

# ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



*God Rules! This month, we will focus on the Third Commandment: "Keep holy the Lord's day." Sometimes we hear this stated as "Keep holy the Sabbath." This means we are called to set aside one day a week (Sunday) to refocus ourselves on God and the gifts of creation that he has so generously given us. We should do this by worshipping, praying, and spending time with loved ones.*

*Our challenge this week will be to:  
Go to Mass every Sunday.*

*Prayer for our school year: "Dear God, please grant us the strength to be your faithful followers. Help us live out these Ten Commandments so that we may grow closer to you each day and be reunited with you in Heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior... Amen."*

**SAY CHEESE!!!** TOMORROW, TUESDAY, OCT. 3RD is Picture Day! Students may come Out of Uniform for pictures. Please remember that sleeveless shirts/dresses should not be worn according to our dress code. Also, be aware that hoop earrings are also not permitted for safety reasons. ***Shorts, skirts, dresses should still be no higher than 4 inches above the knee.*** Students will still be going outside and playing for recess, weather permitting, so practical shoes should be worn. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PET BLESSING** – To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, we will have a Pet Blessing this Wednesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:45PM. We will meet in Mary's Grotto behind the lower playground. We hope that you and your pet can join us for this special event!

**GARDEN CLUB** – The Garden Club will meet this Thursday from 2:30 – 3:30. Please send a note if your student(s) will be staying.

**NO BUS SERVICE** – There will be NO KENTON COUNTY BUS SERVICE ON **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH OR MONDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**. These will be a private transportation days.

**PUMPKIN DECORATING PARTY – MONDAY OCTOBER 9** from 2:30 - 4:30 - The Catholic Order of Foresters is sponsoring a Pumpkin Decorating Party! All supplies are provided - including a snack and drink! All students are invited to attend! We will decorate pumpkins, play Halloween Bingo, and have lots of Halloween fun!! There is no cost for this event but **you MUST RSVP by Friday Oct 6!** Please sign the attached permission slip and return to school by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6. If you do not send your child's permission slip in by Friday, we cannot guarantee we will have enough pumpkins for your child. We will be meeting in the school cafeteria. For pick-up PLEASE PARK IN THE LOWER LOT OR THE UPPER PARKING LOTS BEHIND SCHOOL. I will walk the students out to you at 4:30. Thank you!

## “GOD RULES”

**EMPOWERING GOD’S CHILDREN** – During the month of October in religion classes, teachers will be conducting Empowering God’s Children lessons. These lessons are a mandatory part of the Diocese of Covington safety curriculum. Attached to today’s newsletter is a preview of the program and an opt out form if you choose that your child not participate in the lesson. Return the completed form only if your child will not sit in on the lesson the day that his/her teacher is teaching it. If you have any questions about the program after reading the preview, please contact the school office.

**NO SCHOOL** – Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> school will not be in session. Enjoy the long weekend with your family.

**SWEATSHIRTS** – There are extra hooded sweatshirts available in the office in various sizes. Sweatshirts are \$18. Please contact the office.

**PAMPERED CHEF SALE ONLINE** – The PTO will host an online Pampered Chef sale that will begins TODAY and ends on Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Our PTO will receive a percentage of sales for this event. PTO does so much to support our school and our students, and for this we are truly grateful! If our school goal of \$1,000 is met, we will have a sundae bar! We are well on our way to this goal!! Thanks for your support!

[St. Anthony Pampered Chef Sale](#)

**FALL FUNDRAISER** - Our World’s Finest Chocolate Sale has ended. There are still some families with boxes of chocolate out who have not returned payment to the office. Please do that ASAP.

**HALLOWEENFEST** – PTO’s annual Halloweenfest is Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. They would like a raffle basket from each homeroom. Room parents will be contacting you soon in regard to donations for this. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with the planning of Halloweenfest, there is a meeting on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM at Larosas in Taylor Mill. Hope to see you there!

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*St. Anthony Catholic School accepts the responsibility, along with the parents, to educate students spiritually, morally, and academically in a safe & caring Christian atmosphere. Each individual is assured academic achievement and develops social and emotional growth while embracing the gospel message of Jesus Christ.*

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Please wait until all students have been dismissed to depart the parking lot after school. Thanks for your patience!
- Dismissal is a busy time. Please do not allow children to run & play on school grounds at the end of the day. With more students & vehicles coming and going we need to ensure everyone is picked up safely. Thank you for your cooperation.
- There are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. Each student should bring their own water bottle.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

*St. Anthony Catholic School’s vision is to work together as a team composed of students, parents, teachers and staff in a positive manner to build strong, spiritual children who give witness to their faith.*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> – No bus service**
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> – No bus service**
- **PUMPKIN DECORATING – MONDAY, OCT. 9<sup>TH</sup> AFTER SCHOOL**
- **NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY, OCT. 13<sup>TH</sup>**
- **HALLOWEENFEST - OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **LUNCH THIS WEEK**

- **TUESDAY – Cones or Hot Dog**
- **WEDNESDAY – Spaghetti w/ meat sauce**
- **THURSDAY – Confetti Pancakes**
- **FRIDAY – Cheese Bites**
- **MONDAY – BBQ Chicken Pizza**

