

# Shamrock Newsletter



Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting 7-8:15pm

Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> No School – Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Peace Partners Assembly 8:20am / gym

Wednesday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip – Petrified Forest/ Old Faithful Geyser 8:30am-2:45pm

Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip – Lake Heron Ropes Course 9:15-2:15pm

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

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

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



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup> HARVEST MOON PARTY** -Buy tickets today!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,  
God,

You give us the gift of seasons to mark our journey through time.

The season of autumn, with its change of colors and falling leaves, reminds us that sometimes things must die and fall away for new life to arise.

Such is the message of the cross —  
that through death to self we find life in all its richness.  
In those moments when we experience setbacks for failures,  
help us to remember that You are with us always,  
and that there is no failure or sin Your love cannot heal.  
Help us to trust in You and in your promise of new life.  
Amen.

During this month of October we have our exciting Harvest Moon Party. This will take the place of our spring Gala. I ask that each family either attend or help at this magical evening. I am so grateful to all the volunteers who are busy putting this event together.

Remember to sign up through School Speak for your parent teacher conference. November 7 – 10 are the only days we will be having parent – teacher conferences. It is an important time to meet with your child's homeroom teacher to receive feedback on academic performance and social behavior.

I just want to take this time to thank our faculty and staff for being so compassionate. Daily they model Catholic behavior. I am constantly amazed by their spirituality and willingness to help students, families and one another. You are loved, faculty and staff of St. Apollinaris Catholic School!

October Blessings,  
Connie Howard

### **SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Parent Hour Tracking Update:** All is going great with our new Parent Volunteer Sign Ups. The only thing that SchoolSpeak is yet to complete is the Parent Participation Hour Tracking. All hours have are accounted for since May 16<sup>th</sup> of last year. No hours have been lost. The SchoolSpeak development team is fixing a couple glitches, which is why you cannot yet see your totals up-to-date. As soon as we it get fixed we will notify you. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience. Once again all hours are accounted for although they are not being shown.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**



Please sign up for your Parent/Teacher Conference time and day that best works for you. If you have more than one child and want back-to-back meetings please sign up early before they fill up.

**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.



## Q&A

### ST. A'S HARVEST MOON PARTY

OCTOBER 22, 2016

#### What is the Harvest Moon Party?

- A night of fun, friendship, food and wine
- Our biggest fundraiser of the school year
- An opportunity to bid or buy wonderful experiences ranging from a week in Cabo to a spa day with friends to an exotic Hawaiian-themed dinner, and much more

#### Where, when and what should I wear?

- Start your evening in Father Cleary park located behind the hall for cocktails and our silent auction. Dinner/Live auction following inside the hall.
- The party starts at 5:30 PM, and these lots will go fast so don't be late!
- Attire is dressy casual/ casual chic, be comfortable and come celebrate with us

#### May I bring wine?

Yes. Of course, we will have wine and beer available to you throughout the cocktail hour and dinner. But if you want to bring a special bottle for your table, you are welcome to do so.

#### Who is invited?

Everyone is welcome whether they are part of St. Apollinaris School and Parish or not.

#### What is a *buy-a spot*?

We are offering a selection of *buy-a-spot* silent auction items this year. This allows you to purchase "an experience" at a set price with other individuals. For example, the Yoga/Spa/Lunch day price may be \$200 per person with 10 available. You can sign up yourself or maybe even buy two spots for you and a friend.

#### How do I buy a ticket?

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.

**Thank you for supporting St. A's!**

SCRIP NEWS

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<u>Grocery Spending</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>4%</u>
<u>\$100 a week</u>	<u>\$104</u>	<u>\$156</u>	<u>\$208</u>
<u>\$150 a week</u>	<u>\$156</u>	<u>\$234</u>	<u>\$312</u>
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### ATHLETIC NEWS

## Athletic News and Notes



Our girls continue to play well and exhibit great sportsmanship and team play on the court. They will play their final regular season games this weekend before beginning the CSL Tournament on Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. See game schedules below.

The **4th/5th grade** girls put up some tough battles on Saturday through improved court play and serving by every player on the team. Unfortunately, they didn't get the wins but learned a lot about perseverance, working as a team, and not giving up.

They lost 22-25, 14-25 to a very strong St. Rose team. In the first game, they came back from a 10-22 deficit through an amazing 11-point serving streak by Kiley Galyen. They took this excitement into their second match against St. John's (Healdsburg), keeping the match close through earning excellent rally points by entire team and solid serving by Michele Wassef and continued consistent serves by Kiley Galyen. The final scores were 26-27 and 17-25. In their third match, they fought hard against St. Rose again with more solid serves by Kiley, and continued confident court plays by the entire team, ending the day 15-25, 18-25.

The team continues to grow and improve each week and each player has become more confident in their volleyball skills. They head to St. John's Healdsburg on Saturday for their final two regular season matches and hope to bring home a win.

The **6th grade** girl's volleyball team had a busy game day Saturday. We played very well against St. John's Healdsburg and won in three games 25-13, 23-25 and 15-5. Strong serving and great defense were key. We played St Eugene's immediately after St John's. The girls played very tough but lost in three games with a heartbreaking 15-17 loss in the 3rd game after rallying from a 3-10 deficit. The girls continue to play with high energy, strong play and sportsmanship. We look forward to the final weekend of play and the playoffs next week.

The **7th grade** girls had a bye week this week, taking a break from league play. We were invited by First Christian School for a friendly scrimmage where we continued to work on our new skills and get prepared for the final stretch of the season and the championship tournament.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls had a sweep on Saturday as they bumped, set and spiked their way to victory against St. Eugene's in 3 sets and St. John's Lutheran in two. They worked very hard at the back and the front, and held serve to gain significant leads when necessary.

On Monday, our 8th graders played against St. Francis and we won in three sets, which was our second win against this tough team. This win was very hard to achieve, as St. Francis's number 41 spiked several winners, which came fast and hard across the net. Our scores were close, but our players focused and did what they do best: out rally the opponent and tire them out to force the error. It was a great match to watch.

Final Regular Season Games This Weekend:

4th/5th Grade @ St. John Healdsburg at 1:30pm

6th Grade @ St. John Lutheran at 9:00am & 9:45am

7th Grade @ St. John Lutheran at 12:45pm

8th Grade @ St. Rose at 9:45am and 12:45pm



Starting Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>, the CSL VB tournament begins, with all of our teams in action.

Our 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade girls take the court at St. Helena Montessori at 4:30pm.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls will play here on our home court at 4:30pm.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls will play at 5:15pm at St. John Healdsburg.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will take the court here at St. A's at 6pm.

I know that each these teams would appreciate your love and support, so come cheer your friends and classmates on.

Go Shamrocks!!

From The Activities Desk....



Looking for a fun fall activity with the kids? Check out this article from Napa Valley Kid.com on local pick-your-own-fruit farms.

<https://napavalleykid.com/seasonal-events/you-pick-your-own-fruit/>