

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:

Take time this week to say prayers of thanks this week for our many blessings.

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 root of Jesse's stem,
Sign of God's love for all his people:
Come to save us without delay!
O Key of David,
Opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
Come and free the prisoners of darkness!
O Radiant Dawn,
Splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
Come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and
the shadow of death.*

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER – Colder weather is upon us. We try to allow students to have outdoor recess as much as we can, so please remind your child that it is important to dress warm in case they will be playing outdoors.

CALLING ALL SERVERS!! All students who have volunteered to serve will have server training tomorrow after school from 2:30 – 3:30. Father is teaching them some new things that have not been done in the past, so ALL SERVERS SHOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE NIGHT – Tuesday, December 19th is St. Anthony Night at Texas Roadhouse in Ft. Wright from 3PM-10PM. Mention St. Anthony or present the attached flyer and a portion of your sale will be donated to PTO.

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

SPORTS' ELIGIBILITY -- Please remember that if your child is failing any subject on January 5th, which is half trimester, he /she will be ineligible to play sports. The handbook states: *A student with one or more failing grades on his/her report card or progress report or a "Poor" in non-graded subjects such as Art will not be eligible for extracurricular activities, including practices.* Grades will be re-evaluated after two weeks.

ONLINE AUCTION – PTO is preparing for 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!

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:

- **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**
- **OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th**

LUNCH THIS WEEK – January Menu Attached

- Tuesday – Chicken Drumstick
- Wednesday – Nachos
- Wednesday, January 3 – Teriyaki Chicken