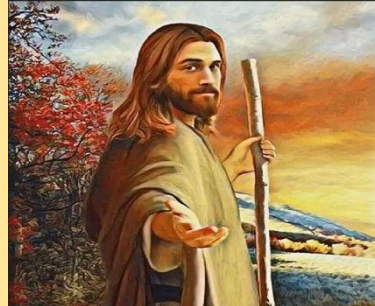


ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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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: John 10: 1-10

Word of the Week: gate for the sheep

Prayer for the week: Jesus, Good Shepherd (John 10: 11-14), keep us together so we will not stray off the path of holiness.

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.

WALKATHON SPONSOR MONEY – If you have any **outstanding** sponsor money that your child has collected for walking in our Walkathon, please send to the office ASAP!! I will need time to schedule the week Out of Uniform and the special lunch for the students who collected enough money for these incentives. Also, I need to determine who will win the prize money given for the top three money collectors!

GIRLS SOCCER PLAYERS IN 6-8 - Holy Cross High School girls soccer team is looking for girls currently in grade 6th, 7th & 8th grades who are interested in playing soccer at Holy Cross High School in the upcoming 2026-27 school year. For more information please contact Coach Schaffeld at corrie.schaffeld@hchscov.com.

MAP TESTING – Three times a year it is required that our school administer MAP Tests to students in Grades K-8. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1, Reading and Math are tested. In Grades 2-8, Reading, Math, and Language are tested. Please be sure that your children are well rested, and as always, encourage them to do their best to stay focused and give their best effort. Teachers have scheduled times beginning this week to begin to administer. You can reach out to them if you are interested in finding out the schedule.

UPCOMING DATES

- ***April 21st – Playhouse in the Park – Tortoise and Hare performance at school***
- ***April 28 – Visit from Dairy Farmers at school***
- ***April 29th – Florence Y’alls Baseball Game during school***
- ***April 29th – First Reconciliation – 2nd Grade***
- ***May 1st – School Family Dinner & Dance***

GOLF OUTING – It’s that time of year! The Boosters golf outing is on Friday, May 22nd at Devou Park Golf Course. The cost is \$120/golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, giveaways, beverages & lunch. See the attached flyer.

GOLF OUTING DONATIONS – As Booster’s primary fundraiser to support the boys and girls athletic teams, school PE equipment, and our outdoor recess areas at St. Anthony, we strive to provide an enjoyable day of golf, food, and friendship. Please consider a donation that enables us to add to that experience with our raffle. Any donations to support The St. Anthony Golf Outing will be appreciated. We're looking for gift baskets and gift cards. Any donations can be dropped off at school or contact Michael Reinersman at 859-240-1959 for pickup. Thanks for your support!!

WATER BOTTLES – As the days warm up, please remember that there are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. ***Each student should bring their own water bottle.***

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **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

- **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

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.

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.

- **LUNCH PROGRAM** - 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.
- **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.