

# Shamrock Newsletter



## IMPORTANT DATES:

11/17 – **Change of dismissal time due to a big funeral TK/K at 12:15 and Gr. 1-8 at 12:20pm**

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Book Fair (see below for times/days)
- K/8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip – Elf the Musical / 8:15am – 11:30am



11/20 – 11/24 Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

11/27-12/1 Cereal Drive

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School families,

Heavenly Father:

We thank You for food and remember the hungry.  
 We thank You for health and remember the sick.  
 We thank You for friends and remember the friendless.  
 We thank You for freedom and remember the captured.  
 May these remembrances stir us to service.  
 That Your gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

The St. A's community brings joy and thanksgiving to me every day. The smiles, the love and generosity is beyond any community of which I have had the honor to be apart. It is so important for each of you to know, I appreciate the way you raise your children, by instilling Christian values and being role models of love and peace. As we continue into this Thanksgiving season, know that I give a prayer of thanksgiving every day for you.

**BIG CELEBRATION!!!!** The Napa Christmas parade will be a wonderful way to begin the Advent and Christmas season. Have the children dress in the pajamas and follow the cheerleaders and the amazing "Night before Christmas" Float. Below are the volunteer opportunities still available to sign up via SchoolSpeak.

**Friday, Nov. 24th - (Float Set Up Volunteers)**

Location: School parking lot

Float set up/decoration: Sign up on Schoolspeak. Students are welcome to come help out too!

**Saturday, Nov. 25:** (St. A's Parents & Students)

3:00pm: Help set up the float at Second and School. Sign up on Schoolspeak.

4:30pm: St. A's students and families to gather at the St. A's Holiday Float to assemble for the parade. The float will be located Second & School. We do not know our order in the parade until 3pm so please look for us on School St. Parade begins at 5pm rain or shine!

- **Cheerleaders** You lead the parade! Check with Mrs. Martin for details.
- **All St. A's Students:** Dress warm and please wear Christmas pajamas (red or green). Please bring Flash lights if you have them too.
- **Parents:** wear your St. A's Spirit wear or holiday colors. We would like all our St. A's families to walk in the parade behind our Float. **We also need your help to supervise all children.**

5:00pm: Parade route begins at Second and School and travels East on second, then left (north) on Main to First, then left (east) back to School St. **Parents with Children on Float:** Parents must walk the Parade next to the Float so that at the end of the parade you are with your child. Students will not be able to exit the float without a parent. We exit at a different location than we start, so please stay with your child at all times.

A special thanks to all the parents, students, and volunteers that have helped make St. A's participation possible in this special community event!

Wishing you many blessings during this Thanksgiving season,  
Connie Howard

SCHOOL NEWS

**CHRISTMAS**  
**PARADE**



Volunteer Opportunities Still Available to help get the St. A's float ready – Sign Up Today!  
Help us represent St. A's school.

***Wild West Book Fair!***  
***Head 'em up, move 'em out!***



The Wild West Book Fair will be open all week after school and during parent-teacher conferences. Our last day will be this Sunday. We'll be open on Sunday morning from 9:00 to 12:00. We're in the youth room. Hope to see you there!

The book fair is the main source of funds to purchase new books for the library each year. Also, if you'd like to donate books to your child's classroom, many teachers post wish lists at the Fair.

**Book Fair Is OPEN**

Monday	12:40 – 5pm
Tuesday	12:40 – 5pm
Wednesday	12:40 – 5pm
Thursday	12:40 – 5pm
Friday	12:40 – 5pm



**GEOGRAPHY BEE**

The 30th annual National Geographic Bee is coming soon to St. A's! The combined 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Geography Bee will be Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 8:30am. The top St. A's participant will have a chance to qualify for the state-wide contest, whose winner goes on to the national-level to compete for top prizes including a \$50,000 scholarship and a trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Study sessions for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th graders will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, and Thursday, January, 11, 2018, directly after school until 4pm in the Computer Lab.

For questions and to register to participate, please call/text/email Katja Loeffelholz at 707-365-0111 or [k.d.loeffelholz@gmail.com](mailto:k.d.loeffelholz@gmail.com).





Entertaining for the holidays? Save yourself time and let the Saint A's Instant Wine Cellar bring the wine to you! We have 15 tickets still available for purchase for the Instant Wine Cellar. If the last 15 tickets are sold prior to Christmas vacation, we will pull the raffle winner before the students start holiday break! 119 bottles plus a wine fridge come with the package. Raffle tickets are available via the ticket tab on the following link. The abundance of wine also makes great gifts!

<https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/gala2017>

### **SCRIP NEWS**



**This Thanksgiving support our school by purchasing scrip for local merchants! This Friday and Sunday are the last days to purchase scrip for Thanksgiving.**

Shop for fresh ingredients, luscious produce, tantalizing meats, the sweetest of treats and a bounty of wines and beverages all here in the Valley.

Brown's Valley Market, Vallerga's Markets, See's Candies, Whole Foods, Raley's, Nob Hill, Lucky and countless other merchants are ready to help you organize an unforgettable Thanksgiving Holiday for your family and friends.



**For last minute Black Friday shopping, buy your scrip at [Shopwithscrip.com](http://Shopwithscrip.com) or use the Benefit Mobile App!**

[Shopwithscrip.com](http://Shopwithscrip.com) -ScripNow, Reload and PrestoPay. Our school enrollment code is [E11F627C9L85](#). *The convenient way to shop!*

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**Athletic News****7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Registrations Closing SOON!**

All interested players need to sign up immediately. Sign-up deadline is Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Find the registration attached or stop by the office to pick one up.



Come out and cheer on our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams this weekend!

5<sup>th</sup> grade girls vs. SJL @ 11:00 am at St. A's

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

6<sup>th</sup> grade boys vs. SF @ 9:00am

Go Shamrocks!



Mrs. Martin is hosting a Dance Party—and you are invited!

Who: ALL St. A's Students

What: Winter Wonderland Dance Party with Mrs. Martin. The party will feature DJ Jayson Rice, Reindeer Games, and a VERY Special Holiday Guest all the way from the North Pole!

When: Friday, December 15th from 5:30- 8 pm. Dinner included

Where: The Hall at Saint A's

Why: To have fun, burn off some energy, show off your dance moves, and to give the parents time for last minute shopping!

Thank you for supporting St. A's!

Tickets available via: <https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/gala2017>