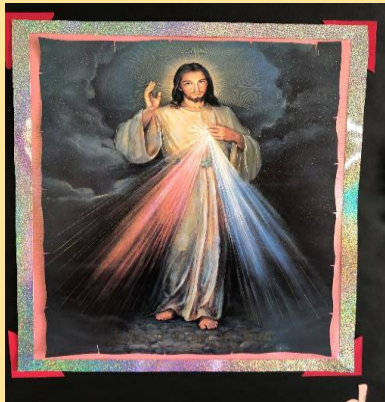


# ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



*This week is my favorite week of the school year! We get to celebrate Catholic schools. Our theme for Catholic Schools' Week this year is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." I truly feel blessed because I have been a part of Catholic education all of my life. My parents sacrificed to send my five siblings and me through Catholic elementary school and Catholic high school. As an adult, I made the decision to teach in the Diocese of Covington. What a blessing it has been!*

*In my opinion, Catholic education makes a difference: it makes the world a better place. I will quote something that my daughter, now an adult and an educator, wrote recently about being a part of a Catholic school community: "I have realized the value and impact that a Catholic education has on individuals. Having a foundation rooted in faith, community, and service sets the Catholic education system apart from any other." This makes me smile! I am certain that someday your children will understand that you have given them a wonderful gift: a Catholic education. MAY GOD BLESS OUR DIOCESE AND OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS! ☺*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK...** began yesterday Sunday, January 31, 2021. The theme this year is: "Catholic Schools: FAITH. EXCELLENCE. SERVICE." During this week, we will participate in fun activities that get us excited about being a part of a Catholic school community and that allow us to show our appreciation for the wonderful gift of Catholic education! I have included a calendar of events attached to this newsletter. We will NOT hold our book fair during Catholic Schools' Week. This will be held at a later date instead.

**CAFETERIA** – The cafeteria will not be serving lunch beginning **February 8th thru POSSIBLY March 5th**. During this time, students will be required to pack their lunch and drink each day.

**EARLY DISMISSAL ....** THIS Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> school will dismiss at 11 AM. BUS SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE THAT DAY AS USUAL.

**"THE SNOWY DAY"** - Thanks to our PTO for making it possible for students to watch a virtual performance of *The Snowy Day* sponsored by Cincinnati Playhouse. We will watch this performance during the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PTO ONLINE AUCTION** - The first annual online auction is underway! All proceeds will go toward purchasing new flooring for our school. If you click on our link below, it will take you directly to our auction site. You must create an account before you can start bidding. The auction lasts until February 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. HAPPY BIDDING!!!

<http://www.32auctions.com/stanthonypto>

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY** is NEXT MONDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please let Mrs. Bottom know if your child will have his/her picture retaken.

**SCHOOL HOUSE SYMPHONY** will hold a virtual performance for students on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. This performance is made possible by a grant for ACUE schools.

**NO SCHOOL** School will not be in session on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day.

**LAROSAS BUDDY CARDS** – PTO is continuing the sale of buddy cards. Please contact the office if interested in buying one. The cost is \$10 for 14 buy one get one free cheese pizza deals.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- **Please remember to perform your student's Daily Personal Health Assessment each day**
- **Masks and water bottles should be taken home nightly for cleaning and sanitizing. Additional St. Anthony Masks (adjustable) are available for purchase in the school office.**

**LUNCH MENU THIS WEEK**

- Tuesday – Hard or Soft Tacos
- Wednesday – Corn Dogs
- Thursday – Cheese Pizza
- Friday – EARLY DISMISSAL – No lunch served