

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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God Rules! This month, we will focus on the Third Commandment: "Keep holy the Lord's day." Sometimes we hear this stated as "Keep holy the Sabbath." This means we are called to set aside one day a week (Sunday) to refocus ourselves on God and the gifts of creation that he has so generously given us. We should do this by worshipping, praying, and spending time with loved ones.

Our challenge this week will be to:

Take time to say prayers on Sunday for someone you know who is having a difficult time.

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."

ALL SCHOOL ROSARY – In October, we set aside time to show special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a school, we will have a special rosary service in church on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 1:30PM. All are welcome to join us as we honor the Blessed Mother.

SERVER TRAINING – ALL students who want to serve school or weekday masses should plan to attend Fr. Ivan's Server training after school this Wednesday, October 25th from 2:30-3:30 in Church.

HALLOWEENFEST – PTO is sponsoring Halloweenfest this Saturday from 12-2 in Fleming Hall. Fun for all! Please plan to join us.

HALLOWEENFEST RAFFLE – Last week, all students brought home raffle tickets for Halloweenfest. If, as a school, students can sell 250 tickets and return all money for these presale tickets by Friday, Oct. 27th, the entire school will celebrate by sharing in a special treat!!

PTO MEETINGS - DID YOU KNOW?? – When a parent of a student attends a PTO meeting, the student will receive a day Out of Uniform. If there are multiple children in the family, all children in the family will be granted an Out of Uniform day. Students are given a certificate to be redeemed on a specific day.

GARDEN CLUB – this Thursday, October 26th, will be the last garden club meeting until after the New Year. Garden Club will be sponsoring a bake sale after the weekend masses on November 11th & 12th to raise money for Spring Garden expenses. More details to follow.

CALENDAR CHANGE – Due to unforeseen maintenance work that needs to occur in the building, we **will not be in school on Friday, November 17th**. Early dismissal will remain as scheduled on Thursday, November 16th at 11AM.

"GOD RULES"

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- 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!

VISION STATEMENT

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.

PLANNING AHEAD

- HALLOWEEN FUN @ SCHOOL – October 31st – time to be announced
- NO SCHOOL NOV. 1ST – ALL SAINTS' DAY
- END OF TRIMESTER – THURSDAY, NOV. 9TH
- COF FAMILY NIGHT – November 10th
- EARLY DISMISSAL NOV 16th @ 11AM
- NO SCHOOL NOV 17th
- St. Anthony Boosters will once again be sponsoring a Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Fundraiser this year. Students will bring home a packet of information on 11/3. St. Anthony Boosters will receive 10% of all sales to go towards sports programs and playground equipment. The fundraiser will end on 11/14 and the gift cards will be available for distribution around December 1st.

LUNCH THIS WEEK

- TUESDAY – Chicken Drumstick
- WEDNESDAY – Nachos
- THURSDAY – Chicken Nuggets
- FRIDAY – Mini French Toast & Scrambled Eggs
- MONDAY – Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla