

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:

Make an extra effort to cooperate with others.

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!

Last week the O Antiphons we learned were:

*O Wisdom of our God most high,
Guiding creation with power and love;
Come to teach us the path of knowledge!*

And

*O Leader of the House of Israel,
Giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
Come to rescue us with your mighty power!*

PTO MEETING – The PTO will meet this Wednesday, Dec. 13th 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!

NO BUS SERVICE – There will be no bus service next Monday, Dec. 18th through next Thursday, Dec. 21st. These will be PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION DAYS.

EARLY DISMISSAL – Next Thursday, Dec. 21st school will dismiss at 11AM.

ONLINE AUCTION - PTO is conducting their annual online auction in February to help raise funds for building improvements to our school. If you would like to donate gift cards or new/unused items, or know a business that might like to donate something for the auction, please email school@stanth.org and we can forward your email to the PTO representatives who are working on this event. No donation is too big or small as we pair items for baskets, etc. Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL ABSENCES - If a student is going to be absent or tardy, please phone or email the office by 8:00 AM. A note or return to school after absence form should be sent with your student upon return. If a student is absent for three or more consecutive days, a doctor's note is required to return.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT- RSVP TODAY! - Friday Dec 15, from 5:30pm - 9:30pm We are looking forward to a fun Parent's Night Out! Christmas fun for your children while you have time to prepare for Christmas! Our St. Anthony PTO/COF is sponsoring a night of pizza, Santa's Gift Making Shop, Crafts, Games, and more!! (Pre-school siblings are welcome to come - they MUST be fully potty-trained :-)

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.

RSVP TODAY MONDAY Dec 11, either by written note or email to Lisa Faulhaber at lfaulhaber@stanth.org

We look forward to this fun night!

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, LFaulhaber@stanth.org.

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

Mrs. Bement: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1HBQJKZIO0K3W?ref=wl_share

Mrs. Schweitzer: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2OCL3HP8Q6KPB?ref=wl_share

Mrs. Simon: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/354BVEXJLZ7OK?ref=wl_share

Ms. Bell: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35WSQPFUOFP0L?ref=wl_share

Ms. Reams: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NJ4FEFJOXCD7?ref=wl_share

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!
- Yearbook photos – If you attend any school events and have photos for the yearbook, please send to yearbook@stanth.org

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:

- TEXAS ROADHOUSE NIGHT – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19th
- EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11AM THURSDAY, DEC. 21ST
- CHRISTMAS BREAK FRIDAY, DEC. 22 THROUGH TUESDAY, JAN. 2ND
- CLASSES RESUME WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3RD
- WINTER MAP TESTING MONDAY, JAN. 8TH THROUGH FRIDAY, JAN. 26TH

LUNCH THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Wednesday – 3 or 4-Way Chili Spaghetti
- Thursday – Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit
- Friday – Grilled Cheese
- Monday – Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Tuesday – Chicken Drumstick
- Wednesday - Nachos

