

# Shamrock Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Reconciliation 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  
School Council 5:30pm



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 School Meeting 6-7pm/ Hall

3/2 - 3/5 – March Madness - Come support St. A's!



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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

Next Wednesday begins the season of Lent. It is important to prepare our hearts to experience the joy of the resurrection of our Lord. The season of Lent commemorates Christ's 40 days of fasting in the wilderness before beginning His ministry. Many people choose to abstain from a favorite item or activity during Lent. When our children are deciding from what to fast, it is important to remind them that a true sacrifice must cost us something.

Fasting ideas for Lent:

- Television (or certain shows)
- The radio (all the time, certain time of day, etc.)
- Favorite foods (pizza, ice cream, etc.)

- Eating out
- Soft drinks
- Social Media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
- Computer use

#### Almsgiving ideas during Lent:

- Going to Mass more than once a week
- Praying the Rosary
- Attending weekly Stations of the Cross
- Making time for personal prayer with the Lord
- Praying with your family
- Going to Confession
- Affirming those around you
- Being a better friend
- Volunteering
- Works of Mercy (feed the hungry)

Tonight is the First Reconciliation of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. Please keep our families and students in your prayers as they receive this most holy sacrament.

Families with excessive tardies and absences will be receiving updates in the mail. If you have multiple children and the tardies do not match, we will base the additional parent hours on the lower number of tardies.

On an ending note, I'd like to extend a special thank you for the amazing children you have raised. They have impeccable manners and strive to achieve their best. I love being able to see Jesus in each one of them.

Blessings and Appreciation,

Connie Howard

#### SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to TK families for having the highest participation at our Crabfeed - over 75% of you represented at the event! Tomorrow (Friday), your TK students will enjoy an ice cream treat as a result of your efforts.



## SCHOOL NEWS



## THE ST. APOLLINARIS WALK-A-THON IS COMING UP FRIDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

### Save The Date

Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited to join the children in the walk-a-thon. **The walk will start at 12:30pm on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and will run until the end of school at 3pm.** Mark your calendars if you want to join us for this fun day!

### IT'S TIME TO START COLLECTING THOSE DONATIONS!

**This year's prize for the student who generates the most is an Amazon Echo!**

**Parish Priests, Deacons and Toby.** This year the parish is getting involved with our walk-a-thon! Both Fr. Donahue and Fr. David will be joining in the fun as well as the Deacons and "Toby" (everyone's favorite dog). They will be raising money for the Parish Building Fund! And keep a look out - we will be raffling off chances for students to walk Toby and his friend Minnie around the track during the event!

**Donation envelopes went home this week.** It's time for our students to begin asking friends, family and neighbors to support them in our annual walk-a-thon. Students should start gathering donations. Gather cash or checks and place into the envelopes or use our online donation site. Envelopes will be turned into the office prior to the walk-a-thon. **Remember, the walk-a-thon is our only school fundraiser where the children are involved so encourage your child to help make this student-run fundraiser a huge success!**

**Online donations now accepted.** Online donations are up and running. It's time to email your family and friends and post to your social media pages. Online donations can be made at: <https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/walkathon>. This year students can...

1. Create their own walk-a-thon website where you can invite friends and family to directly sponsor you. On the website there is a brief online tutorial on how to set up your own "ejoinme" walk-a-thon website or...
2. Use the general walkathon website address and use the draft email we created to send to friends and family (see at the end of this message).

**1<sup>st</sup> Jump for Cash is Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>!** What is Jump for Cash? For every online donation your child receives, their name will be entered into a raffle and we will draw one name on each Jump for Cash day, during morning prayer. The student then jumps over our "cash line" and earns the amount of cash they are able to jump over. Cash is given to them that moment and the kids love it. So get those online donations rolling and your child might be the winner of next week's Jump for Cash! *\*Please note: The deadline for online donations is 5pm the day before the Jump for Cash days.*

**Sponsor a Class** – A great way to support our school is to sponsor your child's class. You can also encourage family members to do so. It's a great way to get the kids excited and the class who earns the most money gets an ice cream party. Sponsor a Class form will go home with the donation envelope and more forms are available in the office. Sponsor a class or two if you can!

Thanks everyone for your help and best of luck in generating donations!

- The Walk-a-Thon Committee

### Sample Email to Send Friends & Family:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, I will be participating in the annual St. Apollinaris Walk-a-Thon. Would you consider sponsoring me as I walk to raise money for my school? Your donation will provide enrichment programs for my school such as art, music, recess equipment, facility improvements, etc.

I would appreciate your support! Here is a secure link where you can find out more and consider donating to this important event.

It's easy to donate online.

Just go to: <https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/walkathon>

I will receive credit for your donation and I will have a chance to win some prizes as well.

Thank you for your consideration!

## ***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



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. Check out the attached order sheet!



### Need Legal Advice?

#### **Hines Carr Diamond LLP, Attorneys at Law**

Specializing in Taxation, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate. Mention St. Apollinaris and receive **5%** towards your scrip obligation. Call (707)258-6234 for more information.

Home Depot: We have one \$500.00 Home Depot card in the office for sale!



*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%

Lowe's - 4%

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)

Angela McWilliams  
Scrip Coordinator

## SPORTS NEWS

### hoop it up

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy's basketball team pulled off a win last Saturday to improve their record to 5-2. Despite the low scoring game, the boys pulled together in the second half to generate some offense and stepped up their defense to hold on to the lead to the end of the game. Next Saturday the team will take on St. Francis at noon with the game now being played at St. A's gym.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys had a bye.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls, as anticipated, had an exciting game against St. Rose with the girls leading through 3 quarters 25-19 with scoring by Lizzie Qui and Rachel Galvin and great team defense. Momentum shifted though midway through the fourth and St. Rose caught us in the end winning 30-29 to split the regular season series 1-1. It will be a fantastic final should both teams make it through the tournament next week. Final regular season game is this Saturday vs. St. Eugene, 11am start in Healdsburg.

Here are this weekend's final regular season games:

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

6<sup>th</sup> grade girls vs. SE at St. John's Healdsburg @ 11:00am

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

The NB CSL Tournament for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams starts Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Game schedule to come ASAP!



March Madness is Almost Here!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams would love your support March 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> as they battle for the tournament championship.

Food, fun, halftime half-court shot competitions, and of course exciting basketball, will ensure that this Athletic Department fundraiser is a great event. We need your support! Passes go on sale next Tuesday afterschool and the class with the most students in attendance will win a prize. Don't forget there is still time to volunteer. Please see SchoolSpeak for shift availability.



Don't forget that for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, there will be an ice cream social with a DJ on Saturday night.

Please come out and support our student athletes as well as our Athletic Department!





**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 St. 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!!!

CHURCH NEWS

## **Father/Daughter Valentine's Day Dance**

**Feb. 27, Monday @ 6:00  
in the Hall.**

**Profession Dance Teacher,  
Pictures**



**BBQ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs  
Salads, Mac & Cheese, Chips, and Drinks  
\$25 for Father & Daughter(s), Picture \$5  
RSVP Paul @ 501-8059txt mess, or email  
mensclub@stapollinaris.org**



*A time to Fast from unrelenting pressures,  
and to Feast on unceasing prayer...*

### 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](#)