

# Shamrock Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES:

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip – McClelland’s Dairy and Farm 9:00am-1:00pm  
– Bishop Vasa Talk –Open to public 6-7:30pm



October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Kindergarten Field trip – Pumpkin Patch 8:45-10:30am  
– 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip – Pumpkin Patch 8:45- 11am  
– Spirit Rally at 2:15pm



October 27<sup>th</sup> – Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8  
– Dine & Donate at Azzurro Pizzeria 11:30am-9:30pm

October 29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Meeting 7-8:15pm

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Parade begins at 11:00am  
– Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8  
– 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Ends/1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends



November 1<sup>st</sup> – Don’t forget to set your clock one hour back!



November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Begins  
– 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

“God of all blessings,  
source of all life,  
giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath  
that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth  
that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty

that the eye can see,  
for the joy  
that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown  
that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,  
for the expanse of space  
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families  
who nurture our becoming,  
for friends  
who love us by choice,  
for companions at work,  
who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers  
who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands  
who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children  
who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn,  
who offer us hope for the future.

For these, and all blessings,  
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.”

**Accelerated Reader!** It is so exciting to hear the “buzz” around the school. Everyone has caught the reading bug! With the implementation of accelerated reader, the students are “buzzing” about all the books they are reading! For example look how many words our students have read in six weeks:

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** 12,378 words  
**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** 82,365 words  
**3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** 1,791,892 words  
**4<sup>th</sup> grade:** 3,134,549 words  
**5<sup>th</sup> grade:** 3,896,133 words  
**6<sup>th</sup> grade:** 3,672,377 words  
**7<sup>th</sup> grade:** 12,070,973 words  
**8<sup>th</sup> grade:** 4,509,987 words

That’s a lot of words! Keep reading students! It is wonderful that you and your child can choose ANY book within your student’s lexile to read. Accelerated Reader should be based on free choice books, of your child’s interest, which your child can read at his / her leisure. You should see recess now! It’s a cross between a library and a kickball/basketball tournament!

**What's with Halloween?** Because Halloween falls on a Saturday, our Halloween parade will be on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a minimum day. At approximately 11am, the students will gather to parade around the back parking lot. After a few laps, the students will go to the hall for the candy guessing competition. This is followed by a small celebration in your child's classroom, coordinated by the room parent. All students are dismissed at 12:40pm.

### Living our SLE's!

#### Life-Long Learners who:

(Grades TK – 4)

- *Show interest and excitement in learning*

This week our kindergarten students were in the Science lab learning about the protective skeletal system. I was AMAZED at the all the students who enthusiastically raised their hands to identify different bones and their purposes. They certainly showed interest and excitement in learning.

(Grades 5 – 8)

- *Investigate and make informed decisions based on critical thinking and problem solving skills*  
Just ask an 8<sup>th</sup> grader! One of the many examples of our 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders demonstrating “Life-Long Learning”, is the new and exciting 8<sup>th</sup> grade science project. Our students will be creating rocket race cars, using Chemistry, Physics and Newton's three laws of motion. The projects will be displayed at our Open House in January during Catholic Schools' Week.

Blessings,  
Connie Howard

### SCHOOL NEWS



It's that time of year, Parent/Teacher Conferences are here! This is the first year that we will be scheduling Parent-Teacher conferences through SchoolSpeak. You can now log into SchoolSpeak and register for the time and date that best works for you! You will be able to see what times slots are available. [www.schoolspeak.com](http://www.schoolspeak.com)

Do you need help in signing up for one or don't have internet access to register? No problem, contact Mrs. Lara.

**GEOGRAPHY BEE:** The annual National Geographic Bee is coming soon to St. A's! The 5th & 6th Grade Geography Bee will be on December 7, with the 7th & 8th Grade Geography Bee (including top 5th & 6th Graders) to be held on January 11. 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 Graders will be held from 7:40 - 8:10 am in the computer lab on Nov. 10, 12, 17, 19, and Dec. 1 & 3. Study sessions for 7th & 8th graders will follow on Dec. 8, 10, 15, & 17, and Jan. 5 & 7. Parents are welcome to stay and help! For questions and to register to participate, please call/text/email Robert Reber at [510-364-8538](tel:510-364-8538) / [robertreber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertreber@sbcglobal.net).



## 2015–16 National Geographic Bee

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography Bee  
Monday, December 7<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 a.m. in Extended Care

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade National Geographic Bee  
Including finalists from 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bee  
Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. in Extended Care

### ***Geography: the study of the earth and everything on it***

The goal of the Geo Bee is to learn new things and have fun! By choosing to participate, you are giving yourself an opportunity to succeed because everyone who participates is a WINNER. Just by participating, you will increase your knowledge about the world in which you live and build your knowledge for the future.

### **Study Sessions**

These FUN and optional sessions will be held in the school computer lab from 7:40 – 8:10 A.M.

- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade sessions: Nov. 10, 12, 17, & 19, and Dec. 1 & 3
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade sessions: Dec. 8, 10, 15, & 17, and Jan. 5 & 7  
*If there is sufficient space, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders can come to the earlier sessions. Parents are welcome to stay and help!*

### **For games and study tips, check out:**

- [kids.nationalgeographic.com/games/quizzes/quiz-whiz-geography/](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/games/quizzes/quiz-whiz-geography/)
- [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/study-corner](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/study-corner)
- [www.sheppardsoftware.com/](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/)
- [www.lizardpoint.com](http://www.lizardpoint.com)

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**IMPORTANT: YOU MUST CONFIRM PARTICIPATION  
VIA TEXT OR E-MAIL**

Applications for the 2016-2017 school year for TK-K are NOW being accepted. Please download the application from the school website or come into the school office to pick one up. Also, when you turn the application in please bring a copy of the birth certificate and baptismal certificate if he/she is baptized. If you currently have a TK, there is no need to do anything only for new TK & K students coming in next year.



HELP US HELP SOLES4SOULS

Please bring your unwanted shoes  
to the bin outside the 5th grade classroom.  
We are collecting through the end of October.



### Scrip News



**Halloween** is just around the corner - buy all of your party supplies, candy and decorations with Scrip! Target, Walmart, and See's

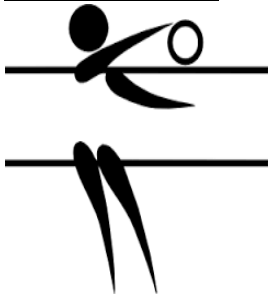
Candies are just a few retailers offered that can help you create a **Spooktacular Halloween!**

*Angela McWilliams*

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### Athletic News



#### **Volleyball Championship Results!**

The **5th Grade** girl's volleyball team played the CSL championship game vs. St Helena Montessori on Saturday and won second place!

The match was well played by the entire St. A's team and capped a tremendous season for all of the girls. We started the season as beginners and made it all the way to the championship game of the CSL tournament. The entire team deserves recognition for their hard work and dedication as well as their good sportsmanship throughout the season.

Every member of the team contributed to their success this year: Maria Bodor, Rachel Galvin, Gabrielle George, Meghan Goleno, Marleigh Harder, Jillian Harnois, Audrey Howard, Hilary Klam, Sofia Lopez, Kendall Manasse, Sophia Notaro, Hannah Pham, Anna Pyrcce, Adriana Quintanilla and Abigail Smith.

All of the coaches and parents are very proud of the girls and their accomplishment.

St. Apollinaris has been very fortunate to have such a great team this year. We look forward to another great season next year!

Congratulations to the **8<sup>th</sup> grade** girls for finishing the volleyball season **1<sup>st</sup> in LEAGUE and winning the North Bay CSL CHAMPIONSHIP!** These athletes worked hard all season and every single one of them contributed to their success! It was an exciting championship game against St. Francis last Saturday. St. A's beat them in two sets; 25-16 and 26-24. Mary Foust's consecutive 12-point serving run was a key factor in securing the win. Breck Hearn and Karlie Wells continued to play their

powerful games. Katie and Eliza Mason's quick defense with digging and passing, Maddie Klungel's all-around play and Natalia's killer serves all deserve recognition. Not only did this team dominate in the CSL league, but they scrimmaged a high school freshmen team last Friday and beat them too.

We will celebrate and acknowledge our tremendous volleyball student athletes and introduce the St. Apollinaris Cheer team this Friday at the spirit rally. Our cheer team is excited for their first performance!



Basketball news and notes to come next week!