

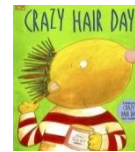
# Shamrock Newsletter

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Vacation



Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes  
– School Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Hair Day!!  
– Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8



Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> Geography Bee 10:30am/Extended Care

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Min. Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8 🌲 Christmas Program 7pm/Church

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

*Happy Thanksgiving*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty that the eye can see,  
for the joy that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,  
for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of ourselves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families who nurture our becoming,  
for friends who love us by choice,  
for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:  
for life and one more day to love,  
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbors and one more person to love  
and by whom be loved,  
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise:  
to be with us,  
to be our God,  
and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,  
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

- Vienna Cobb Anderson

As we approach Thanksgiving we are called to reflect on the happiness God brings to us.

When asking our students this is what they said:

TK is thankful for:

1. Their families
2. Dogs
3. Our School
4. God and Jesus
5. Our Teachers

Kindergarten is thankful for:

1. All the pretty flowers and trees
2. My friends
3. My family and my teachers
4. Jesus
5. Love

1<sup>st</sup> grade is thankful for:

1. Our families, friends and animals
2. Our beds and houses
3. Seaweed, food and flowers
4. Our love we give to one another
5. Mary, Jesus, God and Christmas

2<sup>nd</sup> grade is thankful for:

1. Family – Mom and Dad
2. School
3. Life
4. God
5. Friends

3<sup>rd</sup> grade is thankful for:

1. A great education
2. Our classroom
3. Our family
4. God because he created us
5. Our friends

4<sup>th</sup> grade is thankful for:

1. God's forgiveness
2. Shelter
3. Love
4. Family
5. Education and horseback riding

5<sup>th</sup> grade is thankful for:

1. Amazing school
2. Life
3. Family
4. Heaven and Earth
5. Happiness, food, water, shelter and health

6<sup>th</sup> grade is thankful for:

1. God's Mercy
2. Happiness
3. Opportunities that God gives us
4. Life
5. Free Will

7<sup>th</sup> grade is thankful for:

1. Family & Family
2. God
3. Health
4. Home
5. Food

8<sup>th</sup> grade is thankful for:

1. Family & Friends
2. Jesus' love
3. Internet
4. Food
5. Life

In the spirit of "giving", we have three service projects

- 1) Thanksgiving food drive, which ends tomorrow.
- 2) Tooth brush drive – organized by Theo Hanson beginning November 17 – 30.
- 3) Cereal Drive – the cereal will be presented at the December 8 Mass. Bring your favorite cereal from November 28 – December 8.

After many surveys and discussions the following will be the new lunch schedule:

TK – 3 – Eat first, play second

4 & 5 – Play first, eat second

6 – 8 – Eat first, play second (the older children were concerned about being able to throw their trash away, instead of waiting for the trash can to come to them. Months ago it was decided that they could do this. Letting someone know that you are using the restroom or getting water, is simply one of our safety measures to know where the children are at all times.)

After reflection from conferences and report cards, the following clarification will be effective immediately:

Minor Misconducts are given for uniform infractions and unpreparedness for class.

Major Misconducts are given for behavior infractions.

For more information please refer to the handbook.

In the spirit of gratitude, I am thankful for two new members of our St. A's family. Substituting for Mrs. Fidler in grade 6, while she is out on maternity leave, is Mrs. Rita Martinez. She is certified with a clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, with an emphasis on language development. She will be training with Mrs. Fidler

and will begin after Christmas vacation, January 2. Many of you know our substitute for Mrs. Cloud who will be on maternity leave in March, Mrs. Julie Grizzle. Not only is Mrs. Grizzle a proud parent of Kaitlyn (grade 1) and Zachary Grizzle (grade 5), she is also certified with a clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. She has been substituting throughout this school year, and will train with Mrs. Cloud prior to March. I have a number of qualified candidates to teach math while Mrs. Koen is on maternity leave. They will be teaching a trial lesson before I decide who is the best fit. Please keep all of our teachers in your prayers.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, please know how thankful I am for the inspiring faculty and staff with whom I work, the families who support the school and their children's spiritual and academic journey and the 306 Christ filled children who brighten each and every day. Happy Thanksgiving,

Mrs. Connie Howard

### SCHOOL NEWS



### CANNED FOOD DRIVE - TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY!

### Christmas Parade

🦌🎄 *Since we did not get any interested parent in putting together the St. A's float we will not be participating this year. We will plan on doing it again next year!* 🧑🏻‍🍳🦌

### 2017 Contribution Envelopes are in!

It's time to pick up your Church Envelopes. They are located on the tables in the back of the Church. If you would like to start using envelopes, call the rectory to sign up. Parishioners who use envelopes make it easier for us to keep track of your donations for tax purposes. If you are accustomed to putting in a loose check, having an envelope number on the check allows us to also keep on accounting of your donations. Thanks to those who already use envelopes or who do Parish Pay. For questions call the rectory at 257-2555.

### LOOKING FOR PARENT HOUR OPPORTUNITIES?

Log into SchoolSpeak now and check the many opportunities available to fulfill your 30 hour obligation before May 15, 2017.



## St. Apollinaris School Night Red Wine

Help support our school's tuition assistance program

Suggested Donation

\$30/ Bottle      \$300/Case

Sold at Mass on December 11 and January 8 and in the school office

100% will be donated to tuition assistance thanks to:

The Wahle Family

Bin to Bottle- Mike McLoughlin

Rivercap

Paragon Label

Encore Glass

Sandra Cassayre

Michele Lemieux



SCRIP NEWS



**Scrip Hours Over Thanksgiving Break:** Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 8-3:30 and Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in the school office from 8am-Noon. *Shopwithscrip.com* will process as usual as long as you use PrestoPay.

*eScrip* and *Benefit Mobile* are great choices when shopping on Black Friday! Check it out!



**This Thanksgiving support our school by purchasing scrip for local merchants!**

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, Safeway, Raley's, Nob Hill, Lucky and countless other merchants are ready to help you organize an unforgettable Thanksgiving Holiday for your family and friends.



**Low Denomination gift cards have arrived for the Christmas Season!** If your business or a business you work for is looking for staff gifts, consider these low denomination holiday cards. Secret Santa, stocking stuffers, mail carriers...look no further!

**How can you order?** Pick up or place an order in the school office, or online at *Shopwithscrip.com*. We will have stock on hand for immediate purchase while supplies last.

Amazon \$10  
Panera \$5  
Starbucks \$5  
Target \$10

Visa Cards in denominations of \$50's, \$100's and S/O \$250's are great for corporate gifts, family gifts or for those that are hard to buy for! **Use anywhere Visa is accepted, like Costco and Trader Joes!**



**Scrip Totals:** May through October 31 sales and income have been updated! Check your School Speak account for your totals.



Do not forget to update your eScrip.com account with new credit cards and expirations in order to continue receiving credit. If you need assistance, please let me know.



**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!*

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

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ATHLETIC NEWS

## In Basketball News....

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys improved their record to 2-2 with an overtime victory over cross-town rival St. John's Lutheran Eagles. It was a back and forth game the entire way with Steven and JT hitting clutch shots to send the game into overtime. The boys pressure defense held the Eagles scoreless in overtime winning the game 53-49. Congrats and great playing.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls battled hard against a well-disciplined St. Rose team and ultimately walked away with their first loss of the season. The team, as usually, rallied in the second half, but could not muster enough to make a difference, however, there was good play by the team overall, with the girls outscoring St. Rose in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Placing this loss behind them, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls look to their next challenge against Kolbe Academy this Saturday.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys played St John's Lutheran Napa. First quarter we took a 18-3 lead. To start the 4th quarter, we were up 32-13. Final score we won 38-26. The team played good defense and shot well, hitting 5 3-pointers. A motivating victory for the team!

It was a great game for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls, coming from behind to beat rival St. Rose 33 to 30. Our girls will be challenged again this Saturday as they defend their unbeaten record against St. John's Healdsburg.

Come out this weekend and give thanks for our student athletes in your best blue and gold!

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys vs. SJH at 1:45pm @ St. John's Healdsburg

8<sup>th</sup> grade girls vs. KA at 10:15am @ St. A's

7<sup>th</sup> grade boys vs. SJL at 11:30am @ St. A's

7<sup>th</sup> grade girls vs. SJH at 11:15am @ St. John's Healdsburg

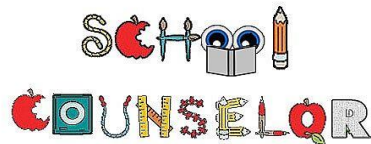
**Athletic Department Volunteer Opportunities**

We are in need of the following volunteers ASAP! Please contact Jessica Martin at [jmartin@stapollinaris.com](mailto:jmartin@stapollinaris.com) to inquire. We sincerely appreciate your time and support!

**Basketball Coach(es)** for the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade girl's team and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boy's team. These practices will get underway right after we return from Christmas vacation so we would love to identify our volunteers in the next couple of weeks at the latest.



**March Madness Coordinator(s)** – Individuals will be responsible for the day-to-day operation 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 to get started. If you love sports and would love to be a part of the athletic department, this is the opportunity for you!



**Here's a recent article from Psychology Today on our developing adolescents. Such an interesting and often overwhelming time in their lives.**

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/driftng-adulthood/201611/adolescence-continuum-growth>



### **From The Activities Desk.....**

**Here are some upcoming holiday events:**

**Napa's Christmas Tree Lighting**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm**

<http://donapa.com/event/napas-christmas-tree-lighting-2/>



**The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Napa Christmas Parade "Bright Lights, Christmas Delights"**  
**Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm**

<http://donapa.com/event/napas-christmas-parade-2/>

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

# SCREEN AGERS

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

**Date: Monday, December 5, 2016**

**Time: 7:00 - 8:15 PM**

**Place: St. Rose Catholic School Gym**

**4300 Old Redwood Highway in Santa Rosa**

**Sponsored by St. Rose School Mom's Club**

**Complimentary Admission**

[screenagersmovie.com](http://screenagersmovie.com)

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