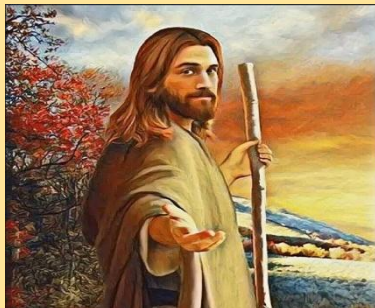


ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



Welcome to a new school year! With a new year comes a new theme! 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: Luke 17: 5-10

Word of the Week: obliged

Prayer for the week: Jesus, Author of Life (Acts 3: 15), please help us express our faith in our actions beyond what we are obliged to do.

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.

FALL FUNDRAISER – Thanks to your help, our World’s Finest Sale was a huge success! In order to celebrate this and the end of MAP Testing, we are going to have a school-wide *PAJAMA DAY* on Wednesday, Oct. 8th!

SEL SKILLS GROUP INSTRUCTION -- Next week students will begin to participate in social emotional learning skill groups. These groups are designed to support students in developing essential skills such as emotional regulation, self-awareness, responsible decision-making, communication, and relationship-building. Ms. Holly, our school counselor provided by Catholic Charities, will conduct these groups. Students in grades 5-8 will participate in SEL skill groups on the first Tuesday of every month and students in grades K-4 will participate on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! As the Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE), we are in a consortium of schools: St. Augustine, Holy Cross Elementary, Prince of Peace, St. Anthony, and Holy Trinity. Our schools are joining together to create a program to offer our students more options for sports and extracurricular activities. Right now, we have representatives from Holy Cross Elementary, St. Anthony, St. Augustine, and Prince of Peace who are spearheading some wonderful ideas for sports. As always, we are in search of coaches: basketball (Grades 3-8), instructional basketball (K-2), volleyball, indoor soccer (K-2). If interested, please contact the school office and we can put you into contact with the right person!

FATHER IVAN WILL BE GONE – The week of October 6th, Father Ivan will be out of town so there will be no school Mass on Tuesday that week.

PET BLESSING — In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will hold a Pet Blessing on Monday Oct. 13th at 1:40 PM in the Grotto. Please bring your pets and join us for the blessing!

PICTURE DAY – On Wednesday, Oct. 15th, Lifetouch will be here for picture day. Order forms and information will be sent home closer to the event.

PE SHIRTS – PE t-shirts may be worn to school on MONDAYS when the students will have PE. Black gym shorts, sweatpants, or uniform bottoms may be worn with the t-shirt. The sponsorships on the back of the shirt covered the cost for one shirt per student. A few extra shirts are available in limited sizes for \$10 each – contact the office if you would like to purchase one.

PLANNING AHEAD

- ***SCHOOL CLOSED – THURSDAY, OCT. 9TH AND FRIDAY, OCT. 10TH***
- ***NO KENTON COUNTY BUS SERVICE ON MONDAY, OCT. 13TH***
- ***PTO MEETING – TUESDAY, OCT. 21ST***

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- *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.

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- *Tuesday – Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza*
- *Wednesday – Chili Spaghetti*
- *Thursday – Chicken Tenders*
- *Friday – Grilled Cheese*
- *Monday – Chicken Patty Sandwich*
