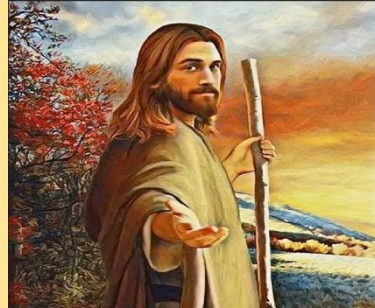


ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



For the 2025-2026 school year, our theme will be “Come Follow Me.” In the Gospel of John 10: 27-29, Jesus says, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.”

What do these words mean to us as disciples of Jesus? During this Jubilee year in our church, we are called to be “Pilgrims of Hope.” We are supposed to contribute to our Church’s mission of unity and charity. John 10: 27-29 shows that Jesus knows us inside and out; He knows everything about us, and He loves us deeply. Jesus is our “Good Shepherd”, and we are “His flock” who are called to listen to His will for us and follow Him. In order to do this, we must try to learn and understand scripture and the traditions of the Catholic church.

This school year, we will spend time focusing on the Sunday Gospel readings and what they tell us about how we, as Pilgrims of Hope, are to follow Jesus, so that when our Good Shepherd says to us, “COME FOLLOW ME”, we listen, follow, and become a more unified Church.

Gospel Reading: John 1: 29-34

Word of the Week: Lamb of God

Prayer for the week: Jesus, Lamb of God (John 1: 29), thank you for the great sacrifice you made to save us from our sins.

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.

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.

DRAMA CLUB – Drama Club will meet after school TODAY, January 13th until 4:00. Students will be dismissed on the lower lot.

MAP TESTING – Three times a year it is required that our school administer MAP Tests to students in Grades K-8. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1, Reading and Math are tested. In Grades 2-8, Reading, Math, and Language are tested. Please be sure that your children are well rested, and as always, encourage them to do their best to stay focused and give their best effort. For the testing session in the fall, I had to retest more than a handful of students whose results were skewed. Below are the testing times and subjects for this week:

- Wednesday, Jan. 14th, grades 5-8 will take the reading test during their normal reading classes.
- Tuesday, Jan. 13th, grade 2 will take the math test in the morning. Last week they took reading. Grade 1 will take the reading test.
- Wednesday, Jan. 14th, grades 3 and 4 will take the reading test.

BOOSTER MEETING – If anyone is interested in helping in any way, please plan on attending the meeting on Thursday, January 15th at 7:30 in Fleming Hall.

OPEN HOUSE AT HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Join us for an Open House at Holy Cross High School, 3617 Church Street, Covington KY on Sunday, 1/18/26, at 1:00 PM. Meet teachers, explore athletic and extra-curricular opportunities and enjoy student-led tours. Come see what makes Holy Cross the BEST fit for your high school experience. Discover your future at Holy Cross High School, a 2024 national blue ribbon school. For more information visit our website at www.hchscov.com or call 859-431-1335

HALF TRIMESTER – Last Monday marked half trimester. Grades are updated in Sycamore for you to review and discuss with your children. Today, students should have brought home a progress report for your review also.

FATHER IVAN WILL BE GONE – This week Father Ivan is gone on a mission trip to Jamaica. There will be no weekday Masses or Adoration for the week. Please pray for safe travels.

EL JINETE NIGHT – TODAY - Tuesday, Jan. 13th is St. Anthony PTO night at El Jinete in Taylor Mill shopping center. If you order out or eat in between 4PM and 9PM on January 13th and mention St. Anthony School, Ms. Lorena Flores will donate a portion of what you spend back to our PTO! Enjoy some delicious food and quality time with friends and support a local small business.

NO SCHOOL – Next Monday, Jan. 19th, school will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

PTO MEETING – Next Tuesday, Jan. 20th, PTO will hold its monthly meeting in the school library at 7PM. All are welcome to attend as we plan for upcoming events.

SERVER & MASS PARTICIPANT APPRECIATION – After school next Wednesday, Jan. 21st, from 2:30 – 3:30, Fr. Ivan will host a pizza party in appreciation for all the students who serve or read at mass. Please notify Mrs. Bottom in the office if your student will be attending so that the food can be ordered.

PLANNING AHEAD

- **MAP TESTING – MONDAY, JAN. 5TH THROUGH WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28TH**
- **NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, JAN. 19TH – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**
- **TUESDAY, JAN. 20TH – PTO MEETING @ 7PM IN THE LIBRARY**
- **WEDNESDAY, JAN 21ST 2:30-3:30 – PIZZA PARTY – SERVERS & CHURCH READERS**
- **SUNDAY, JAN. 25TH – OPEN HOUSE FROM 10AM UNTIL 1PM – Scholastic Bookfair**
- **SUNDAY, JAN. 25TH THROUGH FRIDAY, JAN. 30TH – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK**
- **FRIDAY, JAN. 30TH FAMILY DAY FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES**

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- *Tuesday – Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla*
- *Wednesday – Confetti Pancakes*
- *Thursday – Chicken Nuggets*
- *Friday – Cheese Bites*
- *Monday – NO SCHOOL*
- *Tuesday – Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **WATER BOTTLES** - *There are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. Each student should bring their own water bottle.*
- **DISMISSAL** – Please be sure to arrive at school to pick up your students ON TIME and in the designated area that you have been instructed to park in. Traffic tends to become a problem if cars arrive once dismissal has occurred. Students line up in the school based on the area they will be dismissed to. The bus should depart BEFORE any cars leave the parking lot. If you have questions, please contact the office.

- Makeup (including nail polish and artificial nails) is NOT to be worn in school. Students are not permitted to wear face or body make-up, but are permitted to wear fingernail polish on out of uniform days. Also, boys' hair may be no longer than to the collar, and in front, hair should not hang in the student's eyes and should be neatly trimmed and groomed. Please ensure that your children are following these handbook guidelines.
- Our diocesan school lunch program does not allow outside fast food to be brought in. Sodas/sugary drinks/sports drinks should not be in water bottles. Soft drinks/sodas should not be packed in a lunch brought from home.