEM project before Christmas, so please be on the lookout for it. Have a wonderful week!

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey:** Choir students are singing in church THIS SUNDAY! Our Elementary Christmas musical is on Thursday, December 7th at 7pm in the church.

**Religion—Mrs. Brey-** Memory work this week is over Luke 2:1-7. If your child will not be here on Friday, they need to do it on Thursday.

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine:** Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. This week we are learning the letter M, number 13, and reviewing shapes. We are going to begin learning about winter, learning about cool weather and cold weather. Have a blessed rest of the week.

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin--**I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! A big thank you goes out to all the parents that sent goodies and served for the Grandparent's Day celebration. It was a big hit, and we could not have done it without you! We will start a new cluster this week- F, H, D. We will also be very busy doing all kinds of Christmas crafts. The Bible words this week are: The Lord is a stronghold...In times of trouble. Psalm 9:9. Have a fantastic week!

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN—Mrs. Kelly** Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We are jumping right into the Christmas season with books, crafts and songs celebrating all things Christmas, especially the birth of our savior! Thank yo to all of the parents that brought things for Grandparents and to our room mom for serving. It was a special day. Our Christmas party will be on Thursday, December 14th. Look for the note in folders today. Friday the 15th we dismiss at 11:10 and will have a pajama and movie day that morning. Our Bible words this week are Be content with what you have. Hebrews 13.5 and Hear the word that the Lord speaks to you. Jeremiah 10.1 Our letter cluster is Ff,Dd,Hh and we are learning the number 8. Have a Blessed week!

**KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller:** -- Thank you to all the grandparents that came to our special day! Wow, November is almost over. You will see us doing a bunch of Christmas stuff now. Please keep working on your Monday folder homework during this busy season! This Friday is show and tell the first Friday of December! Please bring something that will fit in your backpack. Have a wonderful week!

**FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum--** We had a great time with our Grandparents here last week! I loved seeing all the Grandparents! Memory verse for Friday is Matthew 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. November reading logs are due on Friday if you are participating in the Book It program. Our field trip is next Wednesday to Cowley College to watch the play of The Gingerbread Pirate. For those of you driving, we will leave around 12:15. Our Christmas party this year will be on Friday, December 15 at 10:15. In place of a gift exchange this year, we will be collecting a donation - more details on that later! In Social Studies we are starting a unit on Holidays around the World

and this week we will learn about how Mexico and Germany celebrate. In Science we will learn about the stars and the moon. Happy birthday to Kalle yesterday (Nov. 28)! I am thankful for all of you! Have a blessed week!

**SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton:** December is here and Christmas is just around the corner, so we are moving quickly as we do a few more units in these last three weeks of school before Christmas break. In class, we will be doing a number of Christmas-themed activities to learn our academic content. Memory this Friday is verse 2 of Away in a Manger, and next week is Luke 2:4. The end of semester math test is minute facts for +0 through +10. The reading sequencing project due December 11 (information and rubric coming this week). They'll be working on a culture project in class. The musical is on Thursday, December 7, so read your FastDirect messages from Mrs. Brey! All 2nd graders should wear church clothes to that performance. Our field trip to Cowley College to watch The Gingerbread Pirate is next Wednesday. We will leave after lunch. Student Council began the coat drive, so bring in coats, along with chapel offering for November/December!

**THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen:** Welcome back! I have heard a lot of wonderful Thanksgiving memories that were made. We have 3 weeks left of this quarter. Can you believe it! We only have 3 kids left to get their A.R. goals, they have been working hard and we are all cheering them on. This week: Memory - Isaiah 9:6-7 is due next Friday, December 8th. The kids will have two options: they can say it to me or complete a fill in the blank test. Reading: We will have two normal weeks of reading and then we will do Christmas activities that final week before break. This is the same for spelling, just two more weeks then we will pick up after break. Math: We should get through more lessons and take about two more test before break. Social Studies: we will be talking about Christmas traditions from other countries. The kids are really enjoying it. Science: We are going to do a short chapter over cells and the body. We will have this finished before we break. Please continue to check grades on FastDirect. Please let me know if you have any questions. Reminder next Thursday, December 7th is our musical. Please dress in nice church clothes. Have a wonderful week!

**FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley:** I hope that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving, and a well rested break. Good food, loved ones, and a break from the normal routine to give thanks and prepare for the coming of the Lord always equals a fantastic time! Are you using secret weapons for children's school? The planner, folder, Friday Letter & Fast Direct! This will tell you everything you need to know about your child's school day when it's filled out, and papers put in appropriate folders. Don't forget FD shows grades. These are vital parts to being in tune with what kids do in school. Please make sure that planners are signed. Keep reading for AR! Some are doing great, close to making goals; and some need some good reading time to catch up. Play permission slips and money are due tomorrow, and "family" pictures are due on Friday. Math test is tomorrow. Continue to think of the things that that God has richly blessed us with, in this season. We are blessed to be a blessing as we count our gifts from God, and share them with others.

**FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson:-** Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break and are ready to finish the last three weeks of the second quarter! It will go fast! Here are a few upcoming dates:

Wednesday, December 6 @ 9:15 - Dress rehearsal for Christmas musical for Chapel

Thursday, December 7 @ 6:30 - Christmas musical

Wednesday, December 13 @ 10:00 - Spelling Bee in gym

Friday, December 15 @ 10:20 - 11:10 - Christmas party (school dismissed @ 11:20)

This week in class, lines for the musical for scenes 6 and 7 are due on Friday. All lines should be memorized. Spelling test is scheduled for Friday. Keep reading to meet your AR goal. As of today (Wednesday), you have 17 days before the end of the quarter. Blessings on the rest of your week!



## Middle School

Nov 30	VG/VB	VS PC WEST VG 5:00/ VB 6:00(@FLS)
Nov 30-Dec 2	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Blackwell 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament
Dec 1-3	VG/VB	@Hope Tournament Kansas City TBA
Dec 3	¾ B, JVG, JVB	Blackwell League
Dec 4	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	@Oklahoma Bible Academy JVG 5, JVB 6, VG 7, VB 8
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

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MATH – Mrs. Stewart--** 8th Grade Math (Adv): We took the Chapter 4 test before Thanksgiving Break and have now started Chapter 5. We are continuing to learn about graphing linear equations. 8th Grade Math (Reg) & 7th Grade (Adv): We are continuing to work in Chapter 5 on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. We will learn how to solve equations with fractions and clear fractions and decimals in equations next. We should finish up Chapter 5 next week so we may be ready for a test towards the end of next week.

7th Grade Math (Reg): We are continuing to work in Chapter 5 on fractions. We are working on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. We be converting and comparing units of measurement with fractions next.

**LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester:** Let the busyness begin! This time of the year is delightfully hectic, and middle schoolers are facing it head-on. All levels are preparing for grammar tests that will be administered December 8. (If your child will be absent that day, then (s)he is to arrange a time with me to test early.) Also, each grade level has literature projects due Monday, December 11, that are as follows:

G8: Profiler Project

G7: Characterization Project

G6: Bloom ball

Lastly, remind your child to check Google Classroom daily, as other quarter 2 assignments are posted such as the binder check on December 13.

**SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain:** Hello Cardinals! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and spent quality time with their families! Now, back to the grind! We only have three weeks left until Christmas break. YES, just THREE WEEKS! Please make sure your child is staying on top of their grades!!

Attendance is CRUCIAL right now! Please make sure your child is here and on time unless they are sick!

6th Grade-we will be finishing up earthquakes and volcanos! We will test on Tuesday! Their end of semester project will be assigned soon!

7th Grade- we are finishing Matter, Forces and Energy! We will test on Tuesday! Their end of semester project will be assigned soon!

8th Grade- We will continue discussing genetics and the structure of cells! Their end of semester project has been assigned!

**P.E.--** In 5th-8th PE we will be playing kick ball this week as well as running!

**BASKETBALL -** Varsity girls and boys as well as cheer head to Kansas City Friday for the Hope Tournament! Please pray for safe travels as these basketball teams look for their first Lutheran tournament hardware this season! We look forward to good competition as well as wonderful fellowship!

GO CARDS!!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL--**We head out on our middle school field trip today! I can not wait to hear how much fun the kids have!

**SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey--** 6th/7th: Students are learning about rights and responsibilities in our government as citizens.  
 8th: Students are wrapping up their westward expansion unit. They are playing the original Oregon Trail this week. Next week is the unit test and they need to turn in their binder and journal.

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



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

**December 2023**

**First Lutheran Lunch Menu**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Nacho Chips/Meat n Cheese Ranch Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk Bi: Cereal	<b>2</b> Christmas Market
<b>3</b> <b>4</b> Beefy Mac Beans Bread Fruit Milk Bi: Cereal		<b>5</b> Breakfast Burrito Hash Browns Fruit Milk Bi: Pancake on a Stick	<b>6</b> Little Smokies Mac n Cheese Broccoli - Fresh Fruit Milk Bi: plain bagel	<b>7</b> <b>Elementary Christmas Program</b> Meatball Sandwich Carrots (cooked) chips Fruit Milk Bi: French Toast Sticks	<b>8</b> Taco Pizza Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk Bi: Cereal	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>11</b> Rib Patty Sandwich French Fries Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk Bi: Cereal		<b>12</b> Grilled Cheese / Tomato Soup Fruit Milk Bi: Oatmeal/Toast	<b>13</b> Pizza/Pepperoni Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk Bi: Mini Cinnamon Rolls	<b>14</b> PB&J chips Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk Bi: Cereal	<b>15</b> <b>Half Day School 11:20 dism</b> Bi: Cereal	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>18</b> No School		<b>19</b> No School	<b>20</b> No School	<b>21</b> No School	<b>22</b> No School	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>25</b> No School		<b>26</b> No School	<b>27</b> No School	<b>28</b> No School	<b>29</b> No School	<b>30</b>
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**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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