

# Shamrock Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – School Mass 10:30am

Monday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – No School – Labor Day

Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Back to School Night for Grades 5-8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Dine & Donate at Napa Valley Bistro

Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day!

Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Catechetical Mass 10:30am

9/18 – 9/28 ITBS Testing for Grades 2 – 8



**UPCOMING EVENT: Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> Moonlight Masquerade Ball**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

In Matthew, Jesus tells a parable about three men whose employer entrusted them with some money called talents. Two of the men were diligent and invested the talents and received a great return. The third man was afraid and buried what he was given. The first two men were rewarded and praised for their diligence while the third man was rebuked.

Follow the example of the first two men and look for ways to be diligent with what you have in your hand. Whatever you do, do it with joy and selflessness. Be the best you can be and go the extra mile, even when you think it goes unnoticed. Understand that when people don't notice, God notices and promises to reward those who share their gifts and talents.

*"Heavenly Father, thank You for Your favor and blessing on our lives. I choose to do everything to the best of my ability. I give You all the glory in Jesus' name. Amen."*

Seven years ago when Sister Philomena and Monsignor Joe hired me, I had no idea of the blessings which would be brought to the community of St Apollinaris Catholic school community. It was evident at the TK - 4 back to school night, we are blessed. It was great to see all of you last night. I look forward to the new school year with all the blessings to come.

This first week has been AMAZING. I love when students return. Laughter and smiles fill the hallways. It has been an excellent start to a new school year. I couldn't be more proud of the returning students as they welcome new students to our community. I ask that you reach out to new families to support them during this transition.

### **What is new or has changed?**

(I will highlight these changes periodically as to not to overwhelm families)

**New:** The parking solution, from Amanda Feliz, has been very successful! Families who stay through assembly have been parking on the side on the elementary play yard. This has helped alleviate the backup in the morning. Parents ideas are the BEST! Keep them coming!

### **Changed:**

We have many exciting enrichment activities at St. A's. "Faith Families" are activities that happen once a month. They are led by the upper grade students. Each family has a student from each class. It is a wonderful bonding experience. The activity focuses on our faith. The students, at all grade levels, love these special days! This year "Faith Families" will be scheduled on the last Friday of each month, excluding May. The activity will be at 2pm, so we are eliminating the need for the 8<sup>th</sup> grader to bring a snack.

October 27 - 2pm - 3pm

November 17 - 2pm - 3pm

December 15 - 2pm - 3pm

January 26 - 2pm - 3pm

February 23 - 2pm - 3pm

March 23 - 2pm - 3pm

April 27 - 2pm - 3pm

Have a safe and blessed Labor Day weekend,  
Connie Howard

SCHOOL NEWS

Parents we ask that you please not move the cones. They are placed in those areas for safety reasons. Please refrain younger siblings from playing with cones and instead encourage safety. Thank you for your understanding.



### **Congratulations to our 2017-2018 St. A's Leadership Team (S.A.L.T):**

**Returning Members:**

Isabella Wright  
Erin Meader  
Katelyn Kerr  
Raimy Gamsby  
Natasha Beitz  
Jack Foust  
Lauren Dunlap

**New Members:**

Grace Grimshaw  
Megan O'Malley  
Eleanor Meyers  
Giancarlo Capponi  
Meghan Goleno  
Anna Pyrce  
Luke Pyrce  
Anthony Merlino  
Lanai Merlino  
Hannah Pham  
Abigail Smith  
Austin Sidhu  
Gabrielle George  
Vanessa Solis  
Jackson Smith

## SCRIP NEWS



Congratulations to the Clunies-Ross Family, winner of the September scrip raffle!!!



## Athletic News



Volleyball is in full swing for our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls!

With just four practices under their belt, the **8th grade girls** unfortunately lost both of their openers. The first match against Saint John's Lutheran ended in two games but was close, losing by only 2 and 3 points respectively. Jovanna and Erin were both the high point scorers with their consistent serving keeping their opponents on their feet.

The second game against always tough opponent Saint John's Healdsburg had us playing a third game with Jovanna's strong serves helping get the first game win with some great effort saves by Sarah and Bella. We fell in the next two games but the entire team showed a lot of improvement and potential!

The **7th grade girls** volleyball team got off to an exciting start this past Saturday, winning the first two matches of the season against St John's Lutheran and St John's Healdsburg. The girls defeated St John's Lutheran in two games, 25-9 in the first game and 27-25 in a nail biter of a second game. Strong serving and solid defense carried the day.

St John's Healdsburg was a bit more challenging. The first game was lost 16-25. In the second game the girls rallied from 5-8 and 14-21 deficits to win 25-23 led by strong serving rallies from Hilary Klam and Anna Pyrce. The girls remained on track for the third game and handily won 15-9.

The team of 17 great girls is off to a great start to what looks like another great season.

The **5th/6th grade girls** volleyball team is off to a terrific start. They beat St. Vincent's in two matches and worked well as a team. Ava Capaz and Michelle Wassef had great serving streaks at just the right time. In their 2nd match, they weren't so lucky as St. Rose out played them with rocket ship serves and great bumping. Our third match was a forfeit leaving us with a winning record of 2-1, which is impressive considering we have 10-5th graders and 3-6th graders playing in the 6th grade bracket. These girls are up for the challenge and are willing to play hard.