

Shamrock Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES:

11/27-12/1 Cereal Drive - Bring a box of your favorite cereal!



12/1 – Special Visitors: Sr. Margaret and Sr. Katie
– 8th grade returns from Marin Headlands

12/3 – School Mass 10:30am

12/5 5-8 Spelling Bee 10am/ Hall



12/6 – Picture Retakes and 8th grade graduation pictures

12/8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 8:45am – Full Uniform
– Spirit Rally 2:15pm/ Gym

12/21 – Red and Green Day - wear your Christmas colors!
– Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8
– No extended care available after school
– Christmas Program 7pm/ Church



12/22/17 – 1/5/18 Christmas Vacation

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

If not for the gospel, there would be no selflessness. If not for the gospel, we would only give to get. If not for the gospel, we would obsess on what we think we deserve and despair over what we do not have.

Heavenly Father,

We pray that Your Spirit would bring the beauty of Your word to our needy hearts. In Christ, we truly have everything that we need. In Christ, our soul is at rest. May we give this gift, this one true gift to those You have placed in our lives, just as You have given it to us.

Grant that we would be awe struck by the gift of Your son to us. Grant that this season of “gift-giving” would not blind the eyes of our hearts from the one gift that matters, Jesus Christ.

Amen

I'd like to thank all who organized the amazing float for the Napa Christmas Parade. I am so proud of our entire community. Special thanks to Aidrian Moye who made this vision a reality. If you have any pictures you could email to me for the calendar, I would be grateful. More pictures....I am also looking for month specific photos to complete the 2018 St. Apollinaris Catholic School calendar. Please send any photos that you would like to share to principalsaintas@gmail.com, before Christmas vacation. Thank you

Addendum to the handbook

Leggings:

Girls grades TK - 4 may wear leggings (solid black or white) under their jumpers. On free dress days they may wear leggings.

Girls grades 5 - 8 are not allowed to wear leggings or athletic yoga legging at any time.

We are very busy getting ready for the many activities in December. From the Consecration of Mary, to the Peace Partner Assembly, to our Spelling Bee, to faith families, to the Christmas Rally, to the Honor Roll assembly and all the Christmas Program prep, it is so important to take a breath and remember the true meaning of this Advent season. Encourage your children to make gifts, to write letters or make phone calls to far away family. Gifts from the heart are the best.

I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this Advent season.

Peace Be With You,
Connie Howard

SCHOOL NEWS



Thank you to all the families that came and supported the Book Fair. This was the most successful fair in the history of the school!!



A huge thank you to Mrs. Izzi for all her hard work during the fair. Thank you to the parent volunteers and the student volunteers for all their enthusiasm.

I am so excited about the new books this Book Fair will provide for the library.

Thank you,
Theresa Joske
Librarian



Congratulations to all of the St. A's Spelling Bee Qualifiers who will be competing in next week's Annual Spelling Bee. Parents are welcome to attend this fun event, next Tuesday Dec.5th at 10am in the Extended Care Hall.

Our participants are:

Grade 5: Justin Arbuckle, Kiley Galyen, Haley Pham, Stella Keller, Bianca Silva, Clint Wilsey, Liliane Wade

Grade 6: Maximilian Neujahr, Isabella Buoncristiani, Francis Mulligan, Lucas Padowan, Alice Bourke, Josie Arbuckle

Grade 7: Werner Keller, Gabrielle George, Kayla Chamberland, Brandon Tennant, Hannah Pham

Grade 8: Anthony Notaro, Jack Foust, Raimy Gamsby, Natasha Beitz, Jovanna Goebert, Anjali Monteverdi, Erin Meader, Lucas Campaignha

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.





The Winter Wonderland Dance Party is just around the corner, and we'd love to see you there!

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

Where: St. A's Hall

Music provided by Dj Jayson Rice

Dinner and snacks will be provided

And a VERY SPECIAL guest will join us all the way from the North Pole! Ho Ho Ho!

Tickets for this evening of holiday fun can be purchased online at

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

These proceeds go directly back to our school to support our amazing enrichment programs.



Moonlight Masquerade
BLACK & WHITE BALL

There are a handful of auction packages and "Buy A Spots" still available with event dates **PRIOR** to the Gala on January 27th, 2018. Don't miss out on the opportunity for these experiences!

Ice Skating: Christmas Break for the students is 12/22- 1/5. Pre-plan a day out of the house by purchasing the Ice Skating package and work off some of that Christmas dinner while enjoying the fresh air!

Tanning: Need to brighten up the Winter glow? "Let It Glow" is changing its ownership 1/1/18. We will be offering this package at value for 4 tanning sessions. Tanning session must be used by December 31st.

Dance Party with Mrs. Martin: Drop your kids off to dance the night away with their friends while you slip out to finish up Christmas shopping. The dance party will include a DJ, snacks, and a drop in from a very special guest! (12/15 at 5:30 pm in the Hall)

Bowling with Ms. Howell and Mrs. Koen: Students in 3rd – 8th grade will have the chance for an afternoon at Napa Bowl with 2 of our beloved teachers! (1/19 at 4 pm)

Entertaining for the holidays? Save yourself time and let the Saint A's Instant Wine Cellar bring the wine to you! We have 14 tickets still available for purchase for the Instant Wine Cellar. If the last 14 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

The Christmas Season has arrived! Please Support St. A's!



Santa's Gift Guide



Teachers: Ulta, Target, Amazon & TJ Maxx
Visa Gift Cards



Business: Visa Gift Card, Starbucks,
See's Candies, Amazon



The Home Improvement/Sporting Enthusiast:
Home Depot, Lowes, Custom House, Sears,
Cabela's, REI and Big 5



Neighbors and Friends: Cinemark, Starbucks,
Peets, Target and Walmart

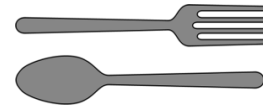


Scrip Angels Needed:

We are now filling our spring schedule and only have a few spots left. If you are interested in fulfilling your "A" and "B" hours selling scrip one weekend a month (February through July), please contact me at amcwilliams.scrip@gmail.com.



Dining Out For the Holidays?



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.



Shopwithscrip.com -Avoid the crowds and do all your Christmas shopping online. Scrip Now and Reload using Presto Pay is the smart choice this season. Our school enrollment code is [E11F627C9L85](#). *The convenient way to shop!*



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!



Benefit

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!

Angela McWilliams
Scrip Coordinator
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ATHLETIC NEWS



The 5th grade boy's basketball team is playing well. They are learning to play together and each player has improved from day one. Our team record is 2 wins and 2 losses. We have two more league games and then the playoffs. It will be fun to see what these boys can do in the next few games.

The 5th grade girl's team update coming soon!

The 6th grade boy's team update coming soon!

Our teams would love your support, so put on your blue and gold and come cheer on the Shamrocks this weekend here at St. A's!

5th grade girls vs. SE at 11:00am @ St. A's
5th grade boys vs. SF at 10:00am @ St. A's
6th grade boys vs. SJN at 9:00am @ St. A's

CHURCH NEWS



ADVENT MORNING RETREAT: "Joy and Listening to the Lord" Please join us and rediscover the true wonder and holiness of Advent and Christmas! Saturday, December 9th starting with 8:45am Mass, followed by 9:30-12 pm reflection and prayer in parish hall. All are welcome. Free of Charge.