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CARDINAL CHATTER

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| 9/8 | YEARBOOK SIGNING PARTY 2:45 Cafeteria | 9/15 | No Daycare closed for Convention |
| 9/12 | Room Parent Meeting 2:30 Cardinal Room | 9/15 | Cheer Shirts/hoodies orders due |
| 9/13 | Mid Quarter Reports | 9/27-29 | -6 th grade to Lutherhoma |
| 9/15 | Oklahoma Teacher Convention – No School | | |

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

to learn more from Every Kid Counts Oklahoma (EKCO).

oklahoma.gov/tax/helpcenter/income-tax.html

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

22-23 YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED \$20 FOR ONE, \$35 FOR TWO, & \$45 FOR THREE



Yearbook signing party Friday Sept 8, make sure you purchase a yearbook and join us for in the cafeteria at 2:45

Room Parent meeting on Tuesday - September 12 at 2:30 in the Elementary Cardinal room to make plans for Fall Festival.

STUDY HALL after school in the 4th grade room 3:30-4:30 daily—bring your things and come prepared to work diligently!

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-- Four days this week & four days of school next week which will put us at mid-quarter. Time flies when you are having fun so we must be having a lot of fun. Make sure you get on fastdirect to keep track of your child's grades especially 4th grade & higher. God's speed!

CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley: Cardinal Care will be closed on Friday September 15th. Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets for Fall break!! Child must be signed up to attend the days we are closed. Parents, please check brightwheel for any messages that your child's teacher might send as

reminders or if your child might be out of diapers, wipes, etc. New paperwork packets will be coming home this week please fill out and return quickly as possible. We have had a lot of sickness last week in the classrooms. Please if your child shows any symptoms keep them home. If your child becomes ill while in care you will be contacted to pick up promptly. Child must be symptom free 24 hours before returning to school. Have a great week!!

LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning: Last week in STEM we had a blast with kinetic sand castles! We learned the difference between kinetic and potential energy. Kids have been bringing home library books, please keep an eye out for FLS library books so they don't run off! Our books will have a stamp and a barcode that state, "First Lutheran School Library." We are still accepting any STEM donations (Legos, popsicle sticks, cardboard, etc.) Thank you, have a great week everyone!

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey:** Follow "FLS Music" on Facebook to see what we're up to! Elementary students are learning movement expression and have been singing a number of songs. Fourth and fifth grade are also starting to folk dance. Middle school students have started learning about our composer of the month, Gabriel Faure. Choir students have been working through songs from around the world. Band students have been learning their first five notes and are on their way to a solid start!

Religion—Mrs. Brey-6th and 7th grade have been learning about the book of Genesis. Memory work is on Friday, September 8th, and it's over Philippians 4:13.

PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Daine: Hello families! I hope you had a great Labor Day weekend. This week we are learning: C, 3, red, & triangle. Our Bible study is centered around Abraham and the Three Visitors/sharing. Have a blessed rest of the week!!

PRE-SCHOOL – Mrs. Colvin: This week we are reviewing an alphabet letter a day before we start our clusters. My class is doing an awesome job learning all the new rules and procedures! The Bible words this week are: God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:10. Have a great week!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Kelly: Welcome back from a long weekend! I hope you had a great extra day off! Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 12th. We will go to the Pumpkin Patch in Ark City, Kansas. More information and permission slips will come home later. The book order flyers are in folders today, but there are many other options online. If you want to order, but don't want to do it online, write down the books that you want and send back with a check made out to Scholastic Book Club. Our class earns points for every order to buy books and games for our classroom. It's not too late to send out emails and return the envelope with confirmation code to get your prize. Our Bible words this week are, The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24 and I am with you wherever you go. Genesis 28:15 We are still reviewing the alphabet, working on rhyming, opposites and working together. Have a Blessed week!

KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller: I hope everyone had a great long weekend and a happy Labor Day! On Tuesday I put new sight words (the, little, me) and 3 new books in your child's backpack or "Monday Folder". Thank you for working with your child on their homework. Also, if your child doesn't know their letters and sounds very well, please go over both of these. You can find flash cards at Wal-Mart or Staples but another option would be to make your own cards. Have an awesome week!

FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum: Happy September! Memory verse for Friday is Psalm 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Year books are on sale in the office for \$20. All the classes will have a year book signing party on Friday afternoon. Book orders were sent home today. I also have a note on Class Tag for more information about the book orders. Orders need to be turned in by Wednesday, Sept. 13. Mark your calendar for our upcoming field trip. On Thursday, Oct. 12 we will go to a pumpkin patch in Ark City and a picnic lunch at the train park! Have a wonderful week!

SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton: Hello, happy Wednesday! This week began our growth mindset focus, where YET is a very important word and mistakes are proof that you're trying. Memory this week is John 3:16 and next week is Mark 16:16. Spelling is magic e words, which make the vowel say its name. Math facts test Friday is over +9 facts, with doubles facts mixed in. It is necessary to practice spelling, math, and memory at home. We have a social studies test next week over

geography. Next Friday (September 15) we do not have school, so spelling, memory, and math facts will be tested next Thursday. The yearbook signing party is this Friday afternoon, so make sure to buy a yearbook from the office if you want one for your child!

THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen: Happy Labor Day! I hope everyone enjoyed their long relaxing weekend! This week: Memory due Friday (Genesis through Daniel), next week will be all the books of the Old Testament. The kids are doing a great job learning them with the song. The song link is posted on FastDirect if you need it. Spelling, Reading test on Friday. We will not have a Language quiz till next week over Adjectives. This is a hard topic so we will spend extra time on it. Reading: Next week we will start an in class chapter book (The Chocolate Touch). Science: Test next week over planets. Look for a review to come home this Friday. Social Studies: only a few kids passed their quiz on the 7 Continents. A review was sent home on Tuesday, and the quiz will be tomorrow (Thursday). Please let me know if you have any questions. We will have a quiz next week over the 5 Oceans. Then we will move to landforms. Yearbooks: we will be signing yearbooks THIS Friday. Please stop by the office to buy your yearbook. Reminder - we will not have school next Friday, so we will be testing next Thursday. Please continue to check FastDirect as grades are always being entered. Please let me know if you have any question or concerns. Have a wonderful week!

FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley: What a great weekend to rest and relax with family and friends. Friday is our yearbook signing party. Go see Lori in the office for your copy! We are really into the swing of school. Students see the need for full organization, focus and hard work. This task does take daily practice to make progress. A tool to being organized is using the planner, please keep signing planners nightly. Looking at student work helps scholars to stay on task and helps to ensure a great school day! Keep reading at home for AR and practicing multiplication facts. Our Chapel offering is school supplies for overseas students & two children we will be supporting financially. Please look on FastDirect for grades/missing work and the Bulletin Board for the electronic version of the Friday Letter. Spelling, Memory, and Reading tests are on Friday. There will be no school on the 15th for teacher's convention. Midterms go home next week; this still allows time to improve grades and study habits if grades are not where they need to be at. Blessings as we continue to learn how we have Forgiveness Life and Salvation.

FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson: Hello, Everyone! I hope you had an awesome Labor Day Weekend! With the short week this week and next, we have a lot going on. This Friday all classes will be meeting in the cafeteria for our Yearbook Signing Party. Yearbooks are available in the office for \$20 each. The more you buy, the cheaper they are! If you are not planning on bringing a yearbook, I will have something for the kids to collect "autographs." Memory this week by Friday is Luther's Morning Prayer. Also on Friday is our spelling and vocabulary test. In math, we have two more lessons and then we'll be reviewing for our first test that will be at the beginning of next week. We continue to learn about the land formations in the United States, about living things in science, and about verbs in language. That's it for now...blessings on the rest of your week!

Middle School

7th – 8th MATH – Mrs. Stewart: All 7th and 8th grade math classes took their first test over Chapter 1 last week. All grades for Chapter 1 are updated in the FastDirect grade book. We are starting Chapter 2 this week.

LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester: COMPOSITION: We're back to our labor, and ELA classes got back to business yesterday in a sweet way to reinforce the importance of specificity when writing. Ask your child about it! Students seemed to love this demo day, and I plan to have more of them. Also, I have obtained a writing sample from each student by now. It will be used to assess improvements in your child's writing from time to time.

GRAMMAR: Now, each class is working through a grade-level, appropriate grammar review before their reading day. This will be used as an assessment tool as well.

LITERATURE: Fridays are usually reserved for reading the assigned class book, so remind your SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS to come with earbuds and charged Chromebooks. SIXTH

GRADERS will listen to their second audio chapter with me that day with a listening quiz immediately following. This month, all students will also take the STAR reading exam to establish a baseline for this new school year. I plan to have them test with this quarterly and will give them a grade in Literature for it each time. Scores in my gradebook for this are dependent on whether the student's reading level improves (84-100% grading scale), remains stagnant (70-83%), or worsens (69% or below). Please make sure they are reading at home.

VOCABULARY: Our current class word is INCREDULOUS. Students must correctly use this word in at least one of their writing assignments before the new one is posted in about two weeks. They will begin working in their workbooks next week.

SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain: Hey all you Cardinal fans!! I hope everyone enjoyed their three-day weekend with these awesome kiddos!

As I hope your kids are learning, Science is EVERYWHERE and Science NEVER STOPS!

6th Grade- we are still plugging away at matter! Matter is everything because everything matters! In this chapter we will discuss and learn the properties of matter, classification of matter, changes in matter and changes of the state of matter.

7th Grade- we are still on Elements, Compounds and Mixtures! Ask your kids to identify different objects and substances in their everyday life! This will be an assignment very soon and it will help them get in the groove!

8th Grade- Its go time on the Buggin! Insect collecting has begun for many of the students and we started collecting at school yesterday! I have provided each student with a collection net.

They are welcome to take the nets home, but I will not replace them if they are lost or damaged. Final projects will be due before Fall Break! As you all know, once it starts to cool off, the insect selection will start to become scarce- so encourage them to handle their business!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL- please make sure your children are prepared for school, every day. I have many students who will be getting zeros due to dead Chromebook. We provide the chrome book and the charger; it is their responsibility to make sure it is ready to use each day. They also need their supplies! I have numerous students who come to class everyday with no pencil!

LUTHERHOMA--6TH GRADE PARENTS- please get your child's Lutherhoma slip returned! I need numbers on students attending THIS WEEK!!

WASHINGTON DC--8TH GRADE PARENTS- Please let me know your head count!! I need those numbers, asap so I can start getting tickets purchased and what not.

Every day is a great day at First Lutheran! I hope your kids are having as much fun as I am this year!

GO CARDS!!

Athletics-- Basketball- thank you to all the parents who came to the meeting last week! If you missed the meeting or have question- please contact me! REMINDER- please help us sell the Cardinal blankets! The basketball program makes about 50% on the sales and we need help to raise money to make the season happen!

Practices for JV boys and V girls will start Sept 12! JV girls will start the 21st and V boys will start TBA! Be watching the Group mess for info!!

SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey--6th: Students will be exploring ancient Mesopotamia this week and its significance.

7th: Students will be turning their attention from Eastern Asia to Southeast Asia and possibly get to South Asia by this time next week.

8th: Students will be able to explain how influential individuals such as John Locke and Thomas Jefferson helped shape the United States government

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\$20 EACH

Parent name : _____

Child's Name and grade: _____

Size & Quantity:

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- XL _____
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Orders Due October 1, 2023

spirit blanket fundraiser

\$25

ORDER FORM

Please support our athletic program by buying a blanket, we profit over 50% with each blanket sale!



Spread school spirit while raising money!
Return the form below with cash, check receipt to order.



Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: *Amanda Porter - Cain*

Quantity: _____

Check, Cash Receipt: _____

Total Included: _____