

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



God Rules! This first month of a New Year, we will focus on the Sixth Commandment: "You shall not commit adultery." This commandment calls all of us to be pure and modest in our thoughts, words, and actions. It reminds us that we should be faithful and trustworthy also.

Jesus taught that we should be faithful at all times. He never used harsh words and he never treated others with disrespect. His words and actions were pure at all times. Even when He was mistreated, He was able to love and forgive.

Our challenge this week will be to:

Try to be sure that our words and actions are always positive when interacting 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."

HALF TRIMESTER – This Friday, January 5th marks the halfway point for 2nd Trimester. Please check Sycamore for your child's current grades. If you cannot access your account, please contact the school office so we can help you.

DELINQUENT TUITION PAYMENTS – I have received communication from the diocese regarding delinquent accounts. As of January 5th, if your account is delinquent and you have not contacted Mrs. Schweitzer as to your plans for paying on the account, you will be unable to access your child's grades until a payment is made or some kind of alternative payment plan has been developed.

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.

MAP TESTING -- Three times a year, the diocesan schools are required to administer a standardized test to students in order to determine academic achievement and growth. The winter test session will be from Monday, January 8th until Friday, January 26th. During this time, teachers in grades K-8 will administer Math, Reading, and Language (Gr. 2-8) tests. These tests are taken online through NWEA. For more information, you can visit: <https://www.nwea.org/family-toolkit/> Please encourage your child to do his/her best on the tests so that we can have a good indication of his/her achievement and growth.

FATHER IVAN – Please pray for Father Ivan. He will be returning to his home country of Uganda to visit from Tuesday, Jan. 23 through Tuesday, Feb. 13th. We hope he has safe travels. During this time, there will be weekday Masses, but no Adoration on Jan. 5th and Feb. 1st and 8th.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - Next Friday January 12! EVERYONE is invited to join us for a fun family movie night! A movie will be shown in Fleming Hall (the church basement) drive-in style! **Bring your own camp chairs and/or blankets and pillows!** Come as early as 6:30 to get a good seat! The movie will begin approximately at 7:00! PIZZA and candy bars will be available for \$1.00 each. Popcorn, chips and drinks will be available for 50 cents each. Our featured **G-RATED** movie will be voted on by our students and announced later in the week! Come join us for a fun night!!

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.

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:

- WINTER MAP TESTING MONDAY, JAN. 8TH THROUGH FRIDAY, JAN. 26TH
- NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JAN 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

LUNCH THIS WEEK

- Wednesday, January 3 – Teriyaki Chicken
- Thursday – Hamburger or Cheeseburgers
- Friday – Mini Cinnamon Rolls & Scrambled Eggs
- Monday – Mini Corn Dogs