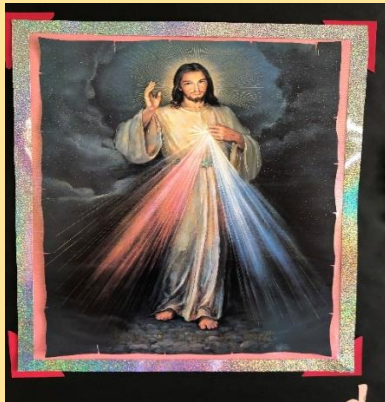


ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



Now that the excitement of Catholic Schools' Week has ended, we can return our focus to our theme: "Trust and Mercy." We have been focusing on the Corporal Works of Mercy for a while now. For this week, we will be thinking about what the Bible says about burying the dead and how we can live this out. From John 19: 41-42 we hear, "Now in the tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by." We can live this out by praying for those who have died, comforting those who have lost loved ones, and paying our respects to those we know and love who have died.

A BIG THANK YOU!! I would like to thank our St. Anthony PTO and Catholic Order of Foresters for sponsoring our Catholic Schools' Week activities! The faculty, staff, and students had a wonderfully fun week!!! 😊

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 9th at 8 PM. HAPPY BIDDING!!!

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

CAFETERIA – The cafeteria will not be serving lunch beginning **today thru POSSIBLY March 5th**. During this time, students will be required to pack their lunch and drink each day. **As the end of February approaches, I will update you on whether the cafeteria will open before March 5th.**

"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 this week at school.

SCHOOL HOUSE SYMPHONY ... will hold a virtual performance for students tomorrow, February 9th. This performance is made possible by a grant for ACUE schools.

CALENDAR CHANGE - Many teachers and staff of St. Anthony will be receiving the second dose of the Coronavirus vaccine the weekend of February 20 and February 21. Doctors have noted that 30% of people have symptoms with the second dose of the vaccine which make it difficult to work shortly after. As a precaution, because so many of us at St. Anthony will be receiving the second dose at the same time that weekend, **I have decided that Monday, February 22 there will be no in-person instruction.** Instead, work will be sent home with students on Friday, February 19th. This work should be completed on Monday. This will be a modified NTI day because there will be no online classes due to the fact that we are unsure how any of us will respond to this second dose, although teachers will be available via email that day. As I said, it is simply a precaution because if several of us are not feeling well, I would have no one to cover classes. I truly apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but I believe that it is the best decision that I can make for all teachers and students. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

NO SCHOOL School will not be in session on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents’ Day.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR ... Our annual Book Fair will be up and running from Monday, March 1st through Friday, March 5th. Students will be able to purchase books and items during the school day during this week. Please support our Book Fair.

VALENTINE’S DAY Students may bring in Valentines to share. Please be sure that any treats that will be shared are prepackaged for easy distribution.

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.**