

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: Matthew 5: 13-16

Word of the Week: glorify

Prayer for the week: Jesus, Light of the World (John8: 12), give us the courage to let your light shine through all we do.

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!

DRAMA CLUB – The next drama club meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday, February 3rd from 2:30-4 depending on the weather.

KINDERGARTEN SNEAK PEEK – Parents and their Kindergarten age children are invited to spend time with our Kindergarten class to see how the day goes. Please RSVP to the school office at 859-431-5987 or school@stanh.org by February 6th. Two dates are available:

- February 10th – 12:30PM -2PM
- February 11th – 12:30 – 2PM

GOLD STAR NIGHT – Support our school on Wednesday, Feb. 11th by eating at Latonia Gold Star on Winston Avenue between 4PM and 9PM. Mention St. Anthony School and a portion of your sales will be given back to help our PTO.

PLANNING AHEAD

- **NO SCHOOL – MONDAY FEB. 16TH**
- **PTO MEETING – TUESDAY, FEB. 17TH @7PM IN THE LIBRARY**
- **END OF THE 2ND TRIMESTER – TUESDAY, FEB. 17TH**

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- Tuesday – Pizza
- Wednesday - Crispitos
- Thursday – Chicken Drumstick
- Friday – Cheese Ravioli
- Monday – Cheese coney
- Tuesday – Cheese or chicken quesadilla

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.

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 had a Sock Hope this afternoon in Fleming Hall.

SUPPORT ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL – 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.

- 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.

