

1st LUTHERAN SCHOOL

FRIDAY NOTE

October 6, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we only have one week left in the first quarter of the 2017 – 2018 school year. The First Quarter ends next Friday, October 13. Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 19, beginning at 1:45 PM. Please remember that **we will be dismissing school at 1:30 PM.** on that day so we can start conferences at 1:45 PM. Please make note of this change.

Sign-up sheets for appointment times have been sent home with all elementary children. Please sign up for an available time on Thursday, October 19, and return the sheet to your child's teacher by Wednesday, October 11, so the faculty can schedule conferences. Preschool parents can sign up for a conference time on the sign-up sheet in the preschool or can contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference. Also note that the following day, Friday, October 20, there will be **no school.**

There are a couple of events coming up in October that I would like everyone to mark on their calendar. Tuesday, October 10th is 1st Lutheran School Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse on 74th Street and Rogers Avenue. From 4-10 PM we will receive 10% of their profits. Just make sure you let them know you are there to support 1st Lutheran School! On Friday, October 20th, we have a Spirit Night at CherryBerry Frozen Yogurt in the Pavilion, in the corner near PetCo. We receive a percentage of their profits from 4-8 PM. We really appreciate these businesses helping us to raise extra funds that allow us to purchase things we need without using budget funds.

Near the end of the month, we will be sponsoring the 11th Annual FLS Golf

Tournament at Fianna Hills Country Club on Friday, October 27th at 1 PM. If you would like more information about the Golf Tournament, please contact the school office. The funds raised from this event will go to the Annual Fund that enables us to offer tuition assistance to families.

Of course, don't forget the **really BIG EVENT** of the month – **The Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation** on Saturday, October 28th. We have a full day planned, concluding with the Reformation Walk from 3-5 PM. Check out our Facebook page for additional details.

As I mentioned in last week's Friday Note, First Lutheran Church has extended a Call to Mr. Joshua Swartz of Huntsville, Alabama, to be our next principal, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Our phone interview with him was amazing, and we look forward to meeting him next week when he and his family will be visiting us! They plan to arrive in Fort Smith late Thursday evening and leave early Sunday morning. He will be on our campus on Friday, meeting with various groups such as church leaders and the faculty. Please include Mr. Swartz in your prayers as he seeks the Lord's guidance in his decision.

YARD SIGNS

We are still giving away **FREE** yard signs advertising 1st Lutheran School. They are simple – they show the school logo, the website address and our phone number. If you would like to place one of these in your yard, please stop by the school office and pick one

SHOPAROO

One way to help FLS is to check out the Shoparoo app for your smartphone. The

concept is simple. Just download the free Shoparoo app, sign up and choose First Lutheran School as your cause, and snap pictures of your grocery receipts. Shoparoo is a marketing research group – they offer information to grocery stores about consumer buying habits and they reward you for sharing your receipt by donating money to our school. This is the fourth year we have participated in this program. In the past we have received over \$200.00; this past year we earned \$116.10. Please help us increase that amount by scanning your own grocery receipts and encouraging other family members and friends to do so also.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in some Box Tops! Keep them coming --- use the collection sheet, a baggie, or an envelope, whatever works for you is great, but please get them to school! Our 2017-18 school-wide goal is 6,000, so we need every single Box Top we can get! The deadline for us to submit Box Tops to receive a fall check is coming up this month, so we want that check to be as big as possible! Thanks!!

CLASS AND GROUP PICTURES

Class and Group pictures will be **Wednesday, October 11th**. Students will wear their school uniforms (Chapel shirts) for their class picture.

Band students will have an opportunity to purchase a special band package. An order form (envelope) will be sent home on Monday. ***If you would like to buy a class/band picture, your child must bring the envelopes with the money to school on Wednesday, October 11th.**

PICTURE RETAKES

If you would like your child to retake his/her picture on **Wednesday, October 11th**, **please send \$2.00** with your child to give to the photographer. There will not be an extra charge for those students who were absent on individual picture day. If your child needs to retake his/her individual picture or was absent the day of individual pictures, your

child may wear church clothes or an outfit for retakes, and then change into his/her uniform (**Chapel shirt**) for class pictures.

PUZZLE PUPPY

Primary Drama Club and Choir did an AWESOME job with "Puzzle Puppy." Rehearsals were a complete delight and I can't wait to do another Primary musical next fall! Than you again to my upper class students who served as my crew and choir helpers. You are the BEST!

CHOIR

We had originally planned to sing at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 29, but there is a family campout that weekend so we changed the date to October 15. We will still be singing our Reformation songs! All students need to be at First Lutheran Church by 8:30 a.m. We will meet in the front of the church sanctuary. The worship service begins at 8:45. You will love their songs and a special soloist will be playing with the choir! See you there! ~ Mrs. Davis

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT DAY

Students may dress up or wear their Halloween costume on Friday, October 27. We especially love to see the creativity of the original, home-made costumes!

Costumes must be school appropriate. No blood & gore, ghost, ghouls, or witches, please.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Tues., Oct. 10 Spirit Night at Texas Road House 4 – 10 PM
- Wed., Oct. 11 Class Pictures & Picture Re-takes
- Fri., Oct. 13 End of 1st Quarter
- Tues., Oct. 17 Monthly Walk, "Pumpkin Run," 1:20 PM
- Wed., Oct. 18 Preschool Trike-A-Thon
- Thurs., Oct. 19 **1:30 Dismissal**
Parent Teacher Conferences
- Fri., Oct. 20 No School/No Childcare
- Wed., Oct. 25 Spirit Night at Chuck E. Cheese
- Tues., Oct. 31 ADH Flu Clinic at FLS