

# ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



***God Rules! This month, we will focus on the Fifth Commandment: "You shall not kill." This commandment calls us to respect ALL life.***

***Jesus taught us that ALL people have value. He taught us that we should not act out of anger or use angry words because doing so causes harm and pain to others. In Matthew 5:44 Jesus says, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."***

***Our challenge this week will be to:***

***Stop and say a prayer for someone who has caused us to feel angry instead of treating them with disrespect.***

***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."***

**ADVENT HAS BEGUN** – This Advent, as a school, we will be learning about the O Antiphons and creating gratitude chains to help us prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas and count our many blessings!

**NO SCHOOL** – This Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, school will be closed for the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. There will be Mass offered at St. Anthony at 8AM and 6PM on this day.

**HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST** – All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders planning to attend a Diocesan high school are asked to register to take a placement test on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Students should take the test at the high school they wish to attend. Please call the high school office at which your child will attend if you have any questions about the test.

**PTO MEETING** – The PTO will meet next Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> in the school library. Please join us as we look ahead to the new year and the fun events in store! Remember that when you attend the meeting, your child will receive an Out of Uniform Day to show our appreciation!

**GARDEN CLUB** - Attention all Garden Club members and anyone who would like to give back to nature this Advent season - ***Garden Club will have a meeting TOMORROW, Tuesday, Dec 4th from 2:30-3:30*** to make ornaments for our Sunflower "tree" and decorate the garden to feed the birds for Advent! Please make sure to send a note or email the office if you are staying!

**BOOSTERS TEXAS ROADHOUSE** – Congratulations to the top sellers in the Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ashton Garnett
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brandon Dummitt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kenley Holland
- Top Homeroom – Ms. Reams

**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](mailto:lfaulhaber@stanth.org)**  
We look forward to this fun night!

**DRAMA CLUB – Drama Club will meet EVERY Monday from 2:30 - 4:30 until further notice.** Monday meetings will continue to be in the cafeteria for now. We will assume your child is staying for the meeting unless you send a note telling us otherwise. We will perform our story on stage in Fleming Hall in the evening of Thursday March 14, 2024!! We will probably do 2 performances that night, like we did last year! Remember when coming for pick-up - please park in the lower playground lot OR the upper playground lot, NOT in front of school to help keep everyone safe. For any questions, email Mrs. Faulhaber, [L Faulhaber@stanth.org](mailto:L Faulhaber@stanth.org).

**GOOD WORKS CLUB** – On Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Good Works will be helping The Giving Tree of NKY to sort through donations. The Giving Tree provides foster children and families with essential items needed to begin their foster journey. If you are interested in donating an item(s) for the students to take with them on the 12<sup>th</sup>, please see the attached list.

**TEACHER & STAFF WISHLIST** Wondering what to get teachers to support their efforts and to show your appreciation? The PTO has worked with our teachers to create Amazon Wish Lists. These entirely optional lists are arranged by teacher or staff member. If you're looking for a great gift for a holiday or just a random thank-you, consider choosing one from here! Teachers will be adding things on an on-going basis. As always, your support is greatly appreciated! Click on the links below to view any of the WishLists

Mrs. Faulhaber: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1YKZLRJ5VJID9?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1YKZLRJ5VJID9?ref=wl_share)

Mrs. Bement: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1HBQJKZIO0K3W?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1HBQJKZIO0K3W?ref=wl_share)

Mrs. Fischer: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17I8BPMT14IKX?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17I8BPMT14IKX?ref=wl_share)

Mrs. Schweitzer: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2OCL3HP8Q6KPB?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2OCL3HP8Q6KPB?ref=wl_share)

Mrs. Simon: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/354BVEXJLZ7OK?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/354BVEXJLZ7OK?ref=wl_share)

Ms. Bell: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35WSQPFUOFP0L?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35WSQPFUOFP0L?ref=wl_share)

Ms. Reams: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NJ4FEFJOXCD7?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NJ4FEFJOXCD7?ref=wl_share)

## *"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:**

- PTO MEETING WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM IN THE LIBRARY
- NO BUS SERVICE MONDAY, DEC. 18<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH THURSDAY, DEC. 21<sup>ST</sup>
- TEXAS ROADHOUSE NIGHT – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>
- EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11AM THURSDAY, DEC. 21<sup>ST</sup>
- CHRISTMAS BREAK THURSDAY, DEC. 22 THROUGH TUESDAY, JAN. 2<sup>ND</sup>
- CLASSES RESUME WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3<sup>RD</sup>

### **LUNCH THIS WEEK – DECEMBER ATTACHED**

- Tuesday – Chicken Tenders
- Wednesday – Tangerine Chicken
- Thursday – Hamburger / Cheeseburger
- Friday – NO SCHOOL
- Monday – Mini Corn Dogs