

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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Happy last full week of January!! Last week we focused on a scripture verse related to the corporal work of mercy: visit the imprisoned. This week we try to think of ways we can live this out. We may be able to send someone a care package, visit or cook for someone who is homebound, read to someone who is unable to read, or maybe send someone who is homebound a card. Reaching out to those in need helps us become the best versions of ourselves. ☺

HALF TRIMESTER - Progress reports were sent home last Tuesday, January 19th. If you have not yet let your child's teacher know that you have seen his/her progress report, please do so AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

OPEN HOUSE Due to Diocesan COVID19 protocols, we will be unable to have an Open House as it has been held in the past. Open House must be limited to prospective families and conducted by appointment only. If you know of someone who may be interested in visiting our school, please have them contact school@stanth.org or call the school office (859-431-5987) in order to set up a time to come in and visit! ☺

A DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE FOR LIFE - Bishop Foy will hold a Right to Life Mass at our Cathedral in Covington at 9:00 AM this Friday, Jan. 29th. This Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocesan website (<https://covdio.org/>). Afterward, beginning at 10:30 AM, St. Anthony Parish and Holy Cross Parish will join together outside of St. Anthony Church to pray the rosary and then conduct their own March for Life with a walk from St. Anthony Church to Holy Cross Church. All are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK begins 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - PTO is planning an Online Auction from January 29th through February 10. All funds raised will be used to replace the flooring in the classrooms. More information to follow.

UPDATED DIOCESAN GUIDELINES The Diocese has once again updated its COVID19 Guidelines and added a new section for quarantine exemption questions and answers. Below I have highlighted the updates:

- **Travel Update** – There was a lot of confusion and challenges when Kentucky added every state to their travel advisory. As a result, the Diocesan task force has decided to return to previous guidance which mandates quarantines for travel to states where the positivity rate is 15% or higher (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/tracker/map/percent-positive>). We would still like families to communicate their trips like they have done all year to ensure the trip activities remain low risk. You may still be required to quarantine due to high-risk trip activities.

- **Quarantine Exemption Questions and Answers:**

1. **I have already had COVID19, do I have to quarantine again if I am deemed a close contact?**

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days you will not have to go into quarantine as a result of being a close contact. It is important to note that while it is rare, you can still get COVID-19 during this 90-day period and beyond so you should always follow the symptom protocols regardless of a previous diagnosis.

2. **If I have a positive antibody test may I be exempt from quarantine?**

No, the current guidance does not recognize positive antibody tests as a reason to be exempt from a close contact quarantine. You can read more information about antibody testing from the CDC

here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/serology-overview.html>

3. **I have received the vaccine, may I be exempt from quarantine?**

No, at this time the guidance from the health department does not allow for an exemption to a quarantine if you have been vaccinated.

4. **Our entire family has previously tested positive**

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

EARLY DISMISSAL - Friday, Feb. 5th school will dismiss at 11 AM. BUS SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE THAT DAY AS USUAL

quarantine? At this time, the travel quarantine will apply to all students regardless of a previous COVID-19 positive test. While there may be a 90-day immunity to COVID-19, it is still possible to get and transmit the virus and travel may increase that risk. The travel quarantine ensures that families who choose higher risk activities do not impose those same risks on school families who are not choosing to take the same risks.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and honesty about your family's activities. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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 – Walking Tacos
- WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti w/ meatballs or Salad Bar w/ Baked Potato
- THURSDAY - 6th Grade Lunch - Cheese Pizza, Chocolate Chip Cookie – dessert
- FRIDAY - Soft Pretzel w/ Cheese
- MONDAY - Chicken Nuggets