

# 1<sup>st</sup> LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NOTE

### November 17, 2017

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Finally, a holiday break is on the horizon. I don't think I can adequately describe to you how much we – both students and teachers – need this break from the everyday routine of school. **School will be closed November 20-24** and there will be no childcare available.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It is a simple concept; its purpose cannot be misconstrued. It is a time to pause and give thanks to God for all the things we are blessed to have in our world, our nation, our community, and our individual family. As I was growing up, it was all about giving thanks and enjoying family on that day. We attended church in the morning and came home to the smell of food cooking in the oven. Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade was always on the TV in the morning and football was on in the afternoon. My sisters and their families usually arrived mid-morning and stayed until long after dark. We played cards, board games, and over-indulged on my mother's pies. That was a much simpler time. My prayer for all of our FLS families is that you, too, will be able to take some time off for reflection and relaxation. The Apostle Paul encourages us in 1Thessalonians 5:16-18: **"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."**

Second Quarter midterm has come and gone and midterm grades should be coming home today with students in Grades 3-6. Please ask your child for them. We ask that parents sign and return them when school reconvenes on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Third Grade led us in worship this past Wednesday in Chapel. The name of Jesus that they focused on was the King of Kings.

They did an awesome job! The next student-led Chapel service will be December 19 at 8:05 AM. The kindergarten and Sixth grade will be our worship leaders. We would love to have a "full-house" for that morning.

Our students were outside Thursday morning participating in the "Turkey Trot." This monthly walk is to help us form healthy lifestyle. Our walk next month – the Reindeer Romp - will be held on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:20 AM. We walk for half an hour. Come join us!

The weather is slowly changing, growing colder as we move closer to December. While I'm not expecting any winter precipitation any time soon, I just wanted to remind everyone of our **inclement weather policy**. Emergency closings will be posted on our website, on our Facebook page, and on Twitter, and announced on local TV stations. Remember that First Lutheran School does **not** automatically close when the Fort Smith Public Schools close. If you do not hear or see our school listed as closed, you may call the school office after 7:15 AM to check the situation.

#### TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the many FLS students and families that participated in the dinner roll fundraiser with Texas Roadhouse. We had 32 students turn in order forms and 515 dozens of rolls were purchased. That's amazing! Our original goal was to sell 300 dozen. Due to the unexpected (but very welcome!) demand, Texas Roadhouse has extended the pick-up date through Wednesday, November 22, and requested that anyone that is able to wait until next week to pick-up their rolls do so. However, if you need to pick up your orders this weekend, feel free to do so.

1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran School profited \$1,545.00 from this project.

In December, our students will again partner with Texas Roadhouse to sell **gift cards**. We need to sell \$500.00 worth. We will be selling them in various denominations from \$5 to \$50. Details will be coming in December. Watch for them!

### **THE POWER OF THE K-I-N-G**

Our Christmas Musical is in need of some props and set pieces. Does anyone have a reel to-reel tape recorder we can use on the set; two sets of over-the-ear black or dark color headphones (They don't need to work, just props); 8-track tapes and 8-track tape player. We also need to borrow some artificial poinsettias. All borrowed items will be treated with utmost care and respect. Thank you!  
~Mrs. Davis

### **MISSING RECORDER**

A Sony PCM-M10 portable linear recorder has disappeared from my classroom. It is a small device and was in a dark blue and black camera case. If anyone knows where it is, please return it, no questions asked. I purchased it to record and assess our music students in a high quality format so they can clearly hear their tone/voice quality as well as other musical attributes. ~Mrs. D.

### **POINSETTIAS**

Poinsettias will be delivered Friday, December 1. After they are delivered here by the florist, I need to get them organized and check each of your orders before I can let any of them go home. If you have ordered these beautiful Christmas flowers, you may pick up your order Friday afternoon. PLEASE pick them up by 4:30 on Friday, December 1. If they sit in the dark all weekend, it isn't good for them. Thank you for your support of our Fine Arts department! ~Mrs. D.

### **DECEMBER CHAPEL OFFERING**

We are sponsoring two children through the Community Services Clearinghouse for Christmas with our December chapel offering. The Community Services Clearinghouse goal is to provide for the needs of families and individuals who are facing emergency situations. **The Clearinghouse's primary focus is assisting cancer & hospice patients, the elderly, children, and working families.**

The children we are sponsoring are being raised by their grandparents. Their grandmother is currently undergoing cancer treatments which has placed a financial burden on the family. We will be purchasing Christmas gifts for Elizabeth (8 years old) and Adam (9 years old) with our December chapel offerings. If you would like more information about their specific needs and wishes, please contact the school office.

Please help us share God's love and compassion during this time of the year.

### **COLD WEATHER**

Parents, as the weather gets colder, please send your children to school with proper coats and outerwear so they can participate in outside recess. Please make sure your child's name is in their coats, jackets and hoodies.

### **UPCOMING**

Nov. 20 – 24	No School/Daycare
Nov. 28	Open Gym 6 – 8 PM
Dec. 1	Pick-up Poinsettias
Dec. 15	Spirit Night at Cherry Berry 4 – 8 PM
Dec. 18	Christmas Play/Musical 6:30 PM
Dec. 19	Christmas Parties 1:30 Dismissal
Dec. 20 – Jan. 2	Christmas Break