

# Shamrock Newsletter



## IMPORTANT DATES:

12/21 – Christmas Program 7pm/ Church

12/22/17 – 1/5/18 Christmas Vacation

1/8/2018 – School Resumes

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

Let us Rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior. May the blessings of Christ be upon you and your loved ones this season and into the New Year. Hope you're filled with His love and wrapped in His peace as we celebrate the miracle of His birth. Christmas is a time to open our hearts to God and his gifts.

We wish all of our families a blessed Christmas Season and see you back in school on January 8, 2018!

Blessings,  
Connie Howard

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Students must arrive to their homeroom classrooms by 6:30pm.** The program will start promptly at 7:00pm. We need helpers after the program to help clean up. If you are available, please look for Mr. Tomsic to assist.

### INSTRUCTIONS AFTER THE PROGRAM:

TK-4 will be excused from the church.

5-8 will walk back their classroom and parent must pick them up from there.

After you have picked up your children please join us in the hall for refreshments.

### Knitting for the Needy



For the past three months students from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades have been getting together on Mondays to participate in the Knit for St. Anthony's Program. St. Anthony's Dining Room in San Francisco collects hand-made scarves and hats to give to those in need on Christmas Day. Because of the hard work of our students and our super volunteers we were able to make 20 scarves that will keep someone warm this winter season. I am so proud of our students and their dedication to the community.



Mrs. Clunies-Ross

## DECATHLON

The Academic Decathlon is an academic competition for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The Decathlon consists of ten areas of study with both individual and team events.

The team events consist of a logic quiz with 20 rigorous thinking problems and a super quiz with 50 multiple choice questions based on five broad academic themes.

The eight individual events test individual knowledge of the Roman Catholic doctrine, English, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the St. A's Academic Decathlon team consists of five 7<sup>th</sup> graders and five 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This year the team will be competing against the Sacramento Diocese schools [on March 3, 2018](#).

The 2017-2018 St A's Academic Decathlon Team:

7<sup>th</sup> Graders:

- Henry Boeschen (Current Events )
- Gabrielle George (Math)
- Werner Keller (Super Quiz specialist)
- Hannah Pham (Fine Arts)
- Austin Sidhu (Religion)

8<sup>th</sup> Graders:

- Diego Bueno-Kling (Science)
- Katelyn Kerr (Literature)
- Erin Meader (Social Studies)
- Carson Reber (Super Quiz specialist)
- Isabella Wright (English)



### **CHRISTMAS MORNING PEW**

Are you planning to attend the 10 am Christmas Morning Mass? Enjoy a leisurely morning without the rush to run to Mass. Pew A is still available for purchase. (This lot is located in "Choose Your Own Adventure", Lots 700).

### **BOWLING WITH MS. HOWELL and MRS. KOEN**

Now open to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students! On January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm, students in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have the chance for an afternoon at Napa Bowl with 2 of our beloved teachers! (This lot is located in "Buy-A-Spot", Lots 100). **\*\*Only 4 spots left\*\***

<https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/gala2017>

### **SCRIP NEWS**

Merry Christmas and thank you for supporting St. Apollinaris through scrip. You may order online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) for last minute scrip delivered to your home computer. (Presto Pay orders only) Scrip sales will resume on Sunday, December 31st.

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### **ATHLETIC NEWS**



Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams!

All of our teams played with great teamwork and heart. Here are the results for the CSL Tournament:

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls once again played their hearts out in the Championship game against St. Mary's from Ukiah. They accepted the challenge of playing against a good undefeated team. The girls were able to penetrate the St. Mary's zone defense for 11 points. They defended this team with amazing teamwork and only allowed 18 points, a remarkable improvement from the first game against them when they scored 34 points against us. Everyone on the team improved throughout the season. Coach Brandon could not be more proud of every girl on our team and he can't wait for next season! Congratulations on your 2<sup>nd</sup> place win!

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy's season came to an end, 61-43, last Thursday night to a very good St Eugene's

team. The score does not indicate how close the game was, only down by 7 points after three quarters.

It was a great team effort by all the players. Luke Ficeli had an outstanding all-around game. Clint Wilsey led the team with 15 points and Xavier Lopez had 10. Great job boys! We can't wait to see what you do next year.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys** basketball team put the finishing touches on an undefeated season by downing St. Francis 54-45 in the championship game on Saturday. While everyone contributed to the win on Saturday, the offense was driven by outstanding play from Andrew Grimshaw, Charlie Keller and Gus Mundy, with the defense anchored by the smothering play of Jace Lopez. To help with the win were buckets by Lucas Padowan, Landon Borsetto, Francis Mulligan, Mario Galambos, and Kristian Galyen. But the game was sealed with two huge 3 point shots from Cameron Tiebout in the fourth quarter. Big CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Apollinaris 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' CSL Basketball Champions – they should all be proud of their [accomplishment!](#)

Such great seasons for all of our teams could not have been accomplished without the time, energy, patience and expertise of our coaches. Thank you to Coaches Rob Brandon, Ben Vigil and Nate Galambos. We are sincerely grateful for all you do!