

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 4: 1-11

Word of the Week: ministered

Prayer for the week: Jesus, our Deliverer (Romans 11: 26), help us to listen only to your Word alone and grow closer to you.

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.

END OF 2ND TRIMESTER – Today February 17th is the end of the 2nd trimester. Report cards will be uploaded into Sycamore after school on Friday, February 20th.

HOLY CROSS AGILITY TRAINING - Holy Cross is offering a no cost, general agility training for students in 5th to 8th grade on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM in the Thomas B. Finn Activity Center at Holy Cross. For parents that are interested in learning more about the agility program, they can email Vincent Nerone: vinny.nerone@gmail.com

T-BALL SIGNUPS - Covington Bulldogs TBALL is looking for kids ages 5 to 7 that are interested in playing T-Ball. If you are interested in signing up, email Denny Hungler at dhungler@gmail.com and provide parent name, child's name, age, school and phone #. If there are any questions, feel free to contact Denny.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! I would like to thank those of you who supported our PTO online donation event. All money donated goes to help the school through improvements to the building and additional programs for the students. We truly appreciate the support that the PTO organization offers the school.

NKU MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME – ACUE Boosters have set up an ACUE School group day for NKU's men's basketball game against their rival Wright State on Saturday night, February 28th, 7:00 PM at Truist Arena on the campus of NKU. NKU blocked off 100 seats in the lower level of the arena, and can expand if we need more. Tickets are listed at a group discount of \$19 per ticket, which includes the fees with a ticket purchase. To buy tickets, click on this link: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/NKUmbb0228ACUE> and the tickets will be sent to your phone/email. For any questions about purchasing tickets and any information regarding NKU Basketball games, you can call their ticket office at 859-572-7848 or email Aaron Luken, the Director of Athletics Ticketing at lukena4@nku.edu

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- *Wednesday – Cheese Pizza*
- *Thursday – Chicken Tenders*
- *Friday – Grilled Cheese*
- *Monday – Chicken Patty Sandwich*
- *Tuesday – Tacos*

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.