

# Shamrock Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> – SCHOOL CANCELLED

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Presidents’ Day – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip – Cline Museum and Sonoma Mission 8:45am – 3pm

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting 7-8:15pm

2/24 – 2/25 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip – CA Academy of Science Overnight field trip

Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Father-Daughter Dance 6pm/Hall



Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Burning of the Palms 10:30am  
Faith Families 11:55am  
Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday Mass 11:00am/ Full Uniform

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – State of the Union Meeting 6-7pm/ Hall

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Spirit Rally 2:15pm/ Gym  
2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This afternoon we have had a faulty fire alarm, which resulted in our alarm going off less than every five minutes. By law, we cannot turn off the alarm. Father and I have decided, in the interest of the safety of the students, we will not be able to have classes tomorrow.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Connie Howard

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

Father, I ask you to bless the families reading this right now. Lord, show them a new revelation of Your love and power. Holy Spirit, I ask You to minister to their spirit at this very moment.

Where there is pain, give them Your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubting, release a renewed confidence in Your ability to work through them.

Where there is tiredness, or exhaustion, I ask You to give them understanding, patience, and strength as they learn submission to Your leading.

Where there are spiritual struggles, I ask You to renew them by revealing Your nearness, and by drawing them into greater connection with You.

Where there is fear, reveal Your love, and release to them Your courage.

Give each of them discernment to recognize the blessings around them. I ask You to do these things in Jesus name!

Amen

Today we celebrated our middle school students who received honor roll certificates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester of the 2016/2017 school year.

38 students in grades 6 – 8 had excellent conduct and effort achieving Principals Highest Honors

14 individuals in grades 6 – 8 received First Honors – straight A's

51 individuals in grades 6 – 8 earned Second Honors – All A's and B's

14 students in grades 6 – 8 – achieved Honorable Mention – A's, B's and one C

We are proud of any student working at his/her highest potential.

We have finished screening and accepting the Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students for the 2017/2018 school year. I can't wait for them to start school in August! If you are a parent of a current TK student and would like to be a room parent please let me know.

As we are quickly moving into March, please be aware that we have many liturgical and social activities planned. Please check the calendar in your Shamrock each week for planning purposes.

Blessings,  
Connie Howard

## SCHOOL NEWS

The St. Apollinaris Decathlon team is doing their final push of studying to compete in the 2017 Academic Decathlon on March 4. This team of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders has worked hard studying 7 different subjects on their own time. The Academic Decathlon requires students to work as a team and perform on their own as well. Starting in the fall, these students have come to school early or used their lunchtime to meet as a team to study all the various subjects. On top of that, they will each take a test on a subject that they have committed to learning all on their own. St. Apollinaris has historically had much success in placing first in our diocese. Many schools build a decathlon class into their school day and have teachers instruct it, but our students do it all on their own time and the teachers are mostly the parents. Please keep our team in your thoughts and prayers as we go for the gold!

Team Members include:

8<sup>th</sup> graders – Carson Bacci, Keith Binz, Josephine Borsetto, Lucas Brandon, Emily Herriott, Ines Keller, Theo Lemieux

7<sup>th</sup> graders – Diego Bueno-Kling, Katelyn Kerr, Carson Reber



## ***AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH COMING SOON!***

Students in grades K – 5 who would like to increase their learning in Spanish are welcome to attend this class.

Carol Funk, who has been teaching Spanish to our children for 17 years will teach the class.

Interested parties need to email Senora Funk no later than Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at [senorafunksspanish@gmail.com](mailto:senorafunksspanish@gmail.com) families will be contacting interested parties in a return email with details about the class.

A check needs to be turned in to the office *no later than Thursday, March 2*. Your check is your confirmation for enrollment. (Checks should be made out to Carol Funk with student's name and grade in the memo on the check.)

Classes Meet:	Thursdays
First Class Begins:	March 9
Last Class:	May 25
Time:	3:05 – 4:05
Cost:	\$105.00
Location:	TBA

SCRIP NEWS



***Scrip total updates have been entered on your School Speak Account.***



The scrip obligation deadline for 2016/2017 school year is **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. If you have an overage, 50% of this will go back to registration or May tuition.



***Start your spring cleaning and home improvement with scrip!***

***NEW! Central Valley Builders Supply*** - We are now selling \$50 Central Valley cards at 5% in addition to certificates to pay your bill. Lumber,

Hardware and Ag Supplies!

**Custom House:** In need of new furniture, window treatments or flooring? Check out Custom House at 706 Trancas Street Napa. Mention St. Apollinaris and receive 3% back on cash or check orders!

Home Depot - 4%

Lowes - 4%

Bonus Rebates:

**Under Armour** Special Order: 13% from Feb. 18-March 3

Returning Retailer:

**Aeropostale** - physical cards, ScripNow and Reload available at 10%

**See's Candies** - New price per pound is \$19.90 at 20%

If you have any questions or need assistance setting up an account, please email me at [amcwilliams.scrip@gmail.com](mailto:amcwilliams.scrip@gmail.com)

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## SPORTS NEWS



The 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys boys faced a tough and talented team last game and unfortunately walked away with a loss. The team played well enough to stay in the game but could generate enough offense or hold on defense to get the win. The boys will face Kolbe Academy this Saturday at noon in our home gym.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls had another big win Monday night against St. John Lutheran 44-30 in their gym, keeping our undefeated streak alive. Lizzie Qui, Rachel Galvin, and Adriana Quintanilla lead the scoring, with some nice defensive stops down the stretch by Vanessa Solis and Jillian Harnois. Final home game is this Saturday against St Rose at 10AM, come out and support the girls!

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys had a big game Monday night vs. SJL. They won, 46 to 31. Austin and Ben led scoring, but seven boys contributed and everyone played great defense, limiting SJL to 31 points. We finish the season vs. St. Eugene's and battle them for the regular season title!!

Here is this weekend's game lineup:

5<sup>th</sup> grade boys vs. KA at St. A's @ Noon

6<sup>th</sup> grade girls vs. SR at St. A's @ 10:00am

6<sup>th</sup> grade boys vs. SJL at St. A's @9:00am

Please come out at cheer our teams on. Go Shamrocks!!

## St. A's March Madness Basketball Tournament March 2 - 5

The eighth grade basketball tournament supports all of our sports at St. A's. Teams from all over the valley come and play. The money raised helps to pay for TK - 8 track, volleyball, basketball and golf. One way we earn money is to sell advertising spots in the tournament program. We ask that you buy a spot for your business card or a whole page. Think of who you know that would want to place an ad. \$50.00 Quarter Page/Business Card, \$100.00 Half Page Ad, \$200.00 Full Page Ad and \$300.00 Full Cover Ads (Back, Inside Back and Inside Front.) See attachment for Ad form.

Another way to get involved is to volunteer to work the tournament. We need scorekeepers, food/snack helpers and volunteers to work the door. Check school speak to look for openings. The tournament is always exciting basketball, so come by and cheer for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys and show your kids what they have to look forward to in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our cheerleaders will be there cheering as well.

Check the attachment for details. Please contact Cathleen Kerr with any questions [cathkerr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathkerr@sbcglobal.net)



**March Madness** is around the corner and we would love to see you there! This event is the main fundraiser for our athletic department and your support is greatly appreciated. You can sign up in SchoolSpeak for a specific job and a specific time slot...the more the merrier!

Right now we are in most need of a lead to help with the Shamrock Café. Set up and inventory management are the main responsibilities of this role. Please contact Jessica Martin at [jmartin@stapollinarins.com](mailto:jmartin@stapollinarins.com) for questions and let us make this role work for you!



Sign up now for  
**SAINT A'S TRACK AND FIELD!**

It's time to sign up for Track and Field! Registration for this fun Spring Sport has begun in the office (practice begins end of March). A few updates:

- All 3 Invitational Meets are in Napa (for all grades)!
- Many of our team members are involved in other spring sports, beyond track, with very little conflict. We can work with your student on creating a flexible practice plan. Practice is afterschool at Saint A's, with a few opportunities to run at Justin and Vintage mixed in. Practice schedule is tentatively set for Tuesdays (2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade), Wednesdays (TK - 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Thursdays (4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>).

- We still need parent assistance of all kinds! Many tasks are administrative in nature, if your practice time is limited. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY ☺ We need help with:
  - Head coaches for a practice day
  - Uniform display before or after school, and ordering
  - General behind the scenes coordination
  - Practice support on days that work for you
  - Meet day volunteers

If any of these appeal to you, please let us know. Remember that you can have ALL your volunteer hours covered by one commitment to the head coach group – please join in! Grade coaching also earns volunteer hours and is equally in need. Thank you in advance for considering to help out our student-athletes!! Contact [tdmartinclan@comcast.net](mailto:tdmartinclan@comcast.net) or for more info.

- The 8th annual “Saint A’s Twilight Invitational” will again take place in the evening, under the lights at Justin-Siena High School on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Vintage High School offers an All-comers Track Meet on April 15<sup>th</sup>. CSL, at Justin-Siena, is May 21<sup>st</sup> with a new format and start time of Noon!

Hope YOU and your athlete will join the Team!!!



Here are a couple of interesting articles worth a read this week.

The first is on ways to teach our kids empathy.

[https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/development/empathy-teaching-kids-to-value-others/?utm\\_source=Subscribers&utm\\_campaign=9aff003055-CDI Newsletter Feb 15 2017&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_4b8909d9c1-9aff003055-103858833&goal=0\\_4b8909d9c1-9aff003055-1038588](https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/development/empathy-teaching-kids-to-value-others/?utm_source=Subscribers&utm_campaign=9aff003055-CDI%20Newsletter%20Feb%2015%202017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4b8909d9c1-9aff003055-103858833&goal=0_4b8909d9c1-9aff003055-1038588)

The second and third are good reminders about our children and Internet safety.

[https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/family-living/kids-media-safety/children-teens-web-internet-safety/?utm\\_source=Subscribers&utm\\_campaign=4d4b3542ae-CDI Newsletter Feb 6 2017&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_4b8909d9c1-4d4b3542ae-103858833&goal=0\\_4b8909d9c1-4d](https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/family-living/kids-media-safety/children-teens-web-internet-safety/?utm_source=Subscribers&utm_campaign=4d4b3542ae-CDI%20Newsletter%20Feb%206%202017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4b8909d9c1-4d4b3542ae-103858833&goal=0_4b8909d9c1-4d)

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/children-media-safety/teenagers-and-personal-security-online/>

CHURCH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - for Our Lenten Retreat - Saturday March 4th, 9:30-3:00 pm here at

St. As. "*Listening to God's Voice*" - a special day of reflection, guided prayer and contemplation with Fr. Chi Ngo, spiritual and retreat director of the Jesuit Retreat Center, Los Altos. A time to Fast from unrelenting pressures, and to Feast on unceasing prayer... More info at our website [www.stapollinarisparish.org](http://www.stapollinarisparish.org)



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**LENTEN RETREAT**

**St. Apollinaris Church, Napa**

***Listening to God's Voice" with Father Chi Ngo, S.J.***  
**Spiritual & Retreat Director at the Jesuit Retreat Center, Los Altos**

**Reflections on:**

***Entering the Sacred Presence***

***Listening to God's Voice***

***Intimacy with Christ***

***Discerning Awareness***

**With Guided Prayer and Contemplation**

**Saturday March 4th 9:30-3:00**

***Lunch provided - Free will offering- All are welcome***

**For more info or to register,**

**visit Upcoming Events at**

**[www.stapollinarisparish.org](http://www.stapollinarisparish.org)**

**or call Dn. Peter at (707) 815-7397**

**To meet Fr Chi [Click Here](#)**