



Shamrock Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, December 9th – Spirit Rally 2:15pm/ Gym

– Non-Regulation dress in **Red** & **Green** to show Christmas Spirit!

Sunday, December 11th – St. A's Wine for sale after each Mass

Thursday, December 15th – Min. Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8

– No extended care after school only in the morning

🎄 Christmas Program 7pm/Church



Wednesday, December 22nd Special Scrip Hours 9am - 1pm

12/16/16 – 1/2/2016 Christmas Vacation

Tuesday, January 3rd – School Resumes

Sunday, January 8th – School Mass 10:30am/ Full Uniform

Monday, January 9th – 5th – 8th Geography Bee at 10:30am/Ext. care

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

On the second Sunday of Advent we light a second purple candle to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world. The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first represents the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second represents a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return. God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently wait for the Messiah's triumphant return.

Next Thursday is our Annual Christmas Program at 7pm in the Church. All children should wear their "Sunday best" clothing. The children, faculty and staff have been working diligently to bring this special gift to you. Participation in the Program is mandatory and part of each student's music and religion grade. Please join us after for refreshments in extended care.

Monday we had an amazing Spelling Bee! Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Galyen who hosted the Spelling Bee with Mrs. Cardwell. It was a very close competition. All the children did extremely well. The final

two participants were Ines Keller and the 1st place winner was – Rose Mooney! The winning word was “e-x-p-o-n-e-n-t-i-a-l-l-y”.

Just a reminder that our calendar was changed and we will be returning from the Christmas vacation on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. With this change, January 17, 2017 will be a school day for students. Please mark your calendars!

Advent Blessings,
Connie Howard





St. Apollinaris School Night Red Wine

Help support our school's tuition assistance program

Suggested Donation

\$30/ Bottle \$300/Case

Sold at Mass on December 11 and January 8 and in the school office

100% will be donated to tuition assistance thanks to:

The Wahle Family

Bin to Bottle- Mike McLoughlin

Rivercap

Paragon Label

Encore Glass

Sandra Cassayre

Michele Lemieux



SCRIP NEWS



The Christmas Season has arrived! Please Support St. A's!

Special Order Deadline: Monday, December 12th at 3:30pm

Special Scrip Hours: Thursday, December 22nd from 9am - 1pm.
There will be no sales on December 25th.

Sales will resume on January 1st.



Santa's Gift Guide



Teachers : Ulta, Target, Amazon,
TJ Maxx & Visa Gift Cards



Business : Visa Gift Card, Starbucks,
See's Candies, Amazon



**The Home Improvement/Sporting
Enthusiast:**

Home Depot, Lowes, Sears, Cabela's, REI and Big 5

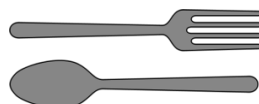


Neighbors and Friends: Cinemark, Starbucks,
Peets, Target and Walmart



Scrip Angels Needed:

We are now filling our spring schedule and only have a few spots left. If you are interested in fulfilling your "A" and "B" hours selling scrip one weekend a month (February through July), please contact me at amcwilliams.scrip@gmail.com.



Dining Out For the Holidays?

Sign up your credit cards at eScrip.com and earn at these participating restaurants.....Tarla, Don Perico, Napkins, Downtown Joes, Velo Pizza, New York Pizza, Rockville Corners and many more. Check out eScrip.com for a full list of local and Bay Area participating restaurants.



Shopwithscrip.com – Avoid the crowds and do all your Christmas shopping online. Scrip Now and Reload using Presto Pay is the smart choice this season. Our school enrollment code is [E11F627C9L85](#). *The convenient way to shop!*



Visa Cards in denominations of \$50's, \$100's and S/O \$250's are great for corporate gifts, family gifts or for those that are hard to buy for! Use anywhere Visa is accepted, like Costco and Trader Joes!



Benefit-Mobile.com: A great way to support your school and earn towards your scrip obligation is to add the Benefit Mobile app to your smart phone. You can buy, manage, and redeem your digital gift cards instantly. There are over 80 participating retailers like Target, Amazon, and Whole Foods. It's super easy and super convenient for holiday shopping and everyday shopping!

How can you sign up?

1. Download the Benefit Mobile App from the iTunes store or Google Play Store
2. Search for our school
3. Shop at any of the participating retailers and use the app at check out

Who knew raising money for your school could be so easy!

Angela McWilliams
Scrip Coordinator
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Athletic News

The 8th grade boys dropped to 4-4 on the season losing to two very good teams in Blue Oak and Silverado Middle School. The boys played hard against Blue Oak but their furious comeback in the 4th quarter came up just short as they reduced a 12-point deficit to 4. Blue Oak put the game away with a couple of free throws and won by 6. It was a tough game as many of the players showed up after the start due to the Justin Siena entrance exam. On Monday night, the boys traveled to Silverado Middle School for a non-league game and fell to SMS 46-40. They had spurts of brilliance during the game but had a tough time controlling the SMS center who scored most of his points in the paint. All in all, the boys are playing good basketball and look forward to the season ending tournament next week.

The 7th grade girls had a fantastic game this past Saturday notching 62 points en-route to beating rival St. Rose by 16 points! As always, it started with our tenacious defense and great teamwork. Isabella Wright led the offense with 26 points, but the win was truly a group effort! St. Eugene's on the schedule for this upcoming weekend!

The 7th grade boys beat St Francis 43-32 last night. We played good defense and forced them into a lot of turnovers. Lucas scored 20-pts for the 3rd straight game. Anthony scored 10-pts, Miles had 8-pts and great defense and Diego had 4-pts and 6 blocked shots.

The 8th grade girl's game was cancelled.

The teams will complete in their final regular season games this weekend (see schedule below) and will begin the NB CSL Tournament next week. The first match ups are noted below. Please come out and cheer our teams on. Go Shamrocks!!

8th grade boys vs. SR at 9:00am @ St. A's
 8th grade girls vs. SR at 10:15am @ St. A's
 7th grade boys vs. SJH at 11:30am @ St. A's
 7th grade girls vs. SE at 12:45pm @ St. A's

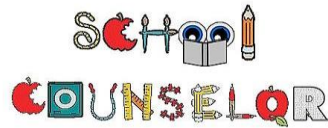
First round of tournament play:

8th grade boys vs. SJN at 7:00pm @ St. A's - Tuesday, Dec. 13th

8th grade girls vs. (opponent TBD) at 4:30pm @ St. A's - Tuesday, Dec. 13th

7th grade boys vs. SR at 5:45pm @ St. Rose - Tuesday, Dec. 13th

7th grade girls vs. SE at 5:45pm @ St. Rose - Monday, Dec 12th



Please see the opportunity below to volunteer. What a wonderful way to continue to teach our children to think of their community and those in need this holiday season and beyond.

http://volunteer.cvnl.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=41474



From The Activities Desk.....

Here are some upcoming holiday activities:

<http://donapa.com/event/bright-lights-christmas-delights/>

<http://donapa.com/event/holiday-trolley/>