

# 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 21: 1-11**

**Word of the Week: Son of David**

**Prayer for the week: Jesus, Son of David (Matthew 21: 9), show us your mercy and forgive our sin.**

## 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.*

**ELECTRONIC DEVICE REMINDERS** – As a reminder, in accordance with the 25/26 Handbook, all toys, headsets, electronic devices, **cell phones, smart watches**, etc., are not to be visible during the school day (7:00 AM – 2:30 PM). ANY hand-held device (cell phone, hand-held games, smart watches, etc.) is not permitted to be out or visible during the school day. If a cell phone must be brought to school, it must be turned off and kept in the child’s backpack.

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RECONCILIATION** – Students who have received the sacrament of Reconciliation in Grades 3-4, will have an opportunity this week to meet with Father Ivan and participate in this sacrament one morning this week.

**WALKATHON** – Next Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> students will participate in our annual Walkathon, BUT THIS YEAR WE WILL BE TRAVELING TO HOLY CROSS’S EVA G. SPORTS COMPLEX FOR THE WALK. Holy Cross High School has generously allowed us to use their facility for our Walkathon and also provide transportation for our students to get there. We are grateful and excited to be able to do this! All information for the Walkathon should have come home with your child last week.  
In order to walk, students must have the permission to walk signed and \$20 returned by THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>.

**COUNTY BUS SERVICE** – THERE WILL BE NO KENTON COUNTY BUS SERVICE NEXT MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**EARLY DISMISSAL** – Next Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, school will dismiss at 1PM. Lunch will be served.

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED** – School will be closed Holy Thursday and Good Friday next week. School will also not be in session the week of Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be Spring Break. School resumes on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**WEEKLY LUNCH MENU**

- *Tuesday – Tacos*
- *Wednesday – Mini Corn Dogs*
- *Thursday – Chicken Nuggets*
- *Friday – Pizza Crunchers*
- *Monday – Hamburger / Cheeseburger*
- *Tuesday – Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza*

**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.

