

Shamrock Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, March 10th – Walk-A-Thon T-shirt order deadline

Sunday, March 12th – Don't forget to set your clock one hour ahead!

Thursday, March 16th – 1st Communion Parent/Child Meeting 7-8:15pm

Friday, March 17th – 2017/18 Registration Deadline

Monday, March 20th – 4th grade Reconciliation Meeting 7pm/ Hall

Wednesday, March 22nd – Dine & Donate at Villa Corona 9am-9pm

Friday, March 24th – Annunciation of Jesus Mass 11:00am/ Full Uniform
3rd Quarter Ends
7th grade Knitting Club 3:05-4:30pm

Monday, March 27th – 4th Quarter Begins

Tuesday, March 28th – Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8

Monday, April 3rd – 4th grade Sacrament of Reconciliation 7pm

Friday, April 7th – Walk-A-Thon
4/14-4/22 Easter Holiday – No School



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who go above and beyond to make their child's experience at St. A's spiritually, academically and physically rewarding. Most recently, thank you to all the March Madness coaches, coordinators and volunteers. I am grateful to Mr. Bacci and his team for organizing St. A's games and tournaments in basketball.

Last weekend our students shined academically as well as on the court. Thank you to Carrie Bacci and her eight parent volunteers who dedicated their time to enrich our Academic Decathlon team. The hours and dedication the students and parents give for the pride of St. Apollinaris School is humbling.

I am so proud and grateful. The team will be competing at the statewide competition in April. Go Shamrocks!

Spiritually, a warm thank you goes out to all of our faculty and staff who live their faith and model Catholic Identity every day, in every lesson they present to their class, recess they supervise, phone they answer and skill they teach their students. Led by Father Donohue and Father David we are so SO blessed.

We are surrounded by positive individuals, who do not second guess our vision, but celebrate the excitement of where we are going. I am so appreciative that our community always knows that decisions made or paths taken are ALWAYS done with great thought and prayer and in the best interest of the children.

Our students are a gift from God. Your active participation guiding them through prayer, homework and loving them every step of the way is the blessing we see when they come to school. Thank you for being the gift to our students.

Lenten Blessings,
Connie Howard

SCHOOL NEWS

A graphic for a yearbook advertisement. The word "Yearbook!" is written in a large, stylized font. The "Y" is red, "is for" is in a smaller blue font, and "Yearbook!" is in a larger blue font. The background is yellow with several colorful circles in pink, orange, purple, red, green, and blue scattered around the text.

Y is for **Yearbook!**

It's that time of year! Order today to treasure those wonderful memories!

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31st
PAYABLE TO: ST. APOLLINARIS SCHOOL

A price tag graphic consisting of a white rectangle with a red border, containing the text "\$26" in a large, bold, red font. The tag is set against a pink oval background, which is surrounded by other colorful circles in purple, red, green, and blue.

\$26

Registration

All registrations packets went out; if you did not receive yours please notify the office. **The deadline for re-registration is Friday, March 17th.**



The tuition assistance application is now available. Pick up an application in the school office. The deadline is April 3, 2017.



THE ST A'S 'STEP INTO SPRING' WALK-A-THON IS COMING UP FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

(Deadline is this Friday March 10th)

For \$400 you can sponsor our walk-a-thon and in return receive some marketing presence. Donations include your corporate name on the walk-a-thon t-shirts, your logo on the website and on the field the day of the event. See the attached donation form that can be turned into the office or emailed to amanda.lowenstein@sbcglobal.net. *Deadline for corporate sponsorships is Friday, March 10th.*

T-SHIRT ORDER FORMS ARE DUE TOMORROW, FRIDAY MARCH 10TH

Each St A's student receives a free t-shirt for the walk-a-thon but we need to know your child's size. *Please complete the attached t-shirt order form and return to the office no later than Friday, March 10th.* If we do not receive your form by the deadline we will have to order the shirt size for your child and they may not be happy. So please turn in those forms!

IT'S TIME TO START COLLECTING THOSE DONATIONS!

It's time for our students start 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!

JUMP FOR CASH STARTS TOMORROW! FR. DAVID WILL BE JUMPING TOO!

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. This year Fr. David is going to jump as well and each student will receive the cash they jump plus what Fr. David jumps too!! So get those online donations

rolling and your child might be the winner of this 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 forms went home the donation envelopes 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 7th, 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!

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about anything related to this year's walk-a-thon, please email us! Amanda amanda.lowenstein@sbcglobal.net or Heather hqclauss@gmail.co



SCRIP NEWS

There are **52 days** remaining to meet your scrip goal! The scrip obligation deadline for 2016/2017 school year is **April 30th**. If you have an overage, 50% of this will go back to registration or May tuition. Check out the attached order sheet and place an order today!



Where Creativity Happens™

Making a Leprechaun Trap or having a St. Patrick's Day party? Michael's Crafts has a huge selection of supplies.....Buy a Michael's gift card and get 4% back towards your scrip account.

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.
(707)258-6234



Upgrade your home and support our school: Renovating your home or garden couldn't be easier with scrip; **Home Depot, Central Valley, Lowes and Custom House** have everything you need! Custom House is a Napa favorite and offers a wide selection of flooring and home furnishings. Please let them know you are from St. A's prior to your purchase for 3% back. (cash or check orders only)

If you have any questions or need assistance setting up an account, please email me at amcwilliams.scrip@gmail.com

Angela McWilliams, Scrip Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Registration continues for **track and field** (all students) as well as **golf** (6th-8th grade). Forms can be found in the school office and questions can be directed to Jessica Martin at jmartin@stapollinaris.com. We would love to see as many of our students out there as possible. Come have some fun in the spring sun!



It was truly madness at the St. Apollinaris March Madness Basketball Tournament this past weekend as 5 of the 6 games were decided by 5 points or fewer with one going to overtime.

Girls Bracket

In the Consolation Championship game, the St. John's Gaels erased an 8 point half time deficit when Belle Wells (18 points) hit the game winning free throw with 8 seconds left to seal a 36-35 victory over St. Dominic's of Benecia. St. Dominic's had a chance to tie or win but missed two free throws with 1 second on the clock. Julia Valine (All Tourney) added 14 points for the Gaels while Alexis Badiali (All Tourney) had 13 for the Knicks.

In the only overtime game, the St. Apollinaris 8th grade tournament team also came from 8 points down when Julia Bodor rebounded a missed free, sent a pass to teammate Clare Halsey at half court who then fed Lily Galambos for a game tying lay up as time expired in regulation. Lizzy Qui then scored 6 of her 11 points in the overtime period to propel the Shamrocks to a 46-41 victory over the Harvest Hawks. Olivia Kerr (All Tourney) lead the Shamrocks with 13 while Gianna Holstein pitched in 11. Maizy Armstrong-Brown (All Tourney) was the leading scorer with 17 for the Hawks.

The St. Simon Saints came to town with a mission and finished it off with a 47-22 victory over the St. Apollinaris 7th grade tournament team. Their smallest margin of victory over the 3 game tournament was 24 points. This is the Saints 5th championship in the last seven years. Tournament MVP Natalija Grizelj had 14 points while all tourney selections Makala Buenrostro and Caroline Schott had 11 and 7 points respectively. Isabella Wright (All Tourney) had 8 points while Alyssa Curtola (All Tourney) played great overall defense.

Boys Bracket

In the boys Consolation Championship game the Harvest Hawks outscored the St. Catherine Stars 16 to 9 in the 4th quarter for a 47-43 victory. They had to overcome a 5-point deficit with less than 3 minutes to go in the game. Aiden McDonald (All Tourney) lead all scorers with 20 points while Spencer Gorman chipped in 13 for the Hawks. St. Catherine was lead by Johnathan Ceja's (All Tourney) 14 points.

In the 3rd place game, the St. John's Gaels had a great comeback to defeat the 5 time defending champ St. Simon's Saints 30-28. Casey Potrebic (All Tourney) led the Gael's in both points with 11 and hustle as he willed his team to victory. Eric Gutierrez pitched in 10 for St. John's while St. Simon's was led by Jack Boennighausen's (All Tourney) 11 points.

In a truly classic Championship game, St. Apollinaris Shamrocks outlasted cross-town rival St. John's Lutheran 57-53. The Eagles jumped out to an early 17-13 1st quarter lead but the Shamrocks came back with good team defense to take a 31-30 half time lead. They extended the lead to 42-36 by

the end of the 3rd when the Eagles came alive in the 4th with 17 points. The Eagles closed to within 2 but couldn't get any closer as the Shamrocks pulled away to extend the lead to 7 with less than a minute to go. It was a total team effort by the Shamrocks on both ends of the floor. The Shamrocks were led by tournament MVP **Keith Binz's** 19 points and **Lucas Brandon's** (All Tourney) 21. **JT Lopez** (All Tourney) lead the Shamrock's in rebounding while chipping in 8 points. It was the first March Madness Boys Championship since 2009 for St. Apollinaris. Braydon Greenlee (All Tourney) had a game high 22 points while Ben Goller (All Tourney) added 21 for the Eagles.

Other All Tourney award winners were Preston Gullum and Pyper Dado of First Christian, Alexandra Jackson and Jalen Encinas of Holy Spirit.

The basketball excitement continues as the 8th grade tournament teams participate in the Dan Clark Invitational Tournament this weekend. After winning their first round games, both the boys and girls will play this Saturday at Justin-Siena. The girls tip off at 3:30pm and the boys play following at 4:45pm. These are the last games of the year so come on out and support our student athletes and coaches for a tremendous season!

Go Shamrocks!!!

Thank You!

The success of the March Madness Tournament is owed not only to our amazing athletes and coaches, but to the many volunteers that give their time and energy as well. Special recognition to the March Madness Committee for their incredible effort:



Nathan Galambos
Lupe Brandon
Lisa Schuemann
Tim Mooney
Cathleen Kerr
Susan Meader

and March Madness VIP, Ted Bacci. Ted has chaired the tournament for the past 8 years and we are sad to see him go as his son graduates St. A's this year. Ted, we are grateful for your expertise and enthusiasm for St. A's basketball, our March Madness Tournament and everything you have contributed to the basketball program. Three cheers 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 St. A's, with a few opportunities to run at Justin and Vintage mixed in. Practice schedule is tentatively set for Tuesdays (2nd – 8th grade), Wednesdays (TK – 3rd) and Thursdays (4th – 8th).
- 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 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 5th and Vintage High School offers an All-comers Track Meet on April 15th. CSL, at Justin-Siena, is May 21st with a new format and start time of Noon!

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