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## CARDINAL CHATTER

10/23-10/27—Red Ribbon Week (see below)  
10/25 Awards Ceremony 9:15 A.M.  
10/26—Freddy's Night  
10/27—OKC Theatre- 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
10/27—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Leonardo's

10/28—Trunk or Treat 4:00-6:00 P.M.  
11/1 All Saints Day - Dress in black & white  
11/1-Chapel offerings Can food Drive Boys vs. Girls  
11/17—Paint & Praise (all ages) \$30

**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](http://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](http://oklahoma.gov/tax/helpcenter/income-tax.html)

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

**Did you know?** Kay County is in need of foster homes. They will help individuals or couples up to any age become foster care givers for long- or short-term care for children. It literally can cost nothing to become a foster care provider in 60 to 90 days. Call 1800-376-9729 or go to [www.okfosters.org](http://www.okfosters.org) for more information.

**Canned Food Drive** - For November, we will be collecting canned and box foods for our neighborhood food bank. The first Wednesday (Nov. 1) we will do boys vs. girls to see who will collect the most. The second Wednesday (Nov. 8) will be which of the three buildings will collect the most. The third week will be OU vs OSU vs Other fan challenge.

**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**—Statistic shows that by 2030, the Lutheran church in the United States will have more member over the age of 65 then under the age of 65. This is probably true of most Christian church.

**CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley:** The teachers will be sending memos on brightwheel about their classroom fall parties. If you want to send items with child for the fall party reach out to your child's teacher on brightwheel. Watch for the information. The teacher will also let you know if they want costumes for their classes.

Please remember to put child's name in jackets. Make sure child has a change of clothes in backpack or left with the teacher.

**LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning--**Hello! Last week we constructed mini catapults and studied the forces behind what makes them work. BOOK FAIR is coming! Please contact me via Fast Direct or call the office if you are interested in volunteering to help out on event days. The book fair provides books for classroom libraries as well as our main library. Parents- I am on recess duty for elementary in the morning time most days. Next week will be a lot colder in the morning so kids may want to bring sweaters or jackets!

We have several STEM projects coming up that could use adult shoeboxes or paper towel tubes/wrapping paper tubes. Instead of tossing them out, keep our class in mind! Thank you!

**STUCO—Mrs. Harbeson-Red Ribbon Week** Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27. We will have the following dress-up days:

**ECE Building:** Monday - Crazy Hats Day

Tuesdays - Backwards Day (wear your clothes backwards)

Wednesday - Super Hero Day

Thursday - All-Out Pink-Out Day

Friday - FLS Spirit Day

**Elementary and Middle School:** Monday - Country Club vs. Country Day

Tuesday - Soccer Moms and BBQ Dads

Wednesday - Role Swap Day (students dress like teachers and teachers dress like students) Thursday - All-Out Pink-Out

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We will also be having a few competitions! DOOR DECORATION CONTEST Each grade is asked to decorate the outside of their classroom door using the theme, "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free." Doors are to be decorated and ready for judging on Thursday, October 26. Student Council will come to each class during lunch to take pictures. Pictures will be posted on the school website and Facebook pages along with a google form for community voting. (Church members, parents, grandparents, friends, etc.) Students will also have the chance to vote as well. The winner will be announced on Wed., Nov. 1st during chapel. The winning class will receive an ice cream / extra recess party on a day and time that works for the winning teacher.

PENNY

WAR

**Another competition** will be a Penny War that will run from Mon., 23rd - Fri. - 27th. The "depositing" of coins in class buckets happens only between 8:10 and 8:20 each day. Pennies add points; silver and bills delete points so that means you'll want to put pennies in YOUR CLASS'S bucket and anything silver or paper in OTHER CLASSES' buckets. One winner per building. Each winning class will receive a donut party and extra recess that works with the winning teacher's schedule.

**DAILY WINNER**-Each student will receive a red bracelet to wear beginning on Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27. Each day, stuco members will announce over the intercom one winner per building. If the student is wearing the bracelet and his or her name is called, they will win a prize (candy). StuCo will bring the prize to ECE building each day. Elementary and MS winners may pick up their prize in the office from Lori. If the student whose name is called is not wearing his or her bracelet or is absent, another winner will be called. Next week will be full of fun! We hope to see everyone participating!

**Religion—Mrs. Brey--**Memory work for Friday is the books of the Old Testament. We are currently learning about the time of the judges. Expect a test on Thursday, November 9th.

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey:** Our youngest singers have started to learn to sing in a minor key, and they are absolute rockstars at it! Our elementary students are gearing up for their Christmas program on Thursday, December 7th. Fourth and fifth grade students sing in church on Sunday, November 5th at 9am. This is daylight savings time, so double-check your clocks and then check them again! See you there!

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine:** Hello preschool families! We are continuing to study Fall as a wonderful season! Our letter this week is "I" number 9, color black, and pumpkin shape! Have a blessed rest of the week!

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin--**What a fun time at the Fall Festival! So many cool costumes! This week we are continuing the P,T,I cluster along with the number 4. The Bible words this week are: My times are in Your hand. Psalm 31:15. Have a great week!

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Kelly:** Happy Birthday James! It was great meeting with all of you for conferences! Thanks to our room Moms for hosting a fun Family Fun Night. Thank you to all of the parents that helped and sent things! Thank you Student Council for planning a fun Red Ribbon Week! Tomorrow is Pink Out and Friday is FLS Spirit. I hope you are reading daily with your child. Book It reading calendars are due back to me on November 1st. Look for the note about our canned food drive for November chapel offering. Our Bible words this week are, Call to Me and I will answer you. Jeremiah 33:3 and A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17 We are still on the letter cluster Pp,Tt,Ii and the number 4. Have a Blessed week!

**KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller:** -- We will have our Halloween/Fall party on Tuesday the 31st at 2:30. The children are encouraged to wear their costumes on that day, but please nothing scary. Thank you parents for making our Fall Festival last Friday so much fun! We appreciate all the hard work to make it a great evening. I hope everyone has a terrific week!

**FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum:** Thank you for taking the time to meet with me for our parent teacher conference! We have a lot going on this week for Red Ribbon Week. Please check the Chatter for details. We are having fun with our special dress up days. On Thursday, our class will join the OWLs Group (Older Wiser Lutherans) for some games of bingo. Thursday is also Freddy's night - a fundraiser for our school! Memory verse for Friday is Joshua 1:9 - Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Friday is show and tell. Our topic is to bring something that represents your favorite color. Spelling this week are words with ck, kn, and wr. In Social Studies we are learning more about the places in our world and the names of the 5 oceans. In science, we will learn about distance and speed. On Saturday, our church is hosting a Trunk or Treat from 4-6. Next Tue, Oct 31 will be our class costume party. Be looking for details on how you can help! Have a wonderful week!

**SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton:** Happy fall! Thank you for meeting with me for conferences. It was also great to see so many families from our class at Family Fun Night! Your first homework folder is due TOMORROW! Memory this week is Psalm 23:3-4, and next week is Psalm 23:5-6. AR goals have been reset for the second quarter, so be reading so that your child can take two AR tests each week. We have our Leonardo's field trip this Friday (Oct.27) for lunch, we have our Halloween pizza/lunch party on Tuesday, a catapult STEM activity will happen with 3rd grade, and Grandma Shirley and Grandpa Dave are teaching about Reformation. Please buy Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder and send it in with your child. In math we are gaining speed and fluency on addition facts and are going to begin subtraction. Science is our habitat unit. There are not many grades entered so far, so work now to begin this quarter successful.

**THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen:** Thank you so much for meeting with me last week to talk about your amazing children. Thank you also for all your support and prayers as we go through this year. You all make it run smoothly here in class. This week: Memory - 1st Article of the Creed. Spelling and Language test on Friday. Reading; We are working on an in class chapter book. We will test on this next week. We had a Science test today and will start a new unit on rocks next week. In social studies we are doing a short unit on communities; look for a test next week. Then we will start a short unit on Native Americans. Book Report: Papers came home last week about our next project, let me know if you have any questions. Halloween: we will be having a lunch party next week for Halloween. Kids are able to wear school appropriate costumes that day. Please remember we have art, music, and PE that day. Have a wonderful week!

**FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley:** Thank you for the great conferences. It is truly a blessing when parents are involved and engaged for their students and their education. We are already a week into the beginning of a new quarter. This means new chances and opportunities to SHINE for JESUS! We have new AR goals, and new opportunities for strong academics. I can already see many kids REALLY determined to make these opportunities the best they can be! Nightly reading and getting help for academics make success. Please return any Rose Hill items if not yet done so. Freddie's Night is tomorrow! Continue to be blessed and praise the Lord as we are his workmanship.

**FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson:** Happy Wednesday! The rain and cooler temperatures are absolutely wonderful! God always know what we need and when we need it, doesn't He? Everyone seems

to be enjoying Red Ribbon Week with the dress up days and Penny War. Thank you, Student Council...we still have two more days! Congratulations to all who have earned awards for Teacher's Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Cardinal Award. It was awesome celebrating you this morning at Chapel. Here's what's going on in class:

Memory: Students who are in scene 1 for the Christmas musical are memorizing their lines for Friday. Everyone else is memorizing the books of the Old Testament in order.

Math: Working on solving algebraic equations.

Social Studies: Studying about ancient cultures in the Americas

Science: We are working on leaf projects. 20 dried and pressed leaves from 20 different trees were due today.

Language: Verb unit test tomorrow

Reading: Continue reading for AR goal

Spelling: Test on Friday

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

## Middle School

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MATH – Mrs. Stewart:** 8th Grade Math (Adv): We ended up going over the original Chapter 3 exam in class last Thursday and then retook another version on the exam on Friday. We finished up corrections on Monday and started Chapter 4 on Tuesday.

8th Grade (Reg), 7th Grade (Adv and Reg): We are continuing to learn about factors and working with fractions. Each class will take a quiz this week over 4.1-4.3 which covers factors, greatest common factor and reducing fractions. We will be moving on to least common multiple and working with exponents.

**LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester**—I'm digging these dress-up days for Red Ribbon Week! As we have been getting countrified, soccerfied (not a word, I know), and pinkified this fun week, we have also been preparing for tomorrow's test in Literature. I will post the third class book that same day.

The following day will find eighth graders in OKC for a theater production. YAY! Be sure to have them come dressed in their Sunday best. Then, October 31 will enchant all middle schoolers with student-created ghost stories that just might spook even the bravest student. Look for an email from me about this. It's going to be FUN!

**SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain:** Hey Cardinal Families! To those who volunteered at The Fall Fest, THANK YOU!!! It was a great evening and those functions do not happen without YOU!! Second quarter is off to the races!

6th grade- we are making our way through motion and energy!

7th grade- we are making our way into Earth Science, where we will spend the rest of the year!

8th grade- we have been discussing cells, cell functions and getting our feet wet in genes!

***Additional Information- please monitor what your children are wearing to school. The weather is cooling off so I should not be having to dress code girls for shorts at this stage. Leggings need to have shirts that cover their rear ends. Boys, shorts need to be long enough that your under garments are not showing. Parents, please help so I do not have to have you leave work to bring them new clothing items. THANK YOU!!***

**BASKETBALL --** In case you did not know... it is almost the most wonderful time of the year. Yes, of course we are coming up on Halloween and Thanksgiving and the greatest holiday of all, our Lord's birthday... but did you know? IT IS ALLMOST BASKETBALL SEASON!! Our JV teams start their season Nov 2 against Medford and Varsity kicks things off Nov 6 in the Shidler tournament. We would love to see the stands full at all the games this year so get out and support these Cardinals!!

**SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey--** 6th: Students are exploring the impact that ancient Greece had on future generations in regard to philosophy, education, and government.

7th: Students are learning about Middle Eastern culture, history, and geography.

8th: We are in the early stages of our Westward Expansion unit. Currently, we are on Thomas Jefferson and the importance of his presidency.

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

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Reaching out with Jesus, Walking together in Jesus*



## **October 23-27, 2023**

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### ***Elementary/Middle School***

#### ***Dress up Days***

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First Lutheran Church presents:

# Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28th  
4:00-6:00

First Lutheran Church  
1101 N 4th St




Join us for a safe trick or treating alternative!

## HEY YOUTH!!

# It's a Marty party!

WHERE: First Lutheran Youth House 1101 N. 4th St  
WHEN: Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 pm

WHAT: Celebrate Reformation Day YOUTH STYLE at our "Marty party". We'll have reformation theme snacks and games before joining our congregations for the reformation service.



"Nailed it."  
-Martin Luther, 1517

First Lutheran Church is hosting the annual Ponca City Circuit Reformation festival on October 29th at 4:00 pm.

# First Lutheran Confirmation 2023

Sunday, October 29th

Six students will be confirming their faith during Worship Service. Join us during the Sunday School hour to hear their essays on Who is Jesus of Nazareth? What does it mean to be a member of First Lutheran Church?



Alyssa Dooley  
Shelby Fredricks  
Kelby Crimes  
Jordyn Feitman  
Jagger Laughlin  
Wesley Vaughan



# November 2023

## First Lutheran Lunch Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Grilled Cheese / Tomato Soup Fruit Milk B: Sausage Biscuit	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Bread Fruit Milk B: plain bagel	Rib Patty Sandwich French Fries Vegetable Fruit Milk B: Cereal	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Hot Dog Tater Tots Broccoli - Fresh Fruit Milk B: Cereal	Chicken Fajita Salad Refried Beans MexiRice Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk B: Breakfast Burrito	Pizza-Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk B: banana muffin	Chicken Pot Pie Biscuit Fruit Milk B: Scrambled Eggs	BBQ Sandwich French Fries Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk B: Cereal		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Picture Retakes</b>	Frito Chili Pie Carrots (cooked) Fruit Milk B: Cereal	Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Bread Fruit Milk B: Waffles	Quesadilla Beans Fruit Milk B: bagel/egg sausage	Tator Tot Casserole Broccoli - Fresh Bread Fruit Milk B: Biscuit/Gravy	Nacho Chips/Meat n Cheese Ranch Beans Fruit Milk B: Cereal	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>PS-PK Grandparent Day</b>	Chicken Nuggets Broccoli cheese rice Fruit Milk B: Cereal	Chicken Noodles Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Bread Fruit Milk B: Blueberry Muffin	<b>No School/Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>No School/ Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>No School/Thanksgiving Break</b>	
26	27	28	29	30		
Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Broccoli (Cooked) Fruit Milk B: Cereal	Pancake & Sausage Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Milk B: Blueberry Muffin	Pizza-Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk B: Cinnamon Toast	Enchiladas/Beef Ranch Beans Fruit Milk B: Sausage Biscuit			

**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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