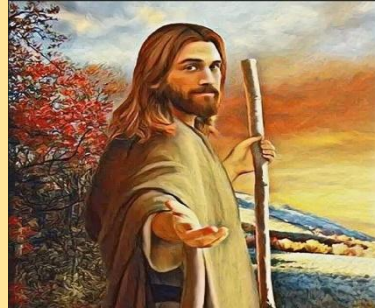


# ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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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: 11-19*

*Word of the Week: pity*

*Prayer for the week: “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” (Luke 17: 11-13)*

## 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. 8<sup>th</sup>! Students are permitted to wear pajamas to school (please no slippers); however, rules for out of uniform days apply, such as length of shorts and no sleeveless shirts. If your child has no pajamas to wear, he/she may wear out of uniform bottoms with any St. Anthony top; this includes an Olympic Day T-shirt from the past or last year’s PE shirt. Spirit wear is also acceptable.

**SEL SKILLS GROUP INSTRUCTION** – This 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.

**WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF A COACH!** Our Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) sports program, is in dire need of a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys’ Basketball coach. Please contact the school office if you are willing or know someone who would like to help our schools.

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED** – This Thursday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, school will be closed. Enjoy the four-day weekend!

**NO KENTON COUNTY BUS SERVICE**—There will be NO BUS SERVICE next Monday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Kenton County Schools are not in session on this day.

**REMINDER** – Makeup (including nail polish and artificial finger 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 the front, should not hang in student’s eyes and should be neatly trimmed. Please ensure your student(s) are following these handbook guidelines.

**FAMILY FALL NIGHT** – Save the date! On Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> PTO will hold a Family Fall Fun Night. More details will follow soon. Each homeroom is being asked to organize a basket to be raffled off that evening. Students will bring home information about the basket this week.

**FATHER IVAN WILL BE AWAY** – Father Ivan will be out of town this week so there will be no school Mass tomorrow.

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

**SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT FOR OCTOBER!** For a service project for this month, we will be collecting items for animals in need. Some items you may consider donating are: dog/cat toys, collars, leashes, dog/cat food (canned or dry), treats, potty pads, blankets, etc... There is a box in the front hallway of school where students may put these items. Please support this service project by donating an item or two.

**PICTURE DAY** – On Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Lifetouch will be here for picture day. Order forms and information will be sent home this week.

**OPEN HOUSE AT HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL**  
Join us for an Open House at Holy Cross High School, 3617 Church Street, Covington KY on Sunday, 10/26/25, at 1:00 PM in the gym. Meet teachers, explore athletic and extra-curricular opportunities and enjoy student-led tours. Come see what makes Holy Cross the BEST fit for your high school experience. Discover your future at Holy Cross High School, a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School. For more information visit our website at [www.hchscov.com](http://www.hchscov.com) or call 859-431-1335.

### **PLANNING AHEAD**

- **EL JINETE NIGHT – Tuesday, October 14th**
- **PTO MEETING – Tuesday, October 21st**

### **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 – Please remind them! A limited number of cups are available in the office if a student forgets, but school should not be asked to provide a cup every day.*
- **ICE CREAM FRIDAYS** – *The cafeteria offers ice cream to students every Friday afternoon for \$1. Students should give their money to the homeroom teacher on Friday morning unless it has already been sent in to the office.*
- **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 – Soft Tacos*
- *Wednesday – Mini Corn Dogs*
- *Thursday – No School*
- *Friday – No School*
- *Monday – Hamburger / Cheeseburger*