

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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The next two weeks we find out what the Bible says about giving shelter to the homeless: another Corporal Work of Mercy. During the holidays and these cold autumn mornings, it is hard to imagine not having a home. 1 John 3:17 says, "If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." ☺

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. ☺

NON-TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION REMINDERS: A separate letter from the Diocese is attached to this email regarding in-person instruction. Last week, I emailed important information about NTI that included a schedule for each grade. Each child is expected to follow the class schedule for their grade that I emailed. Paper packets were also available for pick up today. Teachers may or may not list the Google Meet on the paper packet sent home, however, the Google Meets listed on the NTI schedule will occur EVERY DAY unless the teacher indicates otherwise in class or via email. Some teachers have set up assignments/videos to go out via Google Classroom. It is wise to help them check their school email accounts using the credentials sent home last week. This will help you help them have what they need and complete all assignments.

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.**
- 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.

DROP OFF/PICK UP SCHEDULE: Please note that going forward, drop off and pick up will occur on **FRIDAYS.**

- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH** – drop off work from 11/30 and pick up new assignments
- **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 for **grades kindergarten through grade 4** will take place in the mornings from 8:00 - 9:45 AM **starting Wednesday, December 2nd.** Please 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** will take place in the afternoons from 12:30 - 2:15 PM **starting Wednesday, December 2nd.** 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 must plan to focus on tasks and stay for the full length of time. They should wear St. Anthony Spirit Wear or their school uniforms. These support times coincide with the Google Meet schedule – if your child(ren) are in attendance for academic support, they do not need to log into the Google Meet scheduled at that time. Daily attendance will be taken at the academic support sessions for those students in attendance. If a Google Meet is scheduled outside of the academic support timeframe for your child(ren)'s grade, they should still attend that scheduled Meeting. Students should bring necessary supplies with them based on the daily NTI schedules referenced above.

Additionally, all COVID-19 safety measures and protocols established by the Diocese of Covington and St. Anthony School will be followed. Temperatures will be taken upon entry and masks must be worn at all times in the building. Please remind your child(ren) to follow the established guidelines that have been in place at school and continue to perform daily self-assessments.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a holy day of obligation, so school will not be in session.**