



THE COUGAR COURIER

NEWSLETTER #1

August 20, 2018

TO: PARENTS

FROM: MRS. SCHWEITZER

WELCOME TO THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR!!! WE ARE DELIGHTED YOU ARE HERE! I am really looking forward to a positive year! Teachers and staff are ready for this new beginning. Our theme for this school year is: "Shine with the Light of Christ." Our focus will be on our choices, words, and actions this year. Our choices, words, and actions should always help us "Shine with the Light of Christ."

S-H-I-N-E is the key word. Are our choices, words and actions: S—sincere, H—helpful, I—inspiring, N—necessary, E—empowering. In order to shine with Christ's light, we must be sure that our choices bring out the best in others and ourselves. Jesus came to shine the ultimate light, the light of salvation in our lives. Because we are His followers, we are called children of the light. We are supposed to be imitators of Jesus, doing as He did; it is what we are called to do.

During August and September, we will focus on being sincere in our choices, words and actions. When we think about the word "sincere", the word "honesty" or "truth" should come to mind. Scripture has much to say about light, honesty, and truth. Each week, we will be reminded of this through scripture verses. ☺

This week's verse comes from 2 Corinthians 4:6

"For God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of [Jesus] Christ."

MEET OUR FACULTY AND STAFF:

Mrs. Lisa Faulhaber – Kindergarten Homeroom

Ms. Patty Reams – 1st and 2nd Grade Homeroom

Mrs. Veronica Schweitzer – Principal & 3rd and 4th Homeroom

Mrs. Michelle Poe – 5th and 6th Homeroom

Mrs. Carole Simon – 7th and 8th Homeroom

Mrs. Nancy Beck – Reading Assistant Grades 1-4

Mrs. Jackie Benkert – Library/Computer Lab, Volunteer Art

Mrs. Anna Beth Wynn – Music

Mrs. Brenda Filer – Cafeteria Manager and Cook

Mrs. Lisa Bottom – Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tom Martin – Custodian and Maintenance

Sr. Suzanne – Math Volunteer – Sister is the former principal of Prince of Peace. She retired last year and has agreed to volunteer to teach some 8th grade math classes

MEET OUR NEW STUDENTS – We have quite a few new students and families this year. Welcome to St. Anthony!

Kindergarten – *Eylin Aguilar, Lighthouse Bradshaw, Gabby Dennler, Mylan Gregory, Holly Grueter, Gwyn Reinersman, Samantha Shirley, Harper Tupman*

First Grade – *Khloe Napier*

Second Grade – *Kalen Addington*

Third Grade – *Landen Deck and Antonio & Emilio Rodriguez*

Fourth Grade – *Ariel Garista*

Sixth Grade – *Sam Addington*

OUR BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC WILL BE HELD here on school grounds this Sunday, August 26th from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. It will provide everyone with a chance to meet and reconnect. We will share in some wonderful food! Meat will be provided by our school organizations. Families are asked to bring their own drinks, chairs and a dessert or side dish to share. Hope to see you there!! ☺

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT will be held next Wednesday, August 29th at 7 P.M. We will begin in the cafeteria and then gather into classrooms. After the group gathering, teachers will be available to answer questions that you may still have about classroom details. We will also have a number of school uniforms that have been donated back to us.

OUR CANDY AND MAGAZINE SALE KICKOFF will be Monday, August 27th. We will once again be selling World's Finest and magazines. All details will be coming home the day of the kick-off. Pay close attention to the information in the packets because we will once again be doing "Double Dollar Days." Unless you contact us to tell us you will be picking it up, we will be sending home candy with your child/children. Each child is required to take and sell at least one box of candy (\$60). Prizes will be based on money collected, not items sold. The sale will end on Friday, September 14th. Thanks for your cooperation and your support for this important fundraiser! ☺

COMMUNICATION This school year, the Diocesan schools will once again be using Sycamore Education for online grading. I have also set up our cafeteria on Sycamore, so you should be able to view your child's balances and the menu regularly by logging in on the computer or downloading the app. Login information will be sent home to new families today. If you are a returning family and need login information resent to you, please contact Mrs. Bottom.

For weather emergencies, I will be contacting the local news stations where information will be posted. I will also send out a group email. We also will be sending a text message via GroupMe. Paperwork will be included with the 2018-2019 School Year Paperwork that will be sent home this week.

FOLLOW US ON.....Twitter (@StAnthonyTM) and on Facebook (St. Anthony Church and School in Taylor Mill)

ABSENTEES & TARDEES: When your child is absent from school, we ask that you call school immediately. Mrs. Bottom will call you if you have not called us by 8:30. Also, a student is marked "tardy" if they arrive after 7:30 AM. In the handbook it states that once your child receives 5 "tardies" in the same trimester, he/she will receive an after school detention or a loss of 3 recesses, depending on their grade level. It is imperative that they be on time.

EARLY DISMISSAL: Any person picking up a student before regular dismissal, must sign the student out. No student will be dismissed from the classroom unless a teacher is notified by the office. A note should be sent with the student in the morning for all scheduled doctor/dentist appointments. The emergency information sheet will be checked to see if that person has permission to pick up the child. If not, we will make efforts to contact one of the student's parents. If we cannot get in touch with the parents, the child will not be permitted to leave. If someone is to pick up your child early, you must send a note to school with the following: *Student's name, date, time of pick up, person picking up the student, and parent signature.* This should be turned into the teacher who will sign it and send it to the office.

2018-2019 STUDENT HANDBOOK: A copy of the Student Handbook is attached. It has also been posted on our website and will be on Sycamore. You will be expected to read

this and sign a form confirming the fact that you have. Our website is www.saintanthonytaylormill.org/school.

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR PAPERWORK: An envelope with a number of important forms will be sent home this week with the oldest student in each family. It is important to complete these forms and return to school by Wednesday, August 30th.

SUPPLIES All students should have their required supplies and all books covered by **Monday, August 27th**. Please remember no adhesive covers because they ruin the binding of the books.

ASBESTOS.....is present in our building. It is contained asbestos and is maintained on a regular schedule according to all laws and regulations. It does not present a hazard to anyone in the building.

VIRTUS is the brand name that identifies best practice programs designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "rightdoing" within religious organizations. The VIRTUS programs empower organizations and people to better control risk and improve the lives of all those who interact with the Church. *"Protecting God's Children[®] for **Adults**"* is training conducted by VIRTUS[®] certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. The importance of the National Charter "Protecting God's Children" program was again highly emphasized at our opening diocesan principal's meeting. Simply stated – all adults who enter the school building or are around school children in any capacity, must be in full compliance with the charter. This requires completed paperwork on file with the Diocese, attendance at a one-time Virtus Live Training session and maintenance of monthly online bulletins. More information can be found at www.virtus.org. A list of the live training dates in our area is attached.

In summary, ALL ADULTS who would like to be involved with our school children must be Virtus certified and in compliance with the National Charter, *"Protecting God's Children" program*. **This means that all volunteers are required to be VIRTUS trained -- this includes classroom volunteers, field trip sponsors, room mothers, cafeteria workers, coaches, and substitutes, etc.** New parents wishing to be VIRTUS trained should register online at www.virtus.org. If you are transferring from another parochial school, please make sure you add St. Anthony School to your VIRTUS account. If you already have an account with VIRTUS and it has been suspended or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bottom.

LUNCH BOXES AND OTHER ITEMS... that children may have forgotten to bring with them in the morning must be brought to the office. All items will be delivered from there to minimize classroom interruptions.

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL P.T.O., BOOSTER, & C.O.F. ORGANIZATIONS:

Are major financial supporters of our school. They are responsible for the purchase of many supplies, equipment, resources, textbooks, and field trips. Please consider becoming involved and attending their monthly meetings. More information on meeting dates and events they sponsored will be shared on the Parent Meeting on August 23rd.

LUNCH.... This year lunch is \$3.00. If your child would like to purchase only a drink or extras, the cost is \$.50 / each. Dessert will be available once a week and is included in the lunch purchase or if your child packs, they may buy one for \$.50. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Bottom or Mrs. Filer.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Again this year we will be collecting Box Tops; unfortunately, there is no longer a plan for Campbells Soup Labels. Each trimester we will collect the labels and the winning homeroom will receive a day Out of Uniform. You may send your Box Tops in at any time. With the credit from Box Tops, I am able to get some nice extras for our school. Thanks for your support!

NOTRE DAME URBAN EDUCATION CENTER: The Notre Dame Urban Education is now registering students for the 2018-2019 school year. The Center offers one-on-one help with homework. Each child will receive an hour where they will work with a tutor on homework, written work, studying and long-range assignments. The program is open to children grades 1-8 and is located at 14 E. 8th Street, Covington, KY 41011. Students brought home registration information last week. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 23, 2018.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- PARENT NIGHT WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29rd AT 7 P.M.
- NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, SEPT. 3TH - LABOR DAY
- MAP TESTING GRADES K-7 BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPT. 4TH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Harper Gamm (8/3)
- Harper Tupman (8/7)
- Will Miller (8/14)
- Emilio Rodriguez (8/19)
- Antonio Rodriguez (8/19)

MENU FOR THIS WEEK

20 Chicken Nuggets (Fries)	21 Spaghetti w/meatballs	22 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich	23 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger	24 Fish Sticks
French Fries Fruit Vegetable	Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Vegetable	Chips Fruit Vegetable	French Fries Fruit Vegetable	Mac & Cheese Vegetable Fruit
27 Bagel w/Cr Cheese or PB				
Salami Fruit Vegetable				

ATTACHMENTS

- 2018-2019 Handbook