

Shamrock Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, Sept. 7th – Back to School Night for Grades 5-8th at 6:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 10th – School Mass 10:30am

Monday, Sept. 11th – First Day of Milk Program

Tuesday, Sept. 12th – First Day of Pizza Tuesday
Dine & Donate at Napa Valley Bistro

Wednesday, Sept. 13th – Picture Day!

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

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

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. A's Families,

The first days of school represent something of a rebirth. It offers an opportunity for new experiences, new relationships, new knowledge, and new skills for all of us who walk through St. A's School. For most of us, these routines bring excitement and eager anticipation.

At St. A's we commit to working more effectively and sensitively with students who struggle and those who excel with learning every day. We offer small groups to enrich their learning. We commit time, energy, and resources, with the goal of all students succeeding. We analyze every class to determine learning styles and in which groups students will be more successful. I believe this is one of the many highlights which set St. A's apart from other schools.

What is new?

We are celebrating the 100th year anniversary of when Mary miraculously speared at Fatima. As the mother of the Church and the mother to us all, we hold a very special place for Mary in our heart, thoughts and prayers. We will be highlighting the role of Mary even more this school year.

What has changed? WHY???

We love when parents attend morning prayer, that has not changed! For the safety of the children all parents have been asked to stand behind the black posts on the side of the school (behind where the younger grades stand). Thank you for being so good about this. We are working on making sure everyone can hear morning assembly more clearly. When two or more are gathered in his name, Jesus is there.

What has changed? WHY???

This year our students, when signing in the Choir at Sunday Mass, will dress in Sunday best instead of their uniform. WHY???. The students in CCD wanted to sing in the choir as well, but felt uncomfortable to join our students when they are in the school uniform. If CCD students do not join in, we will resume our regular routine. Typically the students will sing the first Sunday of the month at the 10:30am Mass. This month is different. The students will be singing at the 10:30am Mass this Sunday, September 10th.

Tonight is the Back to School Night for grades 5-8. This has changed! We will all meet in the hall at 6:30pm. We will begin with prayer. All homeroom and enrichment teachers will speak to the one group. We will stay in the hall for the entire presentation. I am expecting we will be finished by around 7:30pm. This is a parent event. I can't wait to see you!!!

Blessings,
Connie Howard

SCHOOL NEWS**PICTURE DAY IS COMING!**Order today at mylifetouch.com

Picture Day is:

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Picture Day ID:

BY31789900



**All students must come in full uniform on picture day.
Picture re-take and graduation pictures are scheduled for October 18th.**

GALA IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

The Instant Wine Cellar is back! For the price of a \$100 raffle ticket, you can go home with 119 bottles of wine and this beautifully hand-carved wine refrigerator that holds 196 bottles:



This is a one-of-a-kind collection to be taken home by a *very* lucky raffle winner. Some of the vineyards/wineries represented are: Tres Sabores; Boeschen Vineyards; Hill Family Estate; Clarendon Hills; Darioush; Del Dotto; Transcendent; Matt Parrish; Etude; Turley; and so many more!

There are just a handful of tickets left for the gala, and those – as well as raffle tickets for the Instant Wine Cellar – are available at: <https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/gala2017>.

You can also purchase your Golden Shamrock tickets at the same link, and there are only 21 tickets left for that. Only 50 will be sold for each raffle, so don't miss your chance!

Live lots eligible for the Golden Shamrock include the following:

- **Lot 900: *Dub Nation***
Grab tickets to any one Golden State Warriors game at Oracle Arena, where you will be seated in Section 107, Row 7, Seats 3 and 4.
- **Lot 901: *Principal For the Day***
Your child will treasure this exciting experience! The “Substitute Principal” will get to plan a fire drill, schedule meetings, and observe a classroom. The day will conclude with lunch and an on-the-job training session with Mrs. Howard.

- **Lot 902: *Premier Parking Spot for a Year***
The best parking spot at the school is yours every day...all year long!
- **Lot 903: *Date Night for a Year***
This package features the following restaurants: Tarla, Eiko's, Ristorante Allegria, Celadon, Morimoto, Miminashi, Zuzu, Bottega, Bouchon, Hurley's, Cook, and Norman Rose. A case of 2014 Whitehall Lane Merlot; Fandango gift cards; and a Grapevine Nannies gift certificate round out this fantastic auction lot.
- **Lot 906: *Twenty Magnificent Magnums***
See the full list of magnums in the attached catalog.
- **Lot 907: *Take Me Out to the Ballgame***
Calling all Giants fans! Grab this Buster Posey-autographed jersey, bat, and ball, in addition to Club Level tickets to any regular season Giants game in 2018. Enjoy an appetizer and drinks at MoMo's before the game and dinner afterwards at Marengo. Spend the night in the city at the Hotel Vitale as well!
- **Lot 908: *Ultimate Squaw Valley Ski Trip***
Cruise up to Squaw Valley in style with a BMW X5, 10 unrestricted lift tickets, and hotel rooms at a local resort.
- **Lot 909: *Napa Valley's Finest***
Experience the ultimate in Napa Valley luxury. Sail over Yountville in a hot air balloon; visit Hill Family Estate farms; and tour and taste at Clif Lede Vineyards. Then check into your King Spa Suite at Bardessono and get ready for a nine-course dinner at Thomas Keller's world-famous restaurant, The French Laundry.
- **Lot 911: *Luxury Napa Valley Wine Excursion***
Spend the day traveling off the beaten path and experiencing three hidden gems of the Napa Valley. St. Apollinaris parent, Paul Bailey, will transport up to six people in a Chevy Suburban for a truly remarkable day of wine tasting. Ride a four-wheeler through the vineyards and taste balsamic vinegar and exceptional wines at The Terraces; enjoy an Oakville Grocery picnic lunch, wine tasting, and stunning views at Amizetta Vineyards; and finish your day by experiencing the state-of-the-art cave at Hourglass Winery, whose 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2016 Sauvignon Blanc you will get to take home tonight!

Purchase your Golden Shamrock ticket here:
<https://stapolls.ejoinme.org/gala2017>.

SCRIP NEWS



Congratulations to the Clunies-Ross Family, winner of the September scrip raffle!!!



Scrip Changes:

Chevron will no longer be participating in our scrip program. We will continue to sell our existing stock until it is gone. Shell and Arco are available in the office, and BP Gas, Exxon, Mobile and 76 are available by special order.

Raley's/Nob Hill

Notification was sent in June with regards to Raley's no longer offering the Something Extra card with rebates back to St. Apollinaris. This became effective on June 1, 2017, and you will receive all rebates up to that date. We will continue to stock the physical scrip cards in the office where you will continue receiving 4% back to your obligation.

Athletic News

Basketball registrations still open, registration is attached.