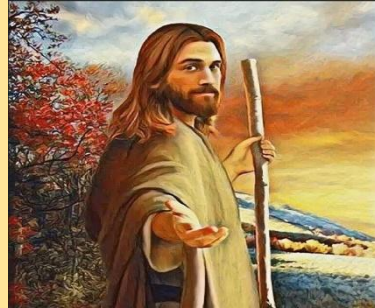


ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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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.

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.

OLYMPIC DAY – Our annual Olympic Day is this Friday, May 15th. The theme this year is ***Come Follow Olympics!*** PTO will provide pizza lunch and Kona Ice for the students. As in previous years, families are welcome to attend for part of the activities is you'd like. Lunch will be served at 11:45. If your student does not want pizza for lunch, they may pack or you may bring them lunch. ***Please notify the office if your student will not be eating pizza by Wednesday so that we can adjust the pizza order.***

Olympic day shirts will be delivered to students later this week and should be worn on Friday.

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION – We will celebrate our Kindergarten class on Monday, May 18th at 1:30 in Fleming Hall. After the ceremony, students may go home with family for the day. This is the last day of school this year for the Kindergarteners! Enjoy the summer!

8th GRADE GRADUATION – Our 8th graders will graduate from St. Anthony on Monday, May 18th at 7PM in Church. Following Mass, families are invited to gather in Fleming Hall for a small reception. The 8th graders do not return to school for the rest of the week – siblings must still attend! Congratulations 8th Graders!!! Enjoy the summer break and good luck next year!!

NO BUS SERVICE- There is no Kenton County Bus service on Tuesday, May 19th - Private transportation school day for St. Anthony.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- The last day of school is next THURSDAY, MAY 21st– School will dismiss at 11AM, with bus service. Enjoy summer break!

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 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.
- **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.

2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR- Registration forms have been sent home – if you have not already returned it, please do so ASAP, as we have begun planning for next year already.

GOLF OUTING DONATIONS – As Booster's primary fundraiser to support the boys and girl's 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.***

HOLY CROSS SPORTS CAMPS- Please see attached information about summer sports camps at HC.

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- *Tuesday – Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza*
- *Wednesday – Grilled Cheese*
- *Thursday – Chicken Tenders*
- *Friday – OLYMPIC DAY*
- *Monday – Hamburger / Cheeseburger*

- **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.

- **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.

