

# ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



***God Rules! This month, we have focused on the First Commandment: "I Am the Lord your God; you shall not have other Gods besides me." This means we must put God first in our lives. He should come before anything or anyone else. We should love Him with all of our hearts. Even when Jesus was tempted by Satan, He did not sin and He followed God's will using what he knew about scripture to strengthen Him.***

***Our challenge this week will be to pray the following prayer each evening:***

***"Thank you, God, for the gifts and the hardships of this day. Help me learn from them so that I can glorify you."***

***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."***

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** - Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday, August 31st at 6:30 PM. This is a night for parents to speak with teachers and learn about classroom procedures and routines. Additionally, teachers can answer questions that have arisen. The gathering will begin in the cafeteria and then parents will visit classrooms.

**FALL FUNDRAISER** - We will be having a World's Finest Chocolate sale. Chocolate was sent home today with students. We ask that each family sell at least one box or more. Prizes and incentives are based on the total number sold. This fundraiser will end on Tuesday, September 12th.

**EL JINETE NIGHT** - Eat at El Jinete tomorrow night, Tuesday, September 29th between 4PM and 9PM, and a percentage of the proceeds will go to support our PTO and all of the wonderful things that the organization does to support our students!

**NO SCHOOL** - Next Monday, Sept. 4th SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION because of the Labor Day holiday. Enjoy your three-day weekend!

**PTO MEETING CANCELLED** - After reviewing agenda items, it was decided that PTO will not hold an August meeting. THE NEXT PTO MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20TH @ 7PM IN THE LIBRARY.

**SCHOOL GROUNDS CONSTRUCTION** – As part of our ongoing safety enhancements around school, a gate has been installed on the upper playground parking lot. The gate will be closed during the school day after morning drop off. As you have noticed, a new traffic pattern is necessary for drop off as the gate is only one-way traffic. Please YIELD and take turns coming through the gate. As a result, the morning drop-off traffic pattern may be altered slightly as only one car will fit through the gate at a time. Additionally, if you need to get out of the car with your children, please pull forward around the building and walk with them to the door. Please be patient and extra careful in the mornings!!

***"GOD RULES"***

**PLEASE WELCOME** – Our Catholic Charities School Counselor will be at St. Anthony on Tuesdays throughout the 23/24 school year. Here is a message from her:

Hello St. Anthony Families and Friends! My name is Sharon Raaker and I am the new school counselor! I am excited to get to know everyone! A little bit about me, I am a licensed mental health counselor and have been with Catholic Charities for 12 years. I have a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from the University of Cincinnati and a Masters degree in mental health counseling from Northern Kentucky University. I am also a Holy Cross alumni!!

I will be at St. Anthony on Tuesdays starting with classroom lessons and also seeing students individually as needed. If you are interested in individual counseling services for your child please contact me or your student's teacher.

I can be reached at my office at Catholic Charities at 859-669-3628 or via email at [sraaker@covingtoncharities.org](mailto:sraaker@covingtoncharities.org)

I look forward to a great year at St. Anthony!

**NOTRE DAME URBAN EDUCATION CENTER** – NDUEC offers an afterschool program for students K-8 and is accepting registration. Homework PLUS provides one on one tutoring assistance with daily homework, practice on age appropriate skills and enrichment activities such as music, art, science, sewing, basketball and more! Homework PLUS is open from 2:45pm – 5:10pm Monday through Thursday. Parent Orientation is September 7, 2023 at NDUEC at 5PM. See attached for more details.

**WATER BOTTLES** – Please be sure students bring a water bottle to school each day.

**IMPORTANT NEW YEAR PAPERWORK** – An envelope with 2023 / 2024 school paperwork will be sent home soon with students. Please return the envelopes with the paperwork completed ASAP.

**ART & PLANNER FEE** – If you have not already done so, please be sure to pay the \$40 art and planner fee per family as soon as possible.

## **"GOD RULES"**

### **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!

### **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.*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> – SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> – Chocolate Sale
- AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup> – EL JINETE – ST. ANTHONY NIGHT
- AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup> – PARENT NIGHT @ 6:30PM – School Cafeteria
- SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – LABOR DAY – No School
- SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> – MAP Testing
- SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> – GOLD STAR NIGHT
- SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> – PTO MEETING 7PM in library
- SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> – PTO PAMPERED CHEF SALE BEGINS

### **LUNCH THIS WEEK**

- **TUESDAY – Chicken Drumstick**
- **WEDNESDAY – Nachos**
- **THURSDAY – Chicken Nuggets**
- **FRIDAY – Mini Waffles & Scrambled Eggs**