

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



God Rules! This theme takes us in two different directions because of two of the meanings of the word "RULES". When we say "God Rules," we can think of God being above all; that is, all powerful! The words of the song that go with our theme demonstrate this meaning: "Our God is so big and so strong and so mighty! There's nothing our God cannot do!" Another meaning for the word "RULES" is: laws or regulations that are to be observed. Our God has given us rules to help guide our lives in the right direction and bring us joy. We call these rules "The Ten Commandments."

This school year, we will learn these Ten Commandments, come to understand their meanings, and learn to live them out in our daily lives. Hopefully by doing this, we will become holier disciples of God and in turn, help to build God's Kingdom here on Earth!

Prayer for our school year: "Dear God, please grant us the strength to be your faithful followers. Help us live out these Ten Commandments so that we may grow closer to you each day and be reunited with you in Heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior... Amen."

WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!!! MEET OUR FACULTY, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS!

- Mrs. Lisa Faulhaber – Kindergarten & 1st Grade Reading
- Ms. Patty Reams – Grade 2 & Grade 1 Math, Science & Social Studies
- Mrs. Veronica Schweitzer – Grades ¾ Principal, 3rd and 4th Grade Religion, Science & 4th Grade Math
- Ms. Karen Bell – Grades 5/6 Religion, 5-8 Social Studies, 5-7 Math
- Mrs. Carole Simon – Grades 7/8 Religion, Grades 5-8 Science, Grade 3 Math, Grades ¾ Social Studies
- Mrs. Bement – Gr. 3-8 Language Arts
- Mrs. Jackie Benkert – Art and Library
- Mrs. Tina Walter - Title I Reading and Math Teacher
- Sr. Suzanne Rose – Grade 8 Math
- Sr. Mary Ellen – Grades ½ Reading Aid
- Sr. Paula Gohs – Religion Grade 1
- Mrs. Julie Morano – Cafeteria Mgr.
- Mrs. Lisa Bottom – Secretary
- Mr. Tom Martin – Maintenance & Custodian
- Father Ivan Kalamuzi – Pastor

MEET OUR NEW STUDENTS & FAMILIES

We welcome the Aguilar Diaz, Morano, Wadley & Ford, Aguilar Perez, Moore, Aguilar Aguilar, Aguilar Chun, Gipson, Deleon Simon, Reynosa Aguilar, & Hernandez Aguilar families to our St. Anthony community, along with the following students:

- Kindergarten – Francie, Mary, Frankie, Sheyli, AJ, & Haley
- 1st Grade – Sheila, Ignacio
- 2nd Grade - Dary
- 3rd Grade – Kelin, Anthony
- 4th Grade – Brandy, Roycen
- 5th Grade – Tevin, Keiryn, Meylin
- 6th Grade – Melvin
- 8th Grade – Miranda & Christian

"GOD RULES"

FIRST SCHOOL MASS - Our first ALL school Mass will be Friday, August 18th at 8AM. Please join us as we begin our school year together.

USDA SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM - At this time, all students will receive a Grab-N-Go snack in the morning and a Hot Lunch with a drink at no cost to parents as part of the Community Eligibility Provision ("CEP") under the National School Lunch Program. A letter with information about CEP and possibly additional benefits available was sent home last week. It can be returned to the school office or Diocesan office.

IMPORTANT NEW YEAR PAPERWORK – An envelope with 2023 / 2024 school paperwork will be sent home soon with students. Please return the envelopes with the paperwork completed ASAP.

ART & PLANNER FEE – If you have not already done so, please be sure to pay the \$40 art and planner fee per family as soon as possible.

SCHOOL ABSENCES – Please be sure to contact the school office by 7:30AM if your student will be absent on a given day. Completion of the St. Anthony Reentry After Absence Form or a note will be required upon the student's return to school. A copy of the form is attached to this newsletter. After 3 days, a physician's note / release is required to accompany the form.

VIRTUS is the brand name that identifies best practice programs designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote right-doing within religious organizations. The VIRTUS programs empower organizations and people to better control risk and improve the lives of all those who interact with the Church. *"Protecting God's Children® for Adults"* is training conducted by VIRTUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. The Diocese requires all adults who enter the school building or are around school children in any capacity, must be in full compliance with the charter. This requires completed paperwork on file with the Diocese, attendance at a one-time Virtus Live Training session and maintenance of monthly online bulletins. More information can be found at www.virtus.org.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday, August 31st at 6:30 PM. This is a night for parents to speak with teachers and learn about classroom procedures and routines. Additionally, teachers can answer questions that have arisen. The gathering will begin in the cafeteria and then parents will visit classrooms.

FALL FUNDRAISER - We will be having a World's Finest Chocolate sale. Chocolate will be sent home with students beginning on Monday, August 28th. If you prefer to pick the chocolate up on Parent Night (August 31st) please send a note to the school office indicating this. This fundraiser will end on Tuesday, September 12th.

COMMUNICATION – This school year, the Diocesan schools will once again be using Sycamore Education for online grading. Login information will be sent home to new families. If you are a returning family and need login information resent to you, please contact Mrs. Bottom.

For weather emergencies, the local news stations will report and delays or closings. Automated phone messages will also be sent – as a reminder, the call will show from Carlisle, KY.

ST. ANTHONY SPIRITWEAR STORE

Our St. Anthony Spiritwear shop is OPEN!! Please visit at <https://saintanthony.orderpromos.com> . Orders will be accepted through Friday, August 25th.

In summary, ALL ADULTS who would like to be involved with our school children must be Virtus certified and in compliance with the National Charter, *"Protecting God's Children"* program. **This means that all volunteers are required to be VIRTUS trained -- this includes classroom volunteers, field trip sponsors, room mothers, cafeteria workers, coaches, and substitutes, etc.** New parents wishing to be VIRTUS trained should register online at www.virtus.org. If you are transferring from another parochial school, please make sure you add St. Anthony School to your VIRTUS account. If you already have an account with VIRTUS and it has been suspended or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bottom.

<p><u>HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER FESTIVAL</u></p> <p>Holy Cross High School's 33rd Indian Summer Festival will be on Friday, August 25th, from 6:00 pm to 12:00 midnight & Saturday, August 26th, from 5:30 pm to 12:00 midnight on the Holy Cross campus, 36th & Church Streets, Latonia. Live music on Friday by The Trailer Park Floosies and on Saturday by The Whammies.</p>	<p>Great food, bourbon/wine tasting, beer, games, booths, prizes, inflatables, kiddie land and grand prize raffle of \$10,000 or a 2023 Chevy Trax two year lease. All profits benefit Holy Cross High School. For grand prize raffle tickets or more information visit our website at www.holycrossfest.com or call 859-431-1335.</p>
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<p><i>MISSION STATEMENT</i></p> <p><i>St. Anthony Catholic School accepts the responsibility, along with the parents, to educate students spiritually, morally, and academically in a safe & caring Christian atmosphere. Each individual is assured academic achievement and develops social and emotional growth while embracing the gospel message of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><u>IMPORTANT REMINDERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dismissal is a busy time. Please do not allow children to run & play on school grounds at the end of the day. With more students & vehicles coming and going we need to ensure everyone is picked up safely. Thank you for your cooperation. • There are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. Each student should bring their own water bottle. • Please wait until all students have been dismissed to depart the parking lot after school. Thanks for your patience! • Asbestos is present in our building. It is contained asbestos and is maintained on a regular schedule according to all laws and regulations. It does not present a hazard to anyone in the building. <p><u>LUNCH THIS WEEK</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRIDAY – Mini Cinnamon Rolls & Scrambled Eggs • MONDAY – Mini Corn Dogs 	<p><i>VISION STATEMENT</i></p> <p><i>St. Anthony Catholic School's vision is to work together as a team composed of students, parents, teachers and staff in a positive manner to build strong, spiritual children who give witness to their faith.</i></p> <p><u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUGUST 28th – SEPTEMBER 12th– Chocolate Sale • AUGUST 29th – EL JINETE – ST. ANTHONY NIGHT • AUGUST 30th - PTO MEETING @ 7 PM - LIBRARY • AUGUST 31st – PARENT NIGHT @ 6:30PM – School Cafeteria • SEPTEMBER 4th – LABOR DAY – No School • SEPTEMBER 6th – MAP Testing <p><u>HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harper • Antonio • Emilio • Meylin • Cooper
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