

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



OUR WORD OF THE WEEK FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW IS “forfeit”

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.

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW – So that the faculty and staff can attend the funeral for Ms. Blank's mother, there will be **NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, Tuesday, September 1st**. Please keep Ms. Blank and her family in your prayers.

THE ANNUAL WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE – This is very important fundraiser began last week. It is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, thanks to all of you. These funds greatly help our school. The school will earn 50% of the profit when 100 boxes or more are sold, and some prizes/incentives will be awarded. The chocolate sale will end on Friday, Sept. 18th.

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE FOR THIS SALE. **NOW THERE ARE 40 CHOCOLATE BARS IN A BOX AND EACH BAR COSTS \$2.00 A COMPLETE BOX IS NOW WORTH \$80.** Students will receive incentives for selling.

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

COMMUNICATION – Well, our first round of communication through FACTS messaging did not go so well. We have discovered that it draws on only one parent phone number and sometimes the text ends up in the spam folder. Thank you for your patience as we work through these new programs. Communications will be sent via email at this time. As we learn new things, we will keep you up to date.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNSELOR – We welcome our new school counselor, Mr. Jason Voight. Last week you should have received an email introducing himself. He will be at St. Anthony every Tuesday that school is in session. If you would I like to reach out to him about your child, his Google voice/text is 513-570-4442 and his school email is jvoight@stanth.org. I know that he is happy to be here and looking forward to a great school year with us!

MAP TESTING – Three times a year it is required that our school administer MAP Tests to students in Grades K-8. The testing window for diocesan schools opens on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, and remains open until Friday, Sept. 25th. For students in Grades Kindergarten through 1st Grade, Reading and Math are tested. For students in Grades 2-8, Reading, Math, and Language are tested. Please be sure that your children are well rested, and encourage them to do their best to stay focused and give their best effort. If you would like more information on MAP Tests, you can access the Family Toolkit at <https://www.nwea.org/family-toolkit/>. Thank you for your support in the important part of your child's education.

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.

IMPORTANT NEW YEAR PAPERWORK – An envelope with 2026/2027 school paperwork can be picked up at parent night or will be sent home with students on Thursday. Please return the envelopes this week.

PE SHIRTS – A few extra shirts are available for \$10 each – contact the office if you would like to purchase one. The shirts only came in S, M, L, XL for youth and adults.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) – Since our PTO met so late in August, there will be no PTO meeting for September. The PTO will have its next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20th in the school library.

ACUE BOOSTERS BASKETBALL SIGN UP – If your student wishes to play basketball this season, sign-ups are happening this week. The ACUE Boosters will once again be offering a FREE instructional basketball league for Grades K-2. Also, teams for the basketball teams K-8 are forming. You must sign up this week via the QR Code in the attachment or the link below if your student(s) is interested.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSH5oEjok4-e4gL_uFz2wTQ8PiaTtalH3NZLQfrwzrwHqlfA/viewform?pli=1

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- *There are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. Each student should bring their own water bottle.*
- *School begins at 7:30am. It is beneficial for students to arrive a little early to prepare for their day so they are not rushing or catching up first thing.*

UPCOMING DATES

- **September 5th & 6th** – St. Anthony Parish Latino Festival
- **September 7th** – No School – Labor Day

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- *Tuesday – NO SCHOOL*
- *Wednesday – Orange Chicken*
- *Thursday – Chicken Tenders*
- *Friday – Max Cheese Stix*
- *Monday – NO SCHOOL*
- *Tuesday - Hot Dog / Cheese Coney*