

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



God Rules! This month, we will focus on the Fourth Commandment: “Honor your father and mother.” This means that we are called to love, respect, and obey our parents and people of authority in our lives. All of this prepares us to love and honor God, our Heavenly Father.

Our challenge this week will be to:

Be sure to say “I love you” to the people in our lives who are our role models.

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.”

LAST CALL FOR SPIRIT WEAR! – The Spirit Wear store will be closing tomorrow. Please be sure to order any Spirit Wear that you or your child may want before then.

PICTURE RETAKES – TOMORROW will be picture retake day. If your child is having his/her picture retaken, then he/she is permitted to be out of uniform, and please be sure to return the original photos to the school office.

ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR – Students will be treated to an ice cream sundae bar tomorrow afternoon by our Pampered Chef Consultant to celebrate a fantastic sale / fundraiser for PTO! What a great way to start our long holiday weekend!

GOLD STAR CHILI NIGHT – Wednesday, November 22nd is St. Anthony Night at Gold Star Chili in Latonia. Mention St. Anthony and a portion of the sale will be given to St. Anthony PTO. Hope to see you there!

WELCOME – In the busy-ness of the school day, I failed to welcome two new members to our St. Anthony staff: Mrs. Tara Drummond and Mr. William Lindsey.

Mrs. Drummond teaches music. She came to us after the beginning of the school year from Holy Family School. Music class is generally on Thursdays.

Mr. Lindsey will be serving as a classroom aide. He is bilingual, which makes him a great addition to our staff!

WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE SO MANY NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR STAFF THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

SCHOOL IS CLOSED – Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, school will not be in session this Wednesday, Nov. 22 through this Friday, Nov. 24. We wish you and your family a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving.

EMERGENCY CALL – The “test” emergency call was sent last week. If you did not receive the call, please contact the office.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT- RSVP REQUIRED!!!! On Friday Dec 15, from 5:30pm - 9:30pm, St. Anthony PTO/COF invites you to leave your children with us for a fun Christmas evening, while you have time to shop and prepare for the Christmas holiday!! We will meet in **FLEMING HALL!** Everyone is invited to join us! The evening for the children includes PIZZA, snacks and drinks, (no cooking for you!), Santa's Gift Making Shop, Crafts, Games, and more!! (Pre-school siblings are welcome to come - they MUST be fully potty-trained :-)) It will be a very FUN night! ALL of this is included for just \$14 a child, or \$22 a family - and you have the evening for yourself!! Money may be turned in anytime between now and Friday December 15. *7th and 8th graders may earn service hours as determined by their cooperation and helpfulness throughout the evening.* **Please RSVP by MONDAY December 11th, either by written note to the office or email to Lisa Faulhaber at lfaulhaber@stanth.org**
We look forward to this fun night!

GOOD WORKS CLUB – I have received questions as to whether the Good Works Club will be returning. At this time, there have been no definite plans made, but the club could make a return after the first of the year. If I hear more details, I will let you know.

LUNCH – Some discussion has come up regarding portion size for older students at lunch. As part of the Federal lunch program, the portion sizes, as well as the menu options, are determined by the Federal program for all who participate. Packing your student's lunch is always an option, even if they choose to get the hot lunch at school in addition to their packed items. There should be no reason for anyone to go home hungry. If this is happening, please contact the office and the information will be shared with the Director of the lunch program.

DRAMA CLUB – We will meet **EVERY Monday from 2:30 - 4:30 until further notice.** We are excited to have a huge cast! We will be very busy on Mondays creating and writing our own story! We have several great ideas already in process! We will perform our story on stage in Fleming Hall in the evening of Thursday March 14, 2024!! Monday meetings will continue to be in the cafeteria and include a snack and a drink. We will assume your child is staying for the meeting unless you send a note telling us otherwise. When coming for pick-up, parents please park in the lower playground lot OR the upper playground lot, NOT in front of school and I will walk the children out to you at 4:30. Parking in the lower and back lots keeps the children safer because we are not walking up the driveway as cars are trying to leave. I appreciate your help with keeping our students safe. For any questions, email Mrs. Faulhaber, LFaulhaber@stanth.org.

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:

- **NO SCHOOL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRIDAY, DEC. 8TH**
- **HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST SATURDAY, DEC. 9TH**
- **PTO MEETING WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13TH @ 7PM**
- **NO BUS SERVICE DECEMBER 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st**