

Shamrock Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, November 10th – No School – Veteran’s Day

Saturday, November 11th – Angel Bazaar 9-6pm

Sunday, November 12th – Angel Bazaar 8-3pm



Monday, November 13th – School Council Meeting 5pm/ Library

11/14 – 11/17 – Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8 / Parent-Teacher Conferences
– Book Fair (see below for times/days)



Friday, November 17th – K/8th 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,

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonders of Your creation.

And may we praise you for Your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

Report cards and conferences. Partnering with you to educate your child requires essential communication. One way we partner together is through conferences and report cards. For grades TK – 4, your report cards will be available at your conference. Grades 5 – 8 report cards were emailed to parents yesterday, November 8 (Wednesday). Please log on to School Speak to sign up for a conference. This year we are offering conferences with single subject teachers. If you chose to meet with a specific teacher, it is required that you sign up on School Speak ahead of time. Conferences are next week only, Tuesday through Friday. Please arrive on time to your scheduled conference. If you have questions please contact the office.

Reminder about Honor Roll:

Highest Honors: Principal's Honor Roll – 6th, 7th and 8th graders receiving all 1's and 2's in conduct and effort. (No academic restrictions)

First Honors – 6th, 7th and 8th grades – Straight A's in all subjects (No conduct or effort restrictions)

Second Honors – 6th, 7th and 8th grades – All A's and B's in all subjects (No conduct or effort restrictions)

Honorable Mention – 6th, 7th and 8th grades – All A's and B's, with one "C" in all subjects (No conduct or effort restrictions)

The Honor Roll assembly will be held in the Church on December 14th at 2:15pm. Parents and families are encouraged to attend.

Book Fair! Next week begins our annual Book Fair! Mrs. Joske has been working diligently to present the best event possible. The location of the Book Fair is the Youth Ministry room. We welcome you to visit the Book Fair next week during conferences.

Each day I am amazed by the generosity of the Napa community. Through gifts and prayer, there has been overwhelming outreach to all our families affected by the fires. I can't thank you enough. I am so honored, proud and humbled to be in your company. God bless you all!

Peace Be With You,
Connie Howard

SCHOOL NEWS



Parents we need you to help out on our much needed open slots! Head on over to SchoolSpeak and check out all the wonderful ways that you can help.

🌀 Book Fair

🌀 Christmas Parade and Float

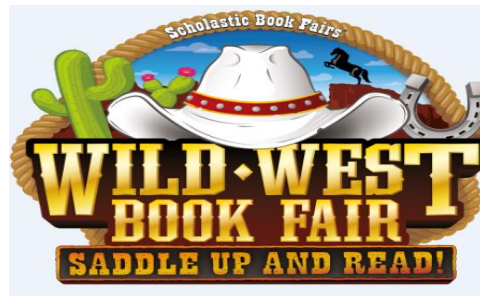
🌀 Geography Bee



If you have not done so yet, please sign up for your parent-teacher conference today! Grades 5-8 may also sign up for a 10 minute conference with all enrichment teachers.

We request that all parents arrive promptly to your scheduled conference.

Sign up today by following the link www.schoolspeak.com



Howdy Partner!

The Wild West Book Fair is riding into town. The Book Fair starts Monday, November 13th and will be open all week - after school and during parent-teacher conferences. We'll be in the youth room. Come check it out!

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.

Interested in volunteering at the Book Fair? We'd love your help. Log on to SchoolSpeak to sign up. Email Debbie Izzi at Debbie@izziproduction.com.

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.



Moonlight Masquerade
BLACK & WHITE BALL

There are a handful of "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!

Christmas Morning Pew: Enjoy extra time at home with your loved ones instead of racing to mass to get a seat. One pew is still available for 10:30 am Mass on Christmas morning. (12/25 at 10:30 am)

Ladies Botox and Lunch: Start the holidays looking fresh before family arrives into town! A few spots available for Botox followed by lunch at Morimoto's downtown. (12/19)

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. (12/15 at 5:30 pm in the Hall)

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!

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)

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

SCRIP NEWS

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, 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!**

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

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Athletic News



7 & 8th grade Basketball Registrations Closing SOON!

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

hoop it up

The 5th and 6th grade basketball season is underway! Come out and support our teams this Saturday.

The 5th grade girls play at St. John's Healdsburg at 1pm.

The 5th grade boys play at the same location at Noon.

And the 6th grade boys play at St. John's Lutheran at 11:00am

The student athletes appreciate your support. Go Shamrocks!



This Week in School Counseling....

Our Executive Function skills curriculum has begun! Our 5th-8th grade students took a short multiple-choice quiz to begin to learn a little bit about themselves and their Executive Function areas of strength and challenge. What are Executive Function skills?

Executive Function (EF) is a broad term used to describe the complex cognitive processes that are the foundation for flexible, goal-directed behaviors. Key EF processes include the ability to think and solve problems with flexibility, goal-setting, organizing and prioritizing, accessing working memory and self-monitoring. These skills are essential to success in school and everyday life.

Many of our students were surprised to learn they had organization as one of their strengths or that when given the choice, they preferred to be more organized than less.

Some of our students learned they were good at accessing their working memory and others learned they were better "self-monitors" than most.

Over the course of the year our 4th-8th grade students will learn ways to develop these skills.

Right now our younger students, grades TK-3, are working on concepts such as tattling vs. telling and the qualities of a good friend and how to be one.