



Cardinal Charter Academy

2021-2022

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Upcoming Calendar Dates (as of 10/31 check [Calendar](#) for updates)

11/3	Report Cards Posted in PowerSchool	11/5	FREE Spirit Wear Dress Down
11/3	5:30 p.m. Board Meeting	11/8	7 p.m. PTC Meeting (signup)
11/4	Picture Retakes	11/9	4:30 p.m. Home Basketball Games
11/4	Thankful Thursday—Note/Email	11/10	Thankful Thursday—Gift Card
11/5	Fall Parent Survey Window Closes	11/10	Spirit Night at Chipotle (signup)
11/5	FREE Spirit Wear Dress Down Day	11/11	School Holiday (No school for students or staff)

Message from the Principal

Greetings Cardinal Families!

Here are some updates on the changes that are happening this week.

First, we will delay the opening of the cafeteria until Thursday. This will allow for proper discussion with the staff and students about the new procedures in place. Thank you for your grace and flexibility.

Second, some students will receive schedule changes. For K-5 students, each family should have received direct communication regarding your new teacher, if your student had a teacher change. In addition, there will be rosters posted outside each teacher's door Monday morning.

For middle school students, students should report to their quarter 1 first period teacher on Monday. Teachers will have the students' new schedules and will distribute. We will make an all-call to transition to our new first period shortly after 8, once students have arrived.

I have received quite a few emails following the video announcement last week. If you have not yet received a reply, please know that I will reply no later than Wednesday morning. Some answers will be found in this announcement and others I need to inquire about myself. Thank you for your understanding as I transition officially Tuesday.

With that, I am beyond excited to join Cardinal Charter Academy. I already feel so welcomed by the families and staff I have met. Our students are amazing - I can already tell. And, they surprised me with welcome notes on my office door! My "spidey-senses" tell me this was a great decision, and I can't wait to be fully present and engaged in the restoration and growth of CCA.

Cardinally yours,

April S. Goff
Principal



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Quarter 2 Changes—**New**

Principal Goff, who officially starts at Cardinal on Tuesday, made an important video announcement this past Friday. The video may be viewed on Cardinal's website www.cardinalcharter.org. The video outlined how the elementary and middle school will be reorganized beginning Monday, November 1, to accommodate our current enrollment numbers. The changes result in almost all classrooms having teachers; there are now only two core class vacancies, one in fifth grade and one in seventh-grade math. Cardinal is actively trying to fill all open positions. Ms. Goff also discussed that students will begin eating in the cafeteria to allow for a break for teachers. This will begin on Thursday, an updated timeline than what was discussed in the video. Additional highlights from the video include:

Elementary School

Kindergarten—fully staffed with four classes

First Grade—fully staffed with four classes

Second Grade—fully staffed with four classes

Third Grade—Ms. Sutherland moved from second to third grade, which is now fully staffed with four classes.

Fourth Grade—Ms. McDowell resigned and a new teacher begins November 8. Fourth grade will be fully staffed November 8 with four classes.

Fifth Grade—Ms. Henson resigned, leaving one vacancy for fifth grade. There are four classes.

Middle School

- Times in master schedule have not changed
- Periods 1-5
 - Students will attend all four classes
 - Students will attend one elective
- Cardinal Time
 - PAT
 - Lunch
 - Math Intervention
 - Social-Emotional Learning
- Period 6
 - Reading Intervention

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Free Dress Down Day—**New**



Friday, November 5, is a FREE dress down day sponsored by the PTC. Students may wear spirit wear (tie-dye shirts or baseball shirts) with any uniform bottom. No registration is necessary. Regular uniforms may still be worn.

Board Meeting—**New**

A board meeting will take place **November 3 at 5:30 p.m.** at Cardinal Charter Academy in Cary. The public is invited to attend. Stakeholders may view the board meeting via [Cardinal's Facebook page](#).

COVID Vaccine Clinic—**New**

Drive through COVID vaccine clinics at Cardinal Charter Academy are coming soon for everyone age 5 and up. Cardinal is partnering again with VaxOn to bring the clinic to our families and community. More details to come!



Pictures Retakes—**New**

Fall picture retakes will take place **Thursday, November 4**. If you are unhappy with your child's pictures, please send your pictures/proof in with your child on retake day. Also, send an email to your child's teacher if your child will be taking a retake. These pictures will be for the yearbook and all students must wear their red polo if in elementary grades or their blue or white polo if in middle school grades.

Thankful Thursdays—**New**

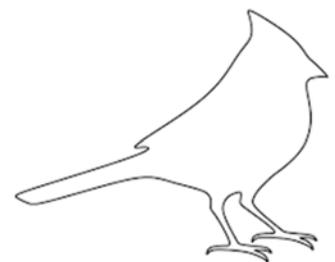
During the month of November, we want to show our teachers and staff members how thankful we are to have them at our school. This is a great way for your student to get involved and for all of our school community to show thanks! Each Thursday, we ask that you participate by following the outline below:

Thursday, November 4: Write a thank you note/email or have your child draw a picture

Wednesday, November 10 (no school on Nov. 11): Send in a \$5 gift card to their favorite store or restaurant

Thursday, November 18: Send in an item from your teacher's wish-list

In addition, please print and cut out a cardinal from the end of the newsletter and write a word of encouragement or something you've noticed for a staff member or teacher. Your student can drop them in the basket at the front desk. These will be hung in a tree outside the upstairs staff lounge. Teachers and staff love reading the small (and big) things they do that make a difference!





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Elementary Art Donations—**New**

Ms. Singer is in need of white erasers and multimedia drawing paper for her elementary classes. Please consider donating these items. Her classroom wishlist may be found [here](#) and all donations through [signup.com](#) earn volunteer hours. Thank you!



Cafeteria Help—**New**

Students will be eating in the cafeteria beginning Thursday, November 4. Volunteers are needed to help in the cafeteria during lunch times. This is a great way to help out the school so that the teachers can get a much needed uninterrupted lunch break. Please sign up to help [here](#).

Carpool Tags—**New**

Please make sure your carpool tag is visible as you enter the gate for afternoon carpool. Each car must have a carpool tag. If you need a new tag, please fill out [this form](#).

Safety Patrol—**New**

We are re-opening applications for safety patrol through this Friday. Students in grades 4-8 are invited to apply. Safety patrol is where students help out during morning carpool, afternoon carpool, and other various events throughout the year. Students must fill out [this form](#) to apply. Team meetings take place on Mondays at 8 a.m. in the cafeteria.

If your student is currently on safety patrol, and you need to update their schedule for the month of November, please submit a new form.

Staff Meeting Snacks—**New**

A staff meeting will take place **Wednesday, November 4**, and staff will be treated to snacks and drinks during their meeting. Please [sign up here](#) to donate food and supplies. All items must be dropped off by 9 Wednesday morning.

Fall Parent Survey—**Updated**

This is the last week to submit responses for the Fall Parent Survey. The window closes on Friday.

A generic link to the survey is here: [Fall Parent Survey](#).

Parents may earn a volunteer hour by completing the survey. To receive an hour credit, please sign up [here](#).

The parent survey is VERY important as it allows our administration and board to hear directly from parents. Thank you!

No School Thursday, November 11, for students and staff.

November 11 is Veterans Day and the school will be closed.



Spirit Event at Chipotle

On **November 10**, Cardinal will have a spirit event at Chipotle on 1516 Village Market Place in Morrisville from 4 to 8 p.m. Dine in, pick-up, or use online ordering code “**LTAHLJ2**” and Chipotle will donate 33% of the proceeds to Cardinal’s PTC.

Families may earn a half hour volunteer credit for attending the spirit event. Sign up for the event [here](#) and then email your carpool number and a picture from the restaurant or at home with take-out to cardinalcharterevents@gmail.com. All pictures must be received by November 11 at midnight to receive credit. The signup closes on November 10.



Report Cards

Report cards will be available in PowerSchool (PS) **November 3**. They will not be printed, so you must log in to PS to retrieve them.

For all PowerSchool issues, please contact Chris Watson at cwatson@cardinalcharter.org.

At-School Aftercare

Aftercare is available at school with a partnership with the YMCA. It is held on campus, from 3:45-6 p.m. daily and is available as weekly sessions.



Please visit the aftercare website below for more information and to register for the program.

<https://www.ymcatriangle.org/schools/cardinal-charter-academy-after-school>

Amazon Smile

Don't forget to shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/90-1031905. Amazon donates to Triangle Charter Education Association Inc., the governing board for Cardinal Charter.

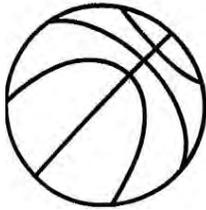


Officer Parker visited Kindergarten classes on Friday to talk about Halloween Safety.



Basketball Information—Updated

Girls and boys basketball will have workouts/practice every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the gym. Parents, please pick up your student promptly at 5 p.m. in the FPass loop.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our athletic director, Ms. Jen Gautreau jgautreau@cardinalcharter.org.

If your student is playing basketball, please join the remind group. Remind group code for 21-22 Basketball: Send text to 81010 then message @fh7668c. Or visit <https://www.remind.com/join/fh7668c>.

All athletes must pay the athletic fee [here](#).

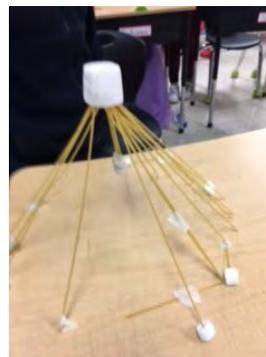
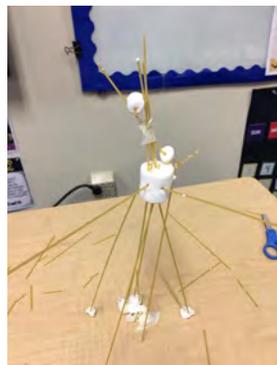
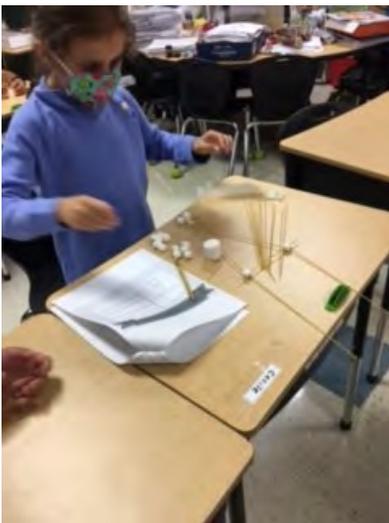
Cheer Information—Updated



Cheerleading practice will take place every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Parents, please pick up your student promptly at 6 p.m. in the FPass loop.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the cheerleading coach, Ms. Ware jhopkins@cardinalcharter.org.

All athletes must pay the athletic fee, however, we are requesting that cheerleading families wait until they receive an email from Coach Ware. There may be an additional fee for cheerleaders due to the customized uniforms. Parents will be notified this week about fees.



Ms. Groo's second-grade students worked on a Lion and the Mouse STEM project this week.



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2021-2022 Basketball Schedule—New

**4:30 start times unless noted. Home games take place at Cardinal Charter’s gym. Cheerleaders will not be traveling to away games due to COVID protocols.

For a full list of the schedule that includes addresses to away games, please [click here](#).

- 11-09-21 Maureen Joy Charter School @ Cardinal
- 11-16-21 Alpha Academy @ Cardinal
- 11-18-21 Kipp @ Cardinal
- 11-23-21 Sallie B Howard @ Cardinal
- 11-30-21 Rise SE Raleigh @ Cardinal
- 12-1-21 Mt. Zion @ Cardinal (BOYS ONLY-no girls team)
- 12-2-21 Dillard Academy @ Cardinal
- 12-7-21 open
- 12-9-21 Kipp @ Cardinal
- 12-14-21 Cardinal @ Alpha Academy
- 12-16-21 Cardinal @ Sallie B Howard
- 1-6-22 Cardinal Wendell Falls @ Cardinal
- 1-7-22 Cardinal @ Dillard Academy
- 1-11-22 Cardinal @ RISE SE RALEIGH CHARTER
- 1-12-22 Cardinal @ Mt. Zion (BOYS ONLY- no girls team)
- 1-19-22 Wayne Prep @ Cardinal
- 1-20-22 Cardinal @ Cardinal Wendell Falls
- 1-24-22 **Cardinal @ Maureen Joy Charter School (girls tip at 3:30, boys at 4:30)
- 1-25-22 **Cardinal @ Wayne Prep (girls tip at 4, boys at 5:30)
- 1-27-22 **Cardinal @ Durham Academy (girls tip at 4, boys at 5:15)

CIAC Basketball Tournament

February 7-11, 2022

Championship Game February 12, 2022

Time and Seeding Information TBD



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Updated

Use the links below to find new volunteer opportunities to fulfill your volunteer commitment. A complete list of volunteer opportunities can be found on the PTC website [here](#).

List of volunteer opportunities:

Administrative and Operations Support (including CCC): <https://signup.com/go/ccadminopportunities>

Carpool and Cafeteria Helpers/Monitors: <https://signup.com/go/ccacarpoolcafeteria>

We are continuing to use SignUp this year to provide volunteer opportunities and wishlists. Training will be available for teachers, room parents, and committee chairs from our volunteer coordinator, Allison. Please [contact](#) her if you need help.

School Resources Access

If you are having trouble accessing any of Cardinal's school resources, such as SchoolMint, PowerSchool, Schoology, or Clever, please fill out the form below and someone from the school will address your problem. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please select "other" and in the description say "not receiving the newsletter."

<https://www.cardinalcharter.org/apps/forms2/?f=26665>

Absences

If students are home and sick, parents should email absences@cardinalcharter.org and their child's home-room teacher to let the school know.

If a class is quarantined, parents don't need to notify the school of their child's absence. There is a special code in PowerSchool for quarantine. Administration will notify parents when their child may return to school.

If your child has traveled out of state and is, therefore, required to quarantine, email absences@cardinalcharter.org

If your family is home quarantined due to possible exposure to COVID-19 and your child isn't sick, please still email absences@cardinalcharter.org and your child's teacher.



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Weekly COVID-19 Report—Updated

Cardinal Charter Academy strives to be completely transparent with our community while still protecting privacy. Each week, CCA will provide our families with an updated account of COVID-19 cases in the building along with a comparison to the week prior. Cardinal will continue to follow CDC and NCDHHS procedures and notify those who were **potentially exposed**. We are in consistent collaboration with the Wake County Health Department in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID within our community.

Number of COVID-19 Cases for the week of October 18	Number of new COVID-19 Cases for the week of October 25
4	2

If there is a confirmed exposure or positive case in your home please keep your child(ren) at home and email Nurse Sophie Tyler styler@cardinalcharter.org immediately for further instructions related to quarantine and guidance moving forward. As always, anyone who experiences symptoms associated with COVID-19 should contact their health care provider immediately and then advise Cardinal Charter Academy of any positive diagnosis for COVID-19. A FAQ of COVID protocols may be found [here](#).

COVID Information

As a reminder, the CDC recommends everyday preventive actions to limit the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others in public settings where social distancing is not feasible.
- Monitor your health daily, be alert for symptoms, and stay home when you are sick.

Cardinal follows the Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) related to COVID-19 safety protocols and procedures. A link to the toolkit can be found here: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/164/open>.

We are not requiring, but are strongly encouraging, everyone 12 and older who is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine to get one if they wish to do so. A link to the CDC website where you can find more information about the COVID-19 vaccines is here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>.

Masks are required for all students, staff, and volunteers in the building. Masks are worn except when eating/drinking or while outside.



School Lunch Menu for the Week of November 1

School breakfast and lunch are free for all students.



	1-Monday	2-Tuesday	3-Wednesday	4-Thursday	5-Friday
Breakfast	Muffin String Cheese Graham Crackers Sliced Peaches or Apple	Berry Parfaits Graham Crackers Raisins	Donut Holes String Cheese Raisins	French Toast String Cheese Apple Slices	Cereals with Scooby Doo Treats Orange
Lunch	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Waffle Fries Chef Salad with Roll Fruit Cocktail/Apple Yogurt Snack Bag	Walking Taco Black Beans Veggie Chef Salad Orange/Raisins Yogurt Snack Bag	Mac and Cheese Dinner Roll California Veggie Blend Chef Salad Banana/Peaches Yogurt Snack Bag	Cheese Pizza Chef Salad Apple/Mandarin Oranges Yogurt Snack Bag	Popcorn Chicken Veggie Chef Salad Green Beans Fruit Cocktail/Orange Yogurt Snack Bag

*Menus may change due to food availability.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria. Items are held for 2 weeks after being posted in the newsletter and on Facebook. Please claim items as soon as possible. If you know the owner of an item please tag them to make them aware. Please bookmark the album as photos are updated periodically. Please note that only those items with identifying marks or unique characteristics are photographed. Additional items may exist in Lost and Found.

Students may check Lost and Found upon arrival to school. Also, parents may stop by the school during open hours to look in Lost and Found.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/PC4QRgfh7iN7E1Ry7>



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Spirit Week was so much fun! A few pictures from the week may be found below and on the next page. For more, and to add your own pictures, please [visit this photo album](#) for the yearbook!





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Thankful
for our
Teachers!

Thursday, Nov 4

Write a note or draw a picture

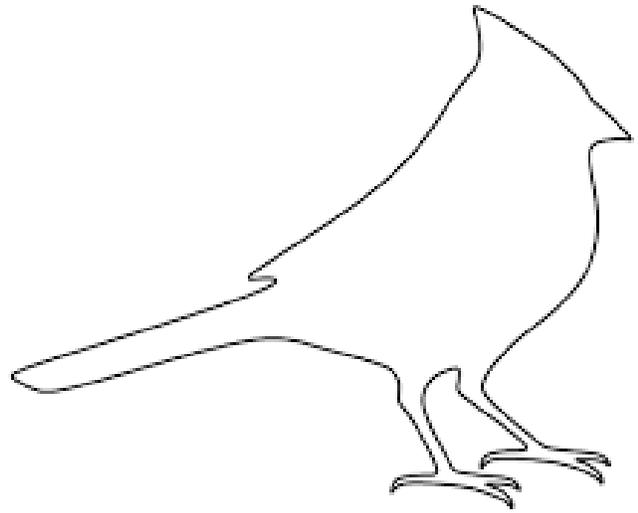
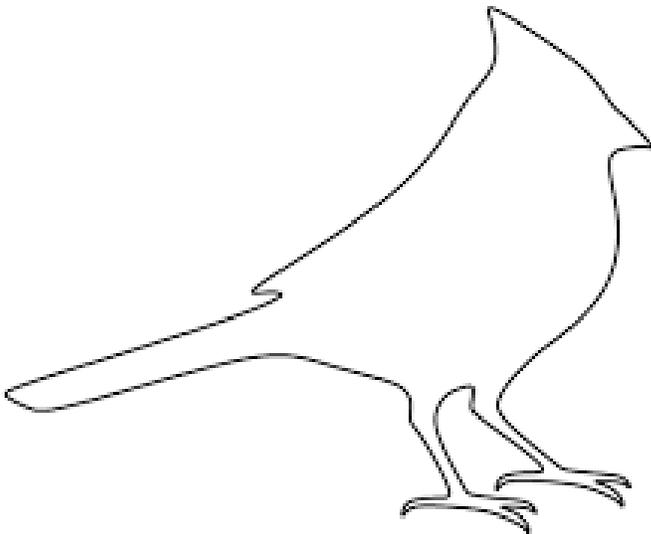
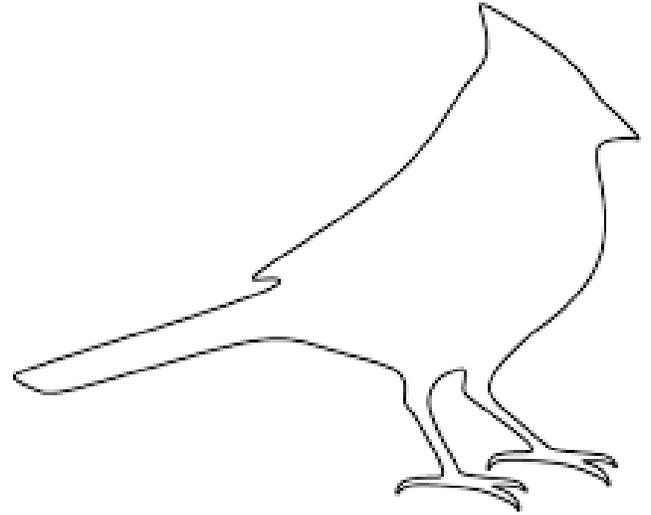
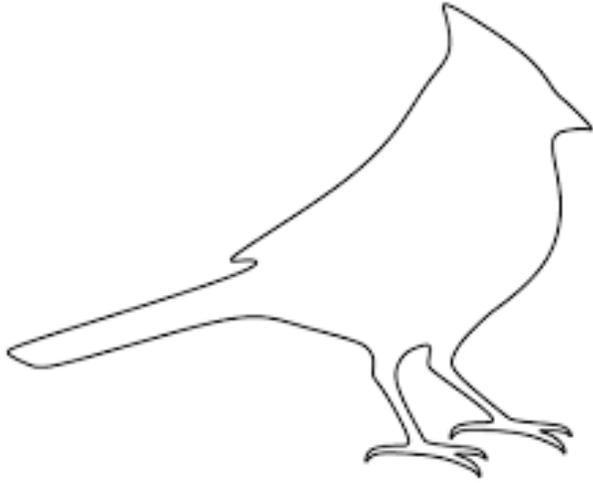
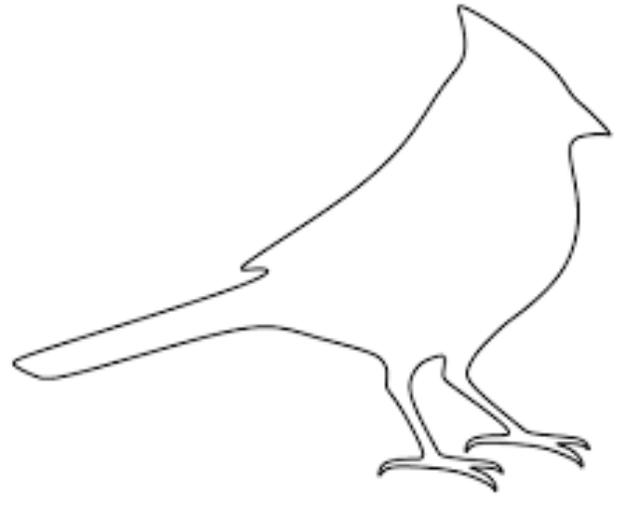
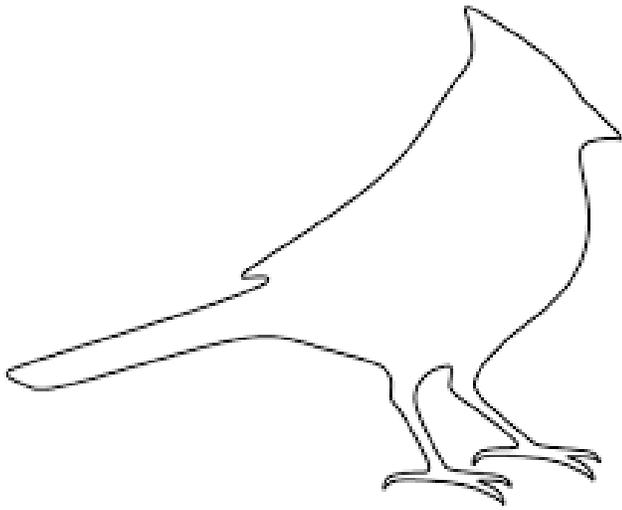
Wednesday, Nov 10

Send a \$5 gift card

Thursday, Nov 18

Send in an item from their
wish list





WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY.
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE. 25% TASTES MADE
FOIL-WRAP GOODNESS BETTER FRESH
GOODNESS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. SOMETHING EVERY
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