ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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Our Word of the Week from the Gospel of Matthew: *"HYPOCRITE"*

"Knowing the malice of the Pharisees, Jesus said, 'Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?"

*To **"Live by the Spirit"** we are to grow God's 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.*

SCHOOL NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 🎃 **PTO Pumpkin Decorating Party-** October 20th - All students are invited to a free after-school event on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 2:30–4:30 PM in the Cafeteria! Enjoy pumpkin decorating, Halloween Bingo, snacks, and fun—all supplies included.
    - ❖ RSVP Required: Return signed permission slips by Thursday, Oct. 15 to secure a pumpkin.
    - ❖ Pickup: Park in the upper or lower lots behind school for dismissal at 4:30 PM.
- **Picture Orders:** Forms will be sent home this week with instructions on how to access your student(s) photos. You may order online or stop in the office to order the pictures if you like.
- **St. Anthony Drama Club Kickoff (Grades K–8)** Calling all student actors! St. Anthony Drama Club is back. Students create, write, and star in their own original play, performing for family and friends on **Thursday, March 11, 2027**.
    - ❖ **First Meeting & Brainstorming:** Tuesday, Oct. 27 | 2:30–4:00 PM (Cafeteria) - Snacks and drinks provided!
    - ❖ **Permission Due:** Please send a permission note with pickup details by **Friday, Oct. 23** (required for busing, Urban Center, and snack prep).
    - ❖ **Questions?** Contact Mrs. Faulhaber at LFaulhaber@stanth.org.
- **World's Finest Chocolate Sale:** Thanks to all who participated! Congratulations to our top sellers - Brandon & Hallie Dummitt, Ashton Garnett and Niko Francisco - selling 8 boxes!!! If you have outstanding box payments, please send them to the office as soon as possible.
- **Pet Blessing:** In honor of St. Francis of Assisi whose Feast Day is this month, Fr. Ivan will hold a Pet Blessing next Monday, October 19th at 1:30 in the Grotto as long as weather permits.
- **PTO Meeting:** Next Tuesday, October 20th there will be a PTO meeting in the school library at 7PM. All are welcome to come and share ideas!
- **Rosary:** On Friday, October 23rd we will participate in an all school rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary.

COMMUNITY & HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

- **Texas Roadhouse Night TONIGHT between 3PM and 10PM: Present the attached flyer or mention St. Anthony and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to PTO**
- **Holy Cross High School Events:**

➢ **Open House:** Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. I strongly encourage all 8th graders and even 7th graders to attend this event on Sunday to see what Holy Cross High School has to offer!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Arrival:** School begins at 7:30 AM. Arriving early allows students time to prepare without rushing.
- **Water Bottles:** Water fountains are unavailable; please bring a reusable water bottle for refilling.

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, Oct. 19	Pet Blessing at 12:45 PM (in the Grotto)
Tuesday, Oct. 20	Pumpkin Decorating starting at 2:30 PM

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

Wednesday	Mini Corn Dogs
Thursday	Chicken Tenders
Friday	Grilled Cheese
Monday	Soft Tacos or Nachos

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.