

# ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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*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: Matthew 5: 1-12a**

**Word of the Week: satisfied**

**Prayer for the week: Jesus, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9: 6), help me to rejoice in times of struggle and to remember that you said my reward will be great in Heaven.**

## 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.

**MAP TESTING** – What a great Winter testing session we had! In Math 53% of students reached or exceeded their RIT goal set by the MAP Testing program. 65% of students met or exceeded their RIT goal in reading. Finally, in Language, 69% met or exceeded their RIT goal. Please encourage your children to stay focused and work hard so everyone and keeping growing and achieving academically!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** – With the snow days this week, the following updates have been made to the schedule that is attached.

- Today was community service day – cards were made for individuals who help our community. Also, PTO provided lunch to Faculty and Staff – THANKS!!
- Thursday – St. Anthony Spirit Day – Students are encouraged to show their school spirit. No whole face painting!! Students were reminded today of ideas that would be appropriate.
- Friday – Family Appreciation Day at 12:15 – see more details below
- Monday – Crazy Socks / Sock Hop Day
- Tuesday – Teacher Appreciation Day – Students may dress like their favorite teacher or come in regular uniforms

#### **Holy Cross High School Launches River Cities Scholars Program**

**HCDHS** has launched the River Cities Scholars Program, a new educational initiative supported by a \$2 million challenge grant from the Butler Foundation. The program is designed to expand access to Catholic education for students from Northern Kentucky's river cities while strengthening enrollment and community impact. The River Cities Scholars Program will provide significant tuition assistance and academic opportunity to eligible students who reside in one of the five river cities and demonstrate financial need, desire to achieve, academic promise, leadership potential, and commitment to personal growth and community service. Selected students will receive coverage for up to two-thirds of their tuition for four years. The River Cities Scholars Program will begin in the 2026-27 academic year and reflects Holy Cross High School's mission to educate the whole person - mind, body and spirit - while investing in the long-term vitality of the region. Those seeking information about eligibility, applications or opportunities to support the River Cities Scholars Program can contact Hannah Knox, Program Director, at [hannah.knox@hchscov.com](mailto:hannah.knox@hchscov.com) or at 859-431-1335; or Victoria Gerkin, Director of Development, at [victoria.gerkin@hchscov.com](mailto:victoria.gerkin@hchscov.com) at 859-815-6027 or attend an Information Night on Friday, January 23 at 6:30 pm at HCHS, 3617 Church Street, Covington, KY 41015. The application form is open and available online at [River Cities Scholars Application](#). The deadline to apply for the River Cities Scholars Program is March 13.

**BOOKFAIR** – The Scholastic Bookfair is underway. It will be open during lunch and on Friday for Family Appreciation Day.

**FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY!** Please join us in Fleming Hall at 12:15 this Friday as we show appreciation for our important family members, such as Grandparents, Parents, Aunts, Uncles....whoever might like to join us. We will join together in prayer and song as a school to celebrate our families. Pictures can still be sent in through tomorrow! After our gratitude program, all are invited back to school to visit classrooms, enjoy a sweet treat in the cafeteria, and **VISIT THE BOOK FAIR**, which is well underway!

**SOCK WAR TO HELP THE NEEDY** – School families are having a Sock War! Students are asked to bring in pairs of new socks to help those in need. The school family declared the winner will get an out of uniform day and a pair of fun socks! To kick off the collection, we will have a Sock Hop on Monday afternoon in Fleming Hall. Students may dress out of uniform, with crazy socks! Please note: The socks may get dirty, so bring old ones to change into if you choose!

**SUPPORT ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL** – In honor of faith, service, and community and in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, St. Anthony PTO invites you to give back to our Catholic school by participating in the PTO 2026 Online Donation Event. Funds raised will support student programs and school improvements. To contribute click the DONATE button or select one of the preset donation amounts at <https://www.32auctions.com/StAnthonyPTO2026>.

Another way to access the donation portal is to scan the QR code below.



Thank you for supporting St. Anthony School and Catholic education. You are a blessing to our community.

#### **PLANNING AHEAD**

- **SUNDAY, JAN. 25<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH FRIDAY, JAN. 30<sup>TH</sup> – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK**
- **BOOK FAIR THROUGH FRIDAY, JAN. 30<sup>TH</sup>**
- **FRIDAY, JAN. 30<sup>TH</sup> FAMILY DAY AT 12:15 IN FLEMING HALL**

<p><b><u>WEEKLY LUNCH MENU</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thursday – Chicken Nuggets</i></li> <li>• <i>Friday – Pizza Crunchers</i></li> <li>• <i>Monday – Hamburger / Cheeseburger</i></li> <li>• <i>Tuesday – Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>IMPORTANT REMINDERS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>WATER BOTTLES</u></b> - <i>There are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. Each student should bring their own water bottle.</i></li> <li>• <b><u>DISMISSAL</u></b> – 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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