

# Shamrock Newsletter

Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – MLK Day – No School

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – School in session

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends  
 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to St. Eugene to visit with Bishop Vasa 10am - 2pm  
 – Movie Night with Mrs. Howard!

Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins  
 – School Council Meeting 5:30pm

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip – SF Symphony 9:30am-2:30pm



Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Vasa visiting St. A's  
 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent/Child meeting 7-8:15pm

January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Catholic Schools' Week

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

The Epiphany celebration remembers the three miracles of the Divine Christ. These miracles are the visit of the three Magi, Christ's baptism in the Jordan River, and His first miracle at the wedding in Cana. These three events are central to the definition of Epiphany, and its meaning is drawn from these events. The Epiphany celebrates the revelation of God to mankind in human form. Let us look for the miracles which Jesus has brought to our own lives.

Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner! Here is a tentative schedule for January 29 – February 4.

- Catholic Schools Week, Jan 29 – Feb 4, 2017
- Sunday, Jan 29: School Mass, 10:30am
- Tuesday, Jan 31: Grandparents / Special Persons' Day (more info to follow).  
 10am Arrival and Reception in Extended Care  
 10:20am – 10:55am Visit Classrooms – Bells will ring every ten minutes (if you have more than one student to visit).  
 11am - Mass with special people/ grandchild(ren)  
 12pm - TK - 3 Performance in Church

12:40PM – Dismissal – if your child's special person or grandparent chooses to sign a student out before 12:40pm, please make sure he/she is listed on the child's emergency form

- Wednesday, Feb 1: Teacher Appreciation Day – have your child write a note of thanks to his or her teachers.
- Thursday, Feb 2: Open House – 5:30pm – 7pm Come see what your student is doing in his/her class! Bring prospective families show them the St. A's experience.
- Friday, Feb 3: Student Appreciation Day – Free Dress for students
- Saturday, Feb 4: Crab Feed (BUY YOUR TICKET NOW)!

Just a reminder January 17 is a school day for all students. Also, I have recently changed my email, if you need to reach me please email [CH@StApollinaris.com](mailto:CH@StApollinaris.com).

Special Visitor! On January 26, at 10:30am, the school will be visited by Bishop Vasa. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet the Bishop and ask questions about our Catholic faith.

Blessings, Connie Howard

### SCHOOL NEWS

**GEOGRAPHY BEE:** On Monday, January 9, twenty-seven St. A's students competed in the school's National Geographic Bee, moderated by Mr. Mulford. This year, all four of the upper grades, 5th - 8th, competed together, including the following students:

- **5th Grade:**  
Josie Arbuckle; Giorgio Baldini; Zachary Grizzle; Felix Hanson; Gianni Izzi; Conor McKeown; Francis Mulligan; Colin Russ; Liam Russ; Cameron Tiebout; Thien-Y Tran; Kane Williams
- **6th Grade**  
Mia Andrilla; Giancarlo Capponi; Kayla Chamberland; Jack Dion; Gabrielle George; AJ (Anthony) Merlino; Lanai Merlino; Hannah Pham; Austin Sidhu; Abigail Smith; Jackson Smith
- **7th Grade**  
Erin Meader; Carson Reber; Isabella Wright
- **8th Grade**  
Lucas Brandon

All of the competitors are to be applauded for taking on this challenge and the early morning study sessions that lead up to it. Special congratulations to first-place winner Gabrielle George and runner-up Kayla Chamberland, both 6th graders and our top two finishers (in opposite order) from last year's Geo Bee. (*The winning tie-breaker question: The Bab el Mandeb, a strait between the Arabian Peninsula and the Horn of Africa, connects the Gulf of Aden to which body of water? Answer: Red Sea.*) Gabrielle and Kayla won, respectively, \$100 and \$50 Scrip gift certificate prizes, and Gabrielle will have a chance to earn a trip to the state Geo Bee, where the top competitor wins a trip to the national Geo Bee and a shot at a \$50,000 gift certificate and a trip to the Galapagos Islands. Congratulations to Gabrielle and all our Geo Bee participants!

### Parent Participation Hours Tracking

We're halfway through the school year and it's a good time to check your family's volunteer hours.

Just click on the link (shown below with the red outline) on the SchoolSpeak homepage to see a summary of your family's A and B hours totals.

The screenshot shows the SchoolSpeak homepage with a navigation menu on the left and a main content area on the right. The navigation menu includes links for Members, Email, View My Calendars, Quick Links (About, Calendar, Announcements, Parent - Student Handbook, 2016-2017 Family Directory, Scrip Log, Athletic Registration Form, 2016-2017 School Year Calendar), Parent Participation Hours Sign-Up (highlighted with a blue outline), Parent Participation Hours Tracking (highlighted with a red outline), and Catholic Mutual Group. The main content area features a calendar, Scrip contributions, Athletic Registration Form, 2016-2017 School Year Calendar, Parent Participation Hours Sign-Up (with a detailed description of the MERCY program), and Parent Participation Hours Tracking (with a link to track progress).

If you need more hours, please check out the many A and B hour roles available through the Parent Participation Hours Sign-up link (shown above with the blue outline) on SchoolSpeak. Your efforts enrich our children's development and education. Thank you for supporting St. A's.



February 4, 2017

### Q&A

#### What are the details of this evening?

5:30 - 6:45 PM: Wine & Beer Cocktail Hour

- If you want to enjoy wine and beer during the cocktail hour you may purchase a bracelet when you buy your tickets online or when you arrive at the event

7:00 - 8:30 PM: Dinner – unlimited CRAB!!! Caesar salad, Pasta

- Followed by: Dessert Auction and 50-50 Raffle
- You may purchase 50-50 raffle tickets when you buy your tickets

10:30 PM: Roll on out...

#### How is seating arranged?

When ordering tickets online, there is a place you can list who you want to be seated with

- Option: set up your own group and make sure everyone puts the same group name or group of names in when purchasing tickets
- Another option: indicate what grade table you'd like to be seated at – joining fellow parents with students in that grade

#### May I bring wine?

In the spirit of fundraising, there is corkage for each bottle you bring to the dinner, or you can purchase a bottle at the event.

- Both corkage and wine may be purchased when you buy your tickets online

#### Who is invited?

Everyone over 21 is welcome whether they are part of St. Apollinaris School and Parish or not.

#### What is a 50-50 raffle?

Whoever wins the raffle gets 50% of the proceeds from the raffle ticket sales; the other half goes to St. A's

#### What does this event support?

The proceeds go towards new technology, arts programs, scholarships, capital projects, and more. Five years ago we didn't have weekly Art or Spanish classes at St. A's, and last year we did not have a new HVAC system.

- This year we are working on technology upgrades as well as expanding our electric service panel to handle the increased demand from the HVAC system and future technology upgrades.

#### How do I buy a ticket?

Tickets ONLY available online <https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/crabfeed>

- Our superb faculty and staff would like to join the celebration. You will have an opportunity to make a donation towards a teacher or staff member ticket when you purchase tickets online.

Thank you for supporting  
St. A's!

## *Thank you to the Friends of St. As*

Thanks to the businesses & individuals that supported St A's 2016 fundraisers, St. As maintains the highest standards of Catholic education and provides an exceptional learning experience for our children.

We ask families to consider choosing one of the *Friends of St. As* when eating out or shopping locally. Showing gratitude will go a long way to ensure long-term relationships with donors that contribute annually.

***Taking the family out to dinner? Looking for a special place for date night?***

***Please consider a Friend of St As restaurant partner when making your selection. Don't forget to "Like" them on Facebook too!***

**Billco's**

**Bistro Don Giovanni**

**Boon Fly Café**

**Calistoga Inn Restaurant & Brewery**

**Celadon**

**Ciccio**

**Cole's Chop House**

**Compadres Rio Grill**

**Cook - St Helena**

**Downtown Joes**

**Farmstead**

**Fume Bistro & Bar**

**Galpao Gaucho**

**Il Posto Trattoria**

**Morimoto**

**Napa Valley Wine Train**

**Napkins Bar & Gill**

**Norman Rose**

**Q Restaurant and Bar**

**Restaurant at Auberge du Soleil**

**Tarla**

**The Model Bakery**

**The Pear Southern Bistro**

**Uva Trattoria & Bar**

**Villa Corona**

**Yearbook It!**

Yearbook club needs your photos from the year, field trips, parties, class events, etc. Drop them off in the office as soon as possible. Have questions? Please contact Julie Tiebout at [julietiebout@comcast.net](mailto:julietiebout@comcast.net) or Lisa Schuemann at [lschuemann@cfnapa.com](mailto:lschuemann@cfnapa.com)

SCRIP NEWS

*Scrip*

Support our School!



Need to replenish your child's school uniform? We have Dennis Uniform and Napa Valley Emporium in stock now!



New Scrip Retailer: Hilton Hotels \$100 or \$500 @ 2% Plan for Easter break now!

May be used at:

Hilton Hotels

Hilton Garden Inn

Embassy Suites by Hilton

Hampton by Hilton

Canopy by Hilton



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.

**Great ways to earn your obligation:**

- ✓ Purchase scrip in the school office - hundreds of retailers are offered
- ✓ ***Shopwithscrip.com*** - Download certificates and reload existing cards day or night when using the PrestoPay option.  
Our ID code is E11F627C9L85
- ✓ ***eScrip.com*** - Shop at hundreds of retailers at the online mall and earn big rebates. Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus, Macy's and eBay are just a few examples. Set up an account, sign up your credit cards and start shopping. Our ID code is 137105831.

✓ ***Dining Out?***

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.

- ✓ ***Lucky's Grocery:*** Sign up your phone number at eScrip.com and earn 3% back.
- ✓ Link your ***Raleys or Nob Hill*** Something Extra Card with us. Send me your ID number and earn big!



**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!**

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



**Athletic Department Volunteer Opportunities:**

**March Madness Coordinator(s)** – Individuals will be responsible for the day-to-day organization of the March Madness Tournament (4 days), held at the beginning of March. This position satisfies all of your A and B hour requirements and is a really fun event! Last year's coordinator will provide all the information you need for success. If you love sports and would love to help our athletic department, this is the opportunity for you!

**March Madness Volunteers** – This fun event takes a village as it spans 4 days, from March 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. There are a variety of responsibilities from shifts at the Shamrock Café to working the door during the tournament to supervising the Ice Cream Social that Saturday Night. Please sign up on SchoolSpeak for 1 shift or a few. The more the merrier!

**Track and Field Coaches, Assistants and Support Staff** - Track and Field season kicks off late March and we are in need of track coaches, assistants and support staff. No experience necessary as all practice plans are provided and supervised by our Track Coaches Committee members. This is the only sport at St. A's open to our younger grades, which means our track team can get as big as 200 students! Please consider volunteering to coach or assist your child's grade or just as support staff at track meets. Please sign up on SchoolSpeak.