

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



In St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians chapter 4 verse 32, he says, "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

What do these words mean to us as followers of Jesus? These words tell us what it means to be Christian, and how God calls us to "Live by the Spirit" so as to grow His Kingdom on earth and live holier, happier lives.

This school year, we will spend time focusing on the Sunday Gospel readings and what they tell us about how we can "Live by the Spirit" each and every day.

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.

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.

MEET OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:

- **Mrs. Lisa Faulhaber** – Kindergarten, Grade 1
- **Ms. Patty Reams** – Grades 1-2
- **Mrs. Rachel Webster** – Grades 2-3
- **Mrs. Katy Murray** – Grades 4-8
- **Ms. Karen Blank** – Grades 4-8
- **Mrs. Carole Simon** – Grades 4-8
- **Mrs. Veronica Schweitzer** – Principal, Grades 4-6
- **Sr. Suzanne Rose** – Grade 8 Math

DISMISSAL – Please be sure to arrive at school to pick up your students on time in your designated area. Traffic tends to become a problem if cars arrive once dismissal has occurred. Students line up in the school based on the area they will be dismissed to. The County bus will begin tomorrow and should depart BEFORE any cars leave the parking lot. If you have questions, please contact the office.

- **Ms. Kaleigh Callahan** – Classroom Aide
- **Mrs. Tina Walter** – Covington Title I
- **Mrs. Jackie Benkert** – Art Grades K-8
- **Mrs. Tara Drummond** – Music Grades K-8
- **Mr. Bob Hamman** – Cafeteria Manager/Cook
- **Mrs. Lisa Bottom** – Administrative Assistant
- **Mr. Tom Martin** – Maintenance and Custodian
- **Mr. Pete Mancyzk** – Website
- **Fr. Ivan Kalamuzi** – Pastor

SCHOOL MASSES – This year Grades K-8 will attend Mass on Tuesday mornings at 8AM and Grades K-3 will attend Mass on Friday mornings at 8AM. Please join us any time as we learn about and participate in the greatest form of communal prayer in our Catholic faith ~ the Holy Mass.

USDA SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM - At this time, all students will receive a breakfast and a Hot Lunch with a drink at no cost to parents as part of the Community Eligibility Provision (“CEP”) under the National School Lunch Program.

FAMILY FEE – If you have not already done so, please be sure to pay the \$50 family fee as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATION – This school year, the Diocesan schools will once again be no longer be Sycamore. The new system is FACTS – information on how to log into the portal will be sent home soon.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) – Our PTO organization has its first meeting for the new school year on Wednesday, August 26th at 6PM BEFORE Parent Information Night. Meetings will usually be held the third Tuesday of every month throughout the school year. Please join us on Wednesday, August 26th for the first meeting of the school year as we discuss what’s ahead!

IMPORTANT NEW YEAR PAPERWORK – An envelope with 2026/2027 school paperwork will be sent home soon with students. Please return the envelopes with ALL COMPLETED paperwork completed ASAP.

SCHOOL ABSENCES – Please be sure to contact the school office by 7:30AM if your student will be absent on a given day. An email or note should be sent to document the absence upon the student’s return. After 3 days, a physician’s note / release is required to accompany the form or note.

PE SHIRTS – Today students were given a PE t-shirt that may be worn to school on MONDAYS when the students will have PE. Black gym shorts, sweatpants, or uniform bottoms may be worn with the t-shirt. The sponsorships on the back of the shirt covered the cost for one shirt per student. A few extra shirts are available for \$10 each – contact the office if you would like to purchase one. Checks made out to St. Anthony PTO or cash should be sent in with this form.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday, August 6th at 6:45 PM. This is a night for parents to learn about school and classroom procedures and routines. The gathering will begin in the cafeteria and then parents may visit classrooms if they wish. This year, someone will be available to translate information.

FUN OFFERINGS IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KY – Covington Parks & Recreation is inviting local students to get active and build new skills this fall through two youth programs: the Youth Soccer League and the E-Gaming Club.

The **Youth Soccer League** is open to **students in kindergarten through fourth grade** and will run **from Sept. 13 through Oct. 18**. Games will be played on **Sundays**, with the location and practice days to be determined.

The league will provide young players with an opportunity to learn and enjoy the game of soccer in a fun environment.

The **E-Gaming Club** is an after-school esports program open to all **students in sixth through eighth grade**. The program will meet **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.**, from **Sept. 15 through Nov. 5**, at the **Boys & Girls Club, 30 W. 26th St.**

The E-Gaming Club is designed to allow students to experience organized gaming in a structured and supervised environment while developing skills in teamwork, communication, strategy, leadership and sportsmanship.

Students participating in the E-Gaming Club do not have to be members of the Boys & Girls Club.

	Registration for both programs is available through the Covington Parks & Recreation registration website at covparks.recdesk.com. Families are encouraged to register early and take advantage of these opportunities this fall.
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- *There are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. Each student should bring their own water bottle.*

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- *Wednesday – Mini Corn Dogs*
- *Thursday – Chicken Tenders*
- *Friday – Grilled Cheese*
- *Monday – Soft Taco or Nachos*