

1st LUTHERAN SCHOOL

FRIDAY NOTE

March 1, 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the open house last Sunday by displaying a yard sign, sharing social media posts, or telling others about it. We are very happy with the turn out and we thank you for your part in spreading awareness and the school name!

If you know of others who might be interested in finding out more about 1st Lutheran for next year (or even just the summer program) we would love to connect with them. If you share their contact information we would be happy to mail them information with a personalized note, or have them contact the office for more information and to set-up a personalized tour.

We look forward to seeing you for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5-7 PM on March 5. All proceeds from the evening will go towards marketing efforts. This will go towards continuing our electronic billboard presence in March and hopefully April, booth space at the Fort Smith Community and Business Expo in May, paid advertisements on social media including Facebook and Instagram (past paid ads have generated prospective families), and we are exploring other options as well. This marketing vision for the remainder of the year is dependent upon your support. Thank you in advance!

ENROLLMENT

Re-enrollment forms for the 2019-2020 school year have been sent out in the mail. It is extremely important that those forms be returned as soon as possible. For effective planning for next school year, we need to know how many students will be in each class. Please note that after May 1st, the Registration Fee increases.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration for the summer program is going on now! The program runs from June 3 through August 2 from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. You can enroll your children on a full time or a part time basis. The school age program is full of both on campus and off campus activities. The preschool children participate in water days, bike and trike

days, crafts and other fun on campus activities. If you are interested in more information, you may contact the school office or email sguillory@1stlutheran.com.

ACCELERATED READER

Monday, January 28th was the start date of the 2019 AR Challenge for Lutheran Schools and we are nearing the end of the fifth week. As a school, we are currently ranked 4th out of the 49 Lutheran schools participating this year. Second Grade continues to lead the way, ranking 1st among other second graders with a score of 46.82 points per student. First Grade is 4th in their division earning 27.56 points per student and Third Grade is 11th in their division with 13.91 points per student. Fourth Grade has moved up to 10th in their division at this point in the AR Challenge with 16.1 points per student. Fifth Grade is 5th in their division, earning 30.35 points per student and Sixth Grade is ranked 19th and is in the top half of their group. We have 1 week remaining in the Challenge!

MOTHER SON EVENT (PRESCHOOL – 6TH)

Mother son day date will be Saturday, March 9th at noon at the UAFS Crowder field. This baseball game is against Oklahoma Christian. Admission to the game is free, and PALS will provide drinks and snacks before park entry.

WALK WITH US

Our next walking event is the “Shamrock Shuffle” on Tuesday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m. We would love to see parents and grandparents join us.

SAVE THE DATE ~ DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance for all preschool – sixth grade girls will be on Saturday, April 14. More information in the coming weeks.

OPERETTA

It's time to begin our Spring Operetta! This year we will be doing *Star Quest J-316*. It is a brand new show complete with a star ship crew, alien planets, and a diabolical villain! Auditions will be this Tuesday from 3:15 – finished in the Computer

Lab. Your child may leave when they have read for me at least twice. Scripts were passed out Thursday. This is such a cool show, I CAN'T WAIT to get started! ~Mrs. Davis

ACHIEVEMENT TEST

Achievement tests are just around the corner! They will be held April 15 - 18. It is extremely important that all students be here during the **mornings** those 4 days. Please check **now** to insure that your child does not have a doctor or dental appointment scheduled for then. If so, please try to reschedule them now. We do the majority of our testing in the morning; we begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and most classes are done by 10:45 a.m. Afternoon appointments should be fine. Having a child make-up a missed test is very difficult.

CHAPEL

Pastor John Merrill will lead our Ash Wednesday chapel service on Wednesday, March 6, beginning at 8:05 AM at school. We invite all of our families to join us for the Ash Wednesday service.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is one of the most solemn days of the Church Year. This liturgy marks the beginning of a penitential season that climaxes with the liturgy on Maundy Thursday. The mood is penitential and reflective on our baptismal faith and life. The organ is silent before and after worship. Worshipers are asked to keep reverent silence before the service and leave the service in silence.

Originally, Lent was the time when candidates for Holy Baptism were intently preparing to be baptized at the Vigil of Easter. We, too, in this season of Lent prepare ourselves to remember our baptism at Easter as we ritually "pass over" with Jesus from death to new life.

Today, worshipers will have the opportunity to receive ashes on their foreheads as a sign of penitence and baptismal remembrance. The ashes are prepared by burning palm branches from previous Palm Sundays. Their use suggests in a dramatic way God's judgment and condemnation of sin, our frailty and total dependence on God, humiliation and repentance.

The words spoken as ashes are imposed, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," were first spoken to Adam after his fall into sin. They also bring to mind the words of the committal in the Burial Service, "...earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Ashes also suggest cleansing and renewal. They were once used as a cleaning agent. Thus, ashes imposed in the shape of a cross symbolize both judgment and baptismal cleansing.



SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

1ST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

ADULTS: \$7 CHILD: \$3

**MENU: PANCAKES,
EGG CASSEROLE,
BISCUITS, GRAVY, & BACON**

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