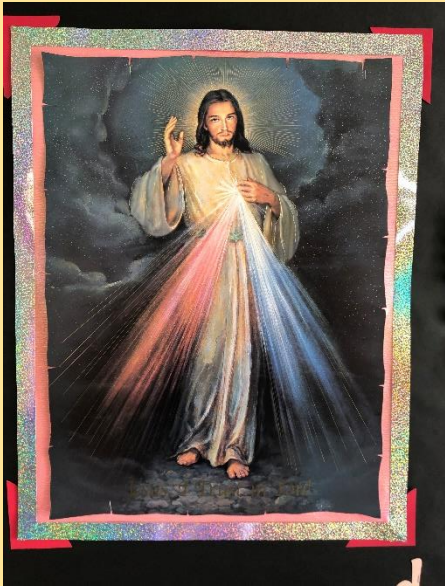


ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



Last week we discovered some of what the Bible had to say about the Corporal Work of Mercy: giving shelter to the homeless. There are things that we can do to help give shelter to the homeless such as donating old furniture and home goods to those in need, educating ourselves about where homeless shelters and community kitchens are in our area so that we can tell someone we see/know in need, and donating money or goods to places like St. Vincent DePaul or BeConcerned. ☺

THE NATIVITY TRAIL: During Advent, the school will travel The Nativity Trail together through the Psalms. This is the trail that Mary and Joseph followed from Nazareth to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. I will send video links to our daily readings/prayers/reflections. Please share them with your children as we make our journey to Christmas. ☺

GOOD NEWS!! I would just like to give a “shout out” to one of our 8th Graders who organized a food drive for BeConcerned in Covington. BeConcerned serves those in need in our area with donations of food, clothing, furniture, COVID sanitation kits, etc. As a part of his Confirmation service project, Cooper Brue organized a food drive for BeConcerned. He collected donations from family, neighbors, and Bishop Brossart High School seniors. In spite of our current circumstances with COVID, his food drive was a wonderful success! Thank you, Cooper, for demonstrating God’s mercy in action!!

NO SCHOOL/NON-TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION: Tomorrow Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a holy day of obligation so school will not be in session. *ALSO, THE ACADEMIC SUPPORT SESSIONS WILL NOT OCCUR on Tuesday. They will resume on Wednesday this week.*

PTO MEETING - Tomorrow night at 7 PM, PTO will hold their monthly meeting via ZOOM. If you would like to attend, please email the school for the link.

NTI - With our first full week of Non-Traditional Instruction under our belts, we move on to week 2. Here's hoping that week 1 was successful for the most part with only a slight problem here or there. ***IT IS VITAL THAT STUDENTS COMPLETE WORK ACCORDING TO TEACHER'S DIRECTIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER AND THAT THEY ATTEND GOOGLE MEETINGS AND WATCH ONLINE VIDEOS WHEN ASSIGNED.***

EXPECTATIONS FOR NTI:

- Students should be awake, ready with supplies, and in attendance every day. If your child is not in attendance, you will receive a phone call from the office. THIS IS A SCHOOL DAY.
- If there is an issue connecting to a Google Meet, you should notify the office immediately.
- Students should wear either St. Anthony School spirit wear or their school uniform.
- Students should not eat during online classes. A water bottle is permitted.
- Students should be seated at a table or desk so that they can focus.
- Work is to be completed and returned on scheduled drop off/pick up days unless the teacher has stated otherwise. If necessary, please assist your child in organizing their return work. It should be placed in the envelope or folder received in and should have a name on everything.

DROP OFF/PICK UP SCHEDULE: Drop off and pick up will occur on **FRIDAYS** from **8 - 4**.

- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH** – drop off work from 12/4 and pick up new assignments
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH** – drop off work from 12/11. No work to pick up.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT REMINDER: Our academic support will continue for this week and next. Parents of **kindergarten through grade 4** may drop your child(ren) off at school between 7:50-8:00 AM. The usual morning drop-off procedure will be followed. Additionally, please be prompt picking up your child(ren) up at 9:45 AM. Students will be dismissed according to normal procedure.

Academic Support for **grades 5 - 8** takes place in the afternoons from 12:30 - 2:15 PM. Drop-off will be between 12:20-12:30 PM and pick up promptly at 2:15 PM. The usual drop-off and dismissal procedures will be followed.

Students who are able to attend these sessions should plan to come, focus on tasks, and stay for the full length of time. They should wear St. Anthony Spirit Wear or their school uniforms. Daily attendance will be taken at the academic support sessions for those students in attendance. Students should bring necessary supplies with them based on the daily NTI schedules that were sent home via email on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Additionally, all COVID-19 safety measures and protocols established by the Diocese of Covington and St. Anthony School will be followed. Please continue to perform daily self-assessments, have your child(ren) wear a mask, and remind them to follow the guidelines that have been in place while in the school building.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **December 18, 2020 – Last day of school before Christmas break. There will not be Academic Support on this day. NTI requirements for this day will be shared next week.**
- **January 4, 2021 – First Day of school after break**