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October 4, 2023

## CARDINAL CHATTER

10/8—Middle School Singing FLC 9am  
10/11—Medevac/Helicopter 1:30  
10/12—End of first quarter  
10/12—ECC Field trip- Pumpkin Patch  
10/13- Fall Break (no School)  
10/16 Fall Break (no school)  
10/19 Rose Hill-4<sup>th</sup> grade

10/20 Parent/Teacher Conf. Half Day 11:20 Dism.  
10/20 Family Fall Fest 5:30-7:30 PM. (See below)  
10/25 Awards Ceremony 9:15 A.M.  
11/17—Paint & Praise (all ages) \$30  
10/27—OKC Theatre- 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Fentanyl overdose - "Recently, KCBY 11, a news station out of North Bend, Ore., reported that three young Portland children from 1 to 3 years of age overdosed on fentanyl. The exposures occurred in the last two weeks in June. A single fentanyl pill can kill an adult; exposure to the DUST from a single pill can be fatal to a child." Lutheran Witness magazine August 2023 edition page 7.**

STATE TROOPER on the property - The Oklahoma Highway Patrol has created policy to support the Governor's implementation of Mission: Secure Oklahoma Schools. As part of this policy, state troopers will be present on, in and around school grounds for a minimum of 1 hour of a week.

**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.

**Family Fun Fest** on Friday, October 20 from 5:30 to 7:30. Costume Contest- Must be present to win in one of four categories for children and adults: 1) Homemade Costume, 2) Sweet Costume, 3) Unique Costume, 4) Group Costume

Parents: Please Send the following with your child according to their homeroom:

Mrs. Daine: bag of smarties	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade: bag of Miniature variety pack Chocolate
Mrs. Colvin: bag of smarties	4 <sup>th</sup> grade: Case of 16 oz waters
Mrs. Kelly: Bag of Lollipops	5 <sup>th</sup> grade: Case of 16 oz. Pops—Dr. Pepper, Coke
Kindergarten: Variety candy packs	6 <sup>th</sup> grade: case of 24 oz Gatorade (no red ones please)
1 <sup>st</sup> grade: Variety candy packs	7 <sup>th</sup> grade: Cakes and Desserts
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade: bag of Miniature variety pk choc	8 <sup>th</sup> grade: Work w/ Room Parent for Concession Stand

**STUDY HALL** after school in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade room 3:30-4:30 Tues/Thurs—bring your things and come prepared to work diligently!

**Chess Club:** We are looking at Monday and Wednesday 3:20-4. This will be in Mr. Brey's classroom and will start on October 2nd. If anyone is familiar with how to register students for tournaments and would be willing to help/take over that please let me know as I would like the club to be more than just meeting up twice a week with nothing to show for it. Thank you!

**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--** I am doing our annual statistical report for our Church and I am always surprised by how many school families leave their church affiliation blank. I pray that you consider making our church your home. We have a dynamic pastor with a passion for ministry. He is starting a new class soon so you can come learn what we teach and believe. Church is Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:15. Let us know if you want more information.

**CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley:** This is the last week to sign up for fall break. If your child is not on the list you will need to call to check for availability. Please send light weight jackets with your child as the temperatures are cooler in the mornings. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDS NAME IS IN THEIR JACKET. If your child is on medication and it will need to be administered at daycare, please make sure to fill out the medication form.

**LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning:** Happy October! It's not too early to volunteer for the BOOK FAIR! I know it seems like it can't possibly be time but it will be next month! Volunteers that are familiar with registers or would just like to help patrons find books that they would like to purchase for classroom libraries would be appreciated! Pouring juice and refilling snack plates on family event days is also an awesome way to help. Last week in STEM we learned about our brains! 2nd and 3rd will begin keyboarding practice this week. We are absolutely still accepting donations of old Legos, cups, popsicle sticks, or anything STEM/STEAM related that you would like to donate. Adult size shoe boxes will be an item that I will eventually ask students to keep an eye out for. Have a wonderful week!

♫ **MUSIC ♫ – Mrs. Brey:** Happy Reformation Month! October 31st is when the Lutheran church celebrates the Reformation and our good pal, Martin Luther. He is our composer of the month and we will learn about all he has done for the Lutheran church. Middle school is singing in church on Sunday, October 8th at 9am - see you there!

**Religion—Mrs. Brey-**We are wrapping up first quarter and we have learned so much about what God has done through Abraham and Moses. Look for a test coming up on October 12. If your child will be gone that day, they will need to take the test ahead of time.

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine:** Hello families! This week we are learning about F, 6, heart shape, and the color purple! We are working on social/emotional skills as well as pre-writing skills. Have a blessed rest of the week!

**PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin:** Cooler weather is on the way! The Permission slips for the Pumpkin Patch are due today. Be sure to send the fee along with the slip. We are starting our clusters this week. The first one is letters A, M, and S. The Bible words this week are: Beloved, we are God's children now. 1 John 3:2. Have a fabulous week!

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Kelly:** It's here, the cooler weather. Please remember to put your child's name in all outerwear. Field trip forms and money were due back to me today. If you didn't get yours to me, please do tomorrow. A note with directions will come home on Tuesday. We are starting the Pizza Hut Book It program. Look for the information and reading log in folders today. Show and Tell will be on Friday. Bring something that shows a sign of Fall and a favorite toy. Fall Break is next week. No school on Friday, October 13th and Monday, October 16th. Parent Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th. Sign-ups are posted on Class Tag. If those times don't work for you please let me know. Our Bible words this week are, The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food. Psalm 145:15 and Oh come, let us

worship and bow down. Psalm 95:6 We started letter clusters this week and are learning Aa, Mm, Ss and the number 1. Have a Blessed week!

**KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller:** --This Friday will be "Show & Tell" please help your child choose something that will fit in their backpack. Just a reminder we are going to the Pumpkin Patch on Thursday, October 12th and the money and forms are due today Wednesday, October 4th. If you have not turned your form and money in please do so tomorrow on Thursday because I will not be at school on Friday. Thank you and have a remarkable week!

**FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum:** Happy October! We have a lot going on this month! Memory verse for Friday is Matthew 22:37 - You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Book It reading logs came home on Monday. I still need several of you to do your parent approval - I sent home a letter for this already. Field trip forms and money were due today. Please turn in by tomorrow if you haven't done so yet. Family Fun Night is on Friday, Oct. 20. Thank you to those of you who have signed up to help at our game booth! Friday, Oct. 20 is also a half day of school for Parent/Teacher conferences! It is that time already! You may sign up for your time on Class Tag. October book orders were sent home today. Orders are due by Wednesday, Oct. 18 if you would like to order! Spelling words this week are words with the digraph sh, ch, and th. In Social Studies we will learn about man made structures and the different kinds of landforms. In science we will finish up our unit on magnets. Blessings on your week!

**SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton:** Welcome to Brystyl and his family to FLS! It's almost the end of the first quarter!! AR goals should be met by the end of the quarter (Thursday, October 12). Check grades for missing work (which will be entered as a 0 at the end of this week). Fall break follows that - Friday, October 13 through Monday, October 16. Parent teacher conferences are also coming up the week after, so be on the lookout for a FastDirect/spreadsheet with available times for that! Memory this week is Galatians 5:22-23 and next week will be Joshua 1:9. Memory, spelling, and vocabulary tests will be on Thursday next week since there is no school Friday. Friday, October 27 will be the date that we go to Leonardo's in Enid, OK. Keep an eye on your child's red folder for permission slips this week. We tested on States of Matter and will begin our social studies unit on government tomorrow! This month is church worker appreciation month, so thank the pastor or other workers at your church or school!

**THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen:** Can you believe you we are almost done with the first quarter? Time flies when your having fun! Thank you all for the continued support. This week: Spelling, Language, Reading Test all on Friday. Memory: Numbers 6:24-26 said to me by Friday. This is taped in their planners. Science: Cloud quiz tomorrow (Thursday) We have been reviewing all week on these. Please let me know if you have any questions. Social Studies: We will be completing and in class landform project to finish up the quarter. After Fall Break we will be starting a new unit. Book Reports: THANK YOU so much for all your efforts in the book report projects. They turned out AMAZING. The commercials were the best. So creative. Book Orders: I sent an email, and a paper home. Please get those orders in, if you have any questions please let me know. Grades: We are getting closer to report cards, so please continue to check FastDirect. Have a wonderful week! Looks like colder weather is coming so remember to write names in sweatshirts.

**FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley:** Happy October! Thank you to Mr. Vaughan to have a show and tell with his arrow heads and fossils found in Oklahoma. It was a real treat to see what we have been learning about as we prepare for Rose Hill! The first quarter is winding down very quickly. AR goals and grades will be finalized on the 12th. Scholars should be reading their AR books nightly for success. It really helps when we take the book home at night! Continue to go over assignments with students for simple mistakes. This makes a big difference for academic understanding & retention of material. Some are not being careful with turning in assignments on time. Completing work on time is a large part for success along with proper organization. Fast Direct is an excellent tool to see how scholars are doing. Tomorrow is the day to try on dresses and overalls, peel apples and to sew our nine patch quilt for Rose Hill on the 19th. Permission slips for this once in a lifetime field trip went home on Monday. Next week is a short week as we have Fall Break and a long

weekend. We will be baking on the 17th right away in the morning to prepare our goodies for the 19th. Parent Teacher Conferences are on the 20th after a half day of school. Keep Reading, and Peace as we Praise God.

**FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson:** Greetings, 5th Grade Families! We are nearing the end of the first quarter of the school year. If your family will be leaving early for Fall Break, please let me know by next Monday so your student and I can make sure to get everything completed and handed in before you leave. A few things to remember...

We still have several unclaimed assignments with missing names that are posted on the cabinet doors in my room. They have been there for several weeks. I've asked all the students to check their missing assignments and claim them if they are theirs. I've also told the class that I am throwing any remaining, unclaimed assignments in the trash Friday after school.

We will be getting our binders ready for extra credit next week. Your student should gather any assignments, handouts, quizzes, tests, etc. and bring them to school next Wednesday. We will be organizing all our papers for extra credit points in each subject. Extra credit will be due Wednesday, October 11.

Anyone who hasn't met their AR goal for the first quarter should be reading! As of today, Wednesday, October 4, your student has 9 days to make his or her goal. Students are encouraged to read during recess, study hall, and at home in order to make their goal. That's all for now. I pray God's blessings on the rest of your week.

### **Middle School**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MATH – Mrs. Stewart:** 8th Math (Adv): We are continuing Chapter 3 this week. We will review and take our test over Chapter 3 towards the end of next week. I always answer questions over the homework so please encourage your student to ask questions in class.

*8th Math (Reg):* We are continuing with Chapter 3 this week. We will review and take our test over Chapter 3 next week. We are taking more time on each lesson in Chapter 3 to make sure we are understanding before moving on. We have gone back over a few lessons and I have assigned additional practice problems for those lessons. Please encourage your student to ask questions if they are struggling with a concept. I always answer questions over homework before I take it up.


*7th Math (Adv):* We are continuing with Chapter 3 this week and will review and take our test over Chapter 3 next week. We spend a lot of time in class going over homework questions which is great! If we have a lot of questions, I usually assign additional practice problems for that lesson.

*7th Math (Reg):* We are continuing Chapter 3 this week. We will review and take a test over Chapter 3 next week. Most students are doing a great job of asking questions over the homework in this class. Keep up the good work!

**LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester:** Thanks to everyone who sent thoughts, prayers 🙏, and special gifts to and for me as my family walked through a couple of deaths and surgeries these last few weeks. The time, compassion, and effort some of God's people show never cease to amaze me. It meant so much. May you be blessed for taking the time and initiative to bless another. Due to my recent absence, LITERATURE tests will be given AFTER Fall Break 📅 instead of before it. However, students will take SPELLING tests Monday, October 9, and VOCABULARY tests next Wednesday, October 11. BINDERS are due October 12. IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT ON ANY OF THESE DAYS, then they can make ADVANCE arrangements with me to take the tests EARLY and/or submit their binders early.

October 12 is the end of the quarter, as well as the homeroom par-tay 🎉 for my wonderful sixth graders! Our room parents have fun things in store for them, and students get to dress up and chomp down. So, make sure your child doesn't miss this fall kickoff!! Be on the lookout for more information from Carmon and Erin who R-O-C-K!

October 27 has been reserved for the eighth-grade OKC fieldtrip that will truly have your middle schooler mesmerized by classic short stories that come to life on stage 🎭. It's theater, baby, and these skits are truly well done. I hope all eighth graders will attend. Permission slips noting associated costs should go home with students Friday. I would like to interest two parents to

accompany us on this trip, parents who EACH have the car space to transport  at least four students. If that's you, then what are you waiting for? Reach out and tell a sista'!

**SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain:** Hello Everyone! I think cooler temps are just around the corner.... fingers crossed!

Middle School Science is awesome! We are discussing and discovering!!

6th Grade- we are learning to measure! Last week we learned to use a ruler for inches, cm and mm. This week we are reviewing that and will move on to measuring mass and volumes (dry and liquid)

7th Grade- last week we learned about natural materials and touched base on recycling. This week we are discussing synthetic materials! Ask your students to identify synthetic materials that they use during the day! We also welcomed a new student on Tuesday! Please help make him feel welcomed! I am super excited to have a growing class!!

8th- We started putting their insect projects together on Monday- they are due TODAY!! I appreciate you parents for helping them hunt and find their specimen! It is so fun watching them discover!

THIS SUNDAY- I hope to see the middle schoolers at church, ready to sing! BE THERE!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL --**All fundraisers (cookies and blankets) have ended! I will have cookie earnings added to everyone's 8th grade trip accounts ASAP- I will send out updates when I have them ready.

**Basketball-** I will get the schedule out ASAP- I am still trying to finalize some dates with a few schools.

GO CARDS!!

**SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey--**6-8 is doing roundtables for the rest of the quarter. For those of you who are new, this is when the students are in a circle and I ask them questions on topics I post on their Google Classroom. Two days are simply reviewing information they have already learned and the last day is an intro to our next topic. The dates for these are 10/3, 10/6 and 10/11 (10/12 for sixth grade). If your child is gone those days, I need to know in advance so I can get a makeup essay ready for them.

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



As you do your grocery shopping this October (the 10th month), pick up these 10 most commonly needed food pantry items and help feed our community! Bring your items on Sundays, to school or during our church office hours; Monday through Thursday 8 am – 3pm.

- Canned Meat
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Pasta/Soup with Meat
- Canned Beans with/without Meat
- Breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal)
- Crackers
- Pasta/Rice
- Pasta Sauce with Meat
- Granola Bars
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

Shop ten items this month – Ten for the Tenth!

Thank you to all who have donated funds to Aid to Needy, gone shopping and hauled in groceries!



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## 2023/24 PTL AUCTION

*Would you like to bid on any of these items for your child or grandchild at FLS?*

**Give us your best bid and return this form to the School Office by Thu. Oct. 26.**

In the event of a TIE, the individuals will be contacted for an increased bid (or if possible, both will be given the item).

If you end up with too many items, you can let us know and we will go with the 2nd highest bidder.

### \$80 Minimum Bid Required

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | A. Principal for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | B. School Secretary for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | C. Pastor's Assistant for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | D. Name the Street - South side of the church                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | E. Name the Street - East side of gym                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | F. Name the Cafeteria   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | G. Name the Gym court   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | H. Movie Afternoon  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I. Cardinal Nest  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | J. VIP parking space at the gym                                 |

### \$50 Minimum Bid Required

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | K. Librarian for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | L. Teacher for a Day which includes lunch w/a friend   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | M. Lunch with a Teacher of your choosing w/a friend    |

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

*Watch the Chatter for the Winners.*