

Shamrock Newsletter



Monday, Oct. 17th TK & 1st grade field trip – NVC Little Mermaid Play 9:30am-11:30am
School Council Meeting 5:30pm

Tuesday, Oct. 18th 2nd grade Stanly Lane Pumpkin Patch 11-1pm

Wednesday, Oct. 19th Picture Re-Take Day and 8th grade graduation pictures

Friday, Oct. 21st Kindergarten field trip – 8:45 – 10:30am
Spirit Rally 2:15pm/ PM Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd HARVEST MOON PARTY – Only a few tickets left!

Tuesday, Oct. 25th – Breast Cancer Awareness Day – Wear your PINK!
Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8

Thursday, Oct. 27th – 3rd grade field trip – Willy Wonka Play @ Lincoln Theatre 10am-12pm

Monday, Oct. 31st – Halloween Parade begins at 11:15am
Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

Prayer for Catholic Schools

O Christ, our Teacher, You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your name and to announce good news to those who need to hear it. We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools, where:

The message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed,
Catholic community is experienced,
Service to our brothers and sisters is modeled,
And worship of You is cultivated.

Increase our excitement for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation.

We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Catholic Schools. Amen.

On Tuesday, I had an opportunity to meet with my peer principals at St. John's School in Healdsburg. We discussed how best to serve our students. It is always invigorating to dialogue with people who share the same mission and passion as you do. There are exciting paths our Diocese has already taken, all led by our new superintendent, Linda Norman.

On Tuesday we focused on enrollment, marketing and retention of families. I was quietly happy to know that we only have one grade with an opening. I pray to help the schools which have more needs. Thanks to our fabulous Father Donahue, Father David, our exceptional faculty and staff, enthusiastic parent community and how about those unbelievable children (!) we are blessed with great enrollment! It is through your positive words and stories that we continue to "ROCK" the Shamrocks! Need a shamrocks bumper sticker? Come to the office they are free!!!

This year we are also restricting clown costumes because of the scary-clown fears and hoaxes that have been reported by news media. If you have already planned a sweet, happy little clown costume for a younger child, no worries. Please avoid all clown masks and make-up that may look frightening, creepy, or menacing in any way.

We are looking for a new dimension to our facilities committee. If you are interested in joining the facilities committee to help and give suggestions to the School Council regarding traffic flow and parking, please email me. Something has to change. We need your ideas.

Remember, only a few tickets remain for our Harvest Moon Party! We have 18 faculty and staff attending. It will be a grrrrreat night!

Blessings,
Connie Howard

SCHOOL NEWS:

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



If you have not done so yet, make sure you sign up for Parent/Teacher Conference time and day that best works for you.

IMPORTANT: It is crucial that vacations are not scheduled during this week. Parent/Teacher Conferences will not be rescheduled due to family vacations. If this is the case, report cards will be sent home.



We're less than two weeks away from our **Harvest Party and Auction** - a great night of friendship, shopping, great food, wine and community-building - **there are very few tickets left.**

If you want to join us on Saturday, October 22nd, we recommend you purchase your tickets today:

Tickets ONLY available online <https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/registration>

Our superb faculty and staff would like to join the celebration. You will have an opportunity to make a donation towards a teacher or staff member ticket when you purchase your own tickets online.

Check out all the fabulous Buy-a-Spots that will be offered at the celebration - attached PDF to this Shamrock email. Thank you for supporting St. A's!



The Book Fair is back!

Ahoy, Matey! The Bookaneer Book Fair starts Sunday, Nov. 6th from 9:00am – 12:30pm!

The Scholastic Book Fair is the library's main fundraiser each year. Our teachers receive new books for their classroom too. Stop by after church or school. Yo-ho-ho, we hope to see you there!

Book Fair Days and Hours:

Sunday, Nov. 6th: 9:00am – 12:30pm - Grand Opening

Monday, Nov. 7th: 12:40pm-5:00pm

Tuesday, Nov. 8th: 12:40pm-5:00pm

Wednesday, Nov. 9th: 12:40pm – 6:00pm

Thursday, Nov. 10th: 12:40pm-5:00pm

Book Fair Volunteers:

We'd love your help at the book fair! We especially need help on the morning of Monday, Nov. 6th when the younger children visit the fair with their class. The children often need assistance finding age-appropriate books and writing a wish list for their parents. All volunteers earn "B" hours. Log into SchoolSpeak and sign up! Questions? Email Debbie Izzi: Debbie@izziproduction.com

SCRIP NEWS

Don't be GHOULISH...

Shop with Scrip for all of your Halloween costumes, candy and party supplies!

Target, Walmart, Michaels and

See's Candies are just a few of the retailers we have in stock



If you have a family or friend who is purchasing scrip on your behalf through eScrip, Shopwithscrip.com, Benefit Mobile, Lucky, Raleys or Nob Hill, please email me their names so your account is credited

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ATHLETIC NEWS

Tomorrow, Friday, is Game Night at Justin-Siena for Volleyball. Our own volleyball teams will come cheer on the Justin team, and all students are invited to join them! The Athletic Ambassadors will do a snack bar, and the match begins at 4:30pm. The JV Game begins about 6:15pm. Both teams have Saint A's alumni participating.



Athletic News and Notes

What an exciting volleyball weekend, complete with the first round of playoff games this past Monday!

The 4th/5th Grade Girls' team did not get the win against St. Helena Montessori, losing 20-25 and 17-25 in the first round of playoffs.

However, they DID get their first match win of the season on Saturday against St. John's Napa in two games, 25-21 and 25-14! For the first time this season, every player earned service points for the team, which really made the difference in this convincing win.

They then took their enthusiasm into the second match, winning the first game vs. St. John's Healdsburg 25-21 and holding the second game close 22-25, pushing it to a third game. Unfortunately, SJH used the momentum and we finished the match 6-15.

Overall, every player improved steadily each week. By the last games, points were being earned both with confident serving and exciting rallies. There were several rally points earned from exciting digs and nail biting bumps causing the ball to roll along the top the net and dramatically drop to the ground. The team finished the season working hard and gaining confidence with every game played.

Great news for the 6th Grade volleyball team!

On Saturday we played two matches back to back. We lost the first match to undefeated St Helena Montessori in three close fought games 25-16, 15-25 & 10-15. However, we came right back and clinched second place in the league standings with a victory over St. Rose in three games 25-21, 15-25, 15-6. Our tenacious defense played a solid game and allowed our servers to seal the win.

Today we won our playoff match defeating St. Rose again in three games 25-19, 14-25 & 15-9. The team had excellent serving and stellar defense that held off several strong St. Rose servers for the win. Congratulations to the girls who all played a great game. Once again today we had the support of many of our classmates in the stands.

We will now play for the tournament championship Saturday at home here at St. A's at 9:45 AM. Please come out and support the team in the last game of the season!

The 7th Grade Girls had their most amazing matches of the season in the first two rounds of the tournament. The first match we played was against Blue Oak School. The girls played hard and took the match win in 3 games which allowed us to move on in tournament play to meet up with #1 seed St. John Healdsburg.

This SJH team came into the tournament undefeated and confident. St. A's 7th Grade Girls took on the challenge and stepped up with a level of play that was nothing short of awesome! The team

worked together, supported each other, and made very few mistakes. Our team captains **Bella Wright** and **Mia Peterson** helped set a tone of focus and consistency. Our match MVP was **Gretchen Wahle**, she made beautiful serves, and returned bumps to win many game points today!!! St. A's won the first game against SJH with a commanding lead! Every girl on this team contributed to this win, it was truly a team effort.

To say the team was excited to win a game against SJH is an understatement! **Lauren Dunlap**, **Mia Peterson**, **Kate Kerr**, **Bella Wright**, and **Matilda Bourke** had a few rallies where they each seemed to take over the court and hold off the entire other team single-handedly, fighting off everything they threw at them! It was impressive to see them fight for every point, never giving up! **Kate Kerr**, **Bella Wright**, **Mia Peterson**, and **Anjali Monteverdi** had serve streaks that were fantastic.

The second game didn't go our way, and we lost, leading to a 3rd game to decide who would move on in the tournament. The 3rd game was once again a nail-biter; the score tied much of the game. **Kate Kerr**, **Anjali Monteverdi**, **Bella Wright**, **Mia Peterson**, **Jovanna Goebert**, and **Matilda Bourke** battled down to the last point, fighting a number of game injuries and giving 150%.

In the end, SJH won the third game and the set, but our team's persistence, consistency, and teamwork was absolutely stellar. I have never seen a team improve as much as this team improved Monday night. These girls were rockstars! Their level of play increased an incredible amount this year, and they should be proud of everything they accomplished in the tournament.

The **8th Grade** team did not bring home a trophy this year but they have left this season with remarkable memories. The hardest part about telling the results of the games is that the scores seldom reflect the story behind the games played.

This last Saturday the 8th grade girls played St. Rose, an undefeated team, and lost 25-22, a score not reached by any other opponent to St. Rose the entire season. Even St. Rose parents were so impressed with the level of play that they cheered on our own 8th graders and remarked that it was the best game of the season. The intensity and drive behind every player on the court was evident to every spectator, and it was one of the many examples of how the 8th grade girls come together to play as a team, with ability and with heart.

Our playoff game was lost to St. Eugene's in 3 sets, yet the 8th graders played to the absolute best of their ability; as coaches we can say we have seen the 8th grade young women grow individually in their skills and blending their talents and personalities to create one of the most enigmatic and thrilling 8th grade teams we've seen in a while. Thank you 8th graders for making it the best season ever. It was a great ride!

We congratulate all of our girls on a great season! Of course we can't forget our coaches!! Your time, expertise, dedication, patience, praise and encouragement make our teams a success, whether we win or lose and we can't thank you enough.

Three cheers for our volleyball coaches and our Athletic Director!

Walt Buckner
Jacquie Bodor
Michael George
Lissette Quintanilla
Lori Halsey
Travis Peterson
Aline Magee



If your house is like mine, getting the kids ready for school in the morning is a daily challenge! Here is an article from the Child Development Institute with suggestions on how to make school mornings easier.

[https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/parenting/how-to-make-school-mornings-easier/?utm_source=Subscribers&utm_campaign=75e5e0c295-CDI Newsletter Oct 7 2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4b8909d9c1-75e5e0c295-103858833&goal=0_4b8909d9c1-75e5e0c295-103858833&mc](https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/parenting/how-to-make-school-mornings-easier/?utm_source=Subscribers&utm_campaign=75e5e0c295-CDI%20Newsletter%20Oct%207%202016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4b8909d9c1-75e5e0c295-103858833&goal=0_4b8909d9c1-75e5e0c295-103858833&mc)



From The Activities Desk.....

Looking for some Halloween fun for the family? Downtown Napa is hosting "A Hometown Halloween Party" on Saturday, Oct. 29th from 11am-2pm. Here is the link.

<http://donapa.com/event/halloween-hometown-party/>



A Hometown Halloween Party

A Trick or Treat Costume Party for Children of all Ages

Enjoy a safe afternoon of Trick or Treating in Downtown Napa. Visit stores with orange and black balloons. There will be plenty of opportunities to take pictures at the Halloween backdrops, courtesy of the Bank of Napa.

Saturday, October 29, 2016

11:00 – 2:00 PM Trick or Treating

FREE and open to children of all ages

For more information visit www.DONAPA.com

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(Next to Village Market)
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