

Shamrock Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday, Sept. 17th – Catechetical Mass 10:30am

9/18 – 9/28 ITBS Testing for Grades 2 – 8



Thursday, Sept. 21st – First Communion Parent Meeting 7-8:15pm/Hall

Monday, Sept. 25th – School Council Meeting 5pm/library

Tuesday, Sept. 26th – Minimum Day TK-8 12:40 Dismissal

Friday, Sept. 29th – Special Visitors: Sr. Margaret Mary and Sr. Katie

UPCOMING EVENT: Saturday, October 21st Moonlight Masquerade Ball

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

“God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,

for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,

for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,

for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,

for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,

for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,

for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.”

Amen

At St. Apollinaris Catholic School we are cognizant of the fact that all students learn differently. In order to get a true picture of a child’s abilities we assess with many different tools. STAR Testing is a measurement we use multiple times a year to evaluate student progress from month to month. The STAR tests focus on Math and Language Arts. We use this data to analyze each student individually and create a plan customized to that student’s needs. Another tool we use in the beginning of the year is the national IOWA test. This test is given during the last weeks of September and this data is used

to drive curriculum on a class level. As this assessment approaches we ask that you provide your child with a good breakfast and healthy snacks. The testing is done between 8:15am and 10am September 21 – 28. Please schedule any appointments before or after this time frame.

I am so proud of the many students who have come to me requesting to lead a fundraiser for multiple needs. Most recently Kane Williams organized the popsicle sale to benefit our brothers and sisters in Texas and Louisiana. I am grateful for the student's sense of empathy. You have done an amazing job raising your children.

Blessings,
Connie Howard

SCHOOL NEWS



We sincerely hope our middle school students are enjoying their new school lockers as much as we love seeing them use them. Getting this project off of the ground would not have been possible without the generous support of the families below:

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds
Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap
Mr. and Mrs. Keebler
Mr. and Mrs. Buoncristiani
Ms. Tonya Fuller
Mr. Jeffrey Beaulac
Mrs. Carol Martin
Mr. and Mrs. McLean
Mr. and Mrs. Carolo

We are extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Eaton and Mr. Mick Gagetta and Gagetta Construction for their time, energy and effort to install the new lockers, especially during a heat wave of temperatures well over 100 degrees!

We are about half way to our fundraising goal for this project and would appreciate your support! If you would like to make a donation to the school locker project, please do so in the school office. Any amount helps and we are grateful. Thank you!

**Head
Coach
Needed!**

TIME SENSITIVE!

We are need of a basketball coach for 5th grade boys! We have a team ready, but without a coach we cannot play! WE URGE YOU to contact Walt Buckner at buckner3@sbcglobal.net to find out the information. No experience is needed. Our 5th grade boys need you!



Moonlight Masquerade
BLACK & WHITE BALL

2017-2018 GALA BUY-A-SPOT LOTS FOR ADULTS

These fantastic events will fill up quickly, so get a group together and make a plan to snag a spot for one (or more!) of these terrific outings!

Lot 109: Ladies Botox and Lunch at Morimoto – December 19th, 2017 (Time TBD)

Banish those wrinkles in the morning with your girlfriends, and then head over to Morimoto for bubbles and lunch.

Price: \$300 per person (Limited to five people)

Lot 107: Twilight Shopping at I-Elle Boutique – April 7th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

While enjoying hors d'oeuvres from Bottega, desserts, and sparkling wine, each guest will receive a makeup application; a \$75 gift card towards their purchase at I-Elle; and a free Kendra Scott gift. Knickers & Pearls will be available for bra fittings and will provide each lady with a \$25 gift card towards their purchase. Celebrity skin expert, Debra Barns, will give 20-minute facial analyses, and her company, Sumbody, will offer complimentary mini-facials, hand treatments, products, and a 15% off coupon.

Price: \$250 per person (Limited to 10 people)

Lot 106: Ladies Cinco de Mayo Yoga and Poolside Lunch Retreat – May 5th, 2018 (Time TBD)

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in style next year! Start the morning with a 90-minute yoga session, then relax poolside and enjoy light Mexican fare (catered by Napkins Restaurant) with your girlfriends while overlooking the Napa Valley.

Price: \$200 per person (Limited to 20 people)

And don't forget to buy your Golden Shamrock and Instant Wine Cellar tickets- tickets are going fast! <https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/gala2017>

TODAY is the last day to be included in the drawing for the night at the Marriott! Instant Wine Cellar and Golden Shamrock tickets purchased by Thursday, September 14th will be added to a drawing. Winner to be announced on Friday, September 15th.



Parents Volunteers

If you have not yet completed the latest required class please follow the link and update the course today! We have our first audit October 15th. Anyone who has not updated their class will be archived.

Still need to complete the class? Follow the link <https://santarosa.cmgconnect.org/>

FAQ:

- I completed the class last year, do I still need to complete it this time?

YES, everyone needs to complete the updated version of the class, Safe Haven, even if it was last year. These courses are updated every two years by the Diocese.

- I have already completed the live scan with St. A's, do I need to redo that as well?

NO, once you complete the live scan for St. A's you do not have to complete it again.

- I have completed the live scan with a government job, school district or other entity, do I still need to do it again?

YES, we need all families to have it completed under St. Apollinaris.



Support our school by simply clipping all box tops that you see on your weekly grocery purchase! You will find a box top form as an attachment. Have your child cut and glue them on and turn it in to the teacher or office. Easy way to get money for our school that we can use towards anything we need!

SCRIP NEWS



Our 2017/2018 Scrip year is off to a strong start!

Our scrip program is such an invaluable fundraiser for our school. It generates more than \$80,000.00 annually which offsets the actual cost to educate our children. Each family is obligated to earn a **\$400 profit obligation**. Families who exceed this \$400 profit obligation will be credited 50% of their overage on their registration or May tuition.

The key to success to this fundraiser is simple - consistently purchasing scrip for everyday purchases such as gasoline or groceries...yes, that's it! There are so many ways to achieve this obligation, it's almost hard not to! Each week in the Shamrock we will highlight ways that will allow you to be successful in reaching your scrip goals this year. Updates on School Speak will allow you to track your progress. You may also contact me at any time for a more up to date total.

Scrip Hours: Scrip is sold in the school office during regular office hours. You may also purchase scrip on Sundays from 8:00 am to noon in the school office.

Volunteer Opportunities: If you are looking to earn A parent hours, you may sign up to sell scrip on Sundays or volunteer to pick up local scrip. Please contact me directly if you are interested in either of these opportunities.

Raffle: Each time your purchase scrip in the school office, you may enter the raffle. Drawings are held monthly.

UPDATE

Scrip updates are being totaled now and will be entered on SchoolSpeak by next week! Thank you for your patience...

Check out the attached scrip sheet and start buying today!

Thank you for making our scrip program so successful!

Angela McWilliams

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Athletic News

This past Saturday the **8th grade** girl's volleyball team beat St. Rose (for the first time in four years!) in just two games and then beat St. Helena Montessori in three games. We then played the small but strong team from St. Francis on Monday just narrowly losing in both games. The girls then got another win against St. Helena Montessori, this time defeating them in just two games. Consistent strong serving by Anjali, Jovanna, Matilda and power server Kate Kerr contributed to that first game win of 25-5! All the girls are improving every game!

The **7th grade** girls won this past Saturday by forfeit. Our opponent, St Eugene's, arrived too late for the match. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, we were able to scrimmage with them however and won the game we played.

We have a busy weekend this coming Saturday with 3 matches at St Helena Montessori against St. John's Healdsburg, St. John's Lutheran and St. Helena Montessori.

The **5th/6th grade** girl's team played their first of three matches against St. John's Lutheran. We won in 3 matches thanks to great serving by Michelle and Ava. The entire team had great returns. We unfortunately lost to St. Francis and St. John's Healdsburg but we fought hard and are getting better every game!

This weekend, the girl's would love your support at the following games:

8th grade vs SE at 9:00 am at St. A's

7th grade vs SJH, SJL and SHM at 9:45am, 11:15am and 12:45pm at St. Helena Montessori

5th/6th grade vs SF and SM at 1:30pm and 3:00pm at St. Rose



Basketball registration end tomorrow (9/15) for our 5th and 6th grade teams. 7th and 8th grade basketball registration is open now through September 28th. Don't miss this opportunity to represent your school and play for the blue and gold! Registration forms are attached and can be found in the school office.



GO SHAMROCKS!

Become a Cub Scout!

For over 80 years, Cub Scouts have been having the time of their lives making new friends and learning new things in an environment designed to help them succeed, through confidence- and character-building activities. From building their own pinewood derby car to learning how to roast the perfect marshmallow with their best friends at a family camp-out, your child will LOVE being a Cub Scout. All boys currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade are eligible to become Cub Scouts. Scouting is full of year-round adventures, but now is a great time to get involved with Pack 196, which includes boys from St. A's and other local schools.

Come to our monthly Pack meeting this Friday to try out the Raingutter Regatta races and ice cream social (Sept. 15, 6:00 p.m., Northwood Elementary School).

For more information, contact either Amanda Vance (707-363-0998; pogenpal@yahoo.com) or Robert Reber (707-666-2067; robertreber@sbcglobal.net)