

Shamrock Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, February 16th – REGULAR SCHOOL DAY * Fire Make Up Day
– TK Screening
– Dine & Donate at St. Clair Brown Winery & Brewery from 12-8:00pm

Monday, February 19th – Presidents' Day – No School

Thursday, February 22nd – Lenten Knit Project 7th gr. 3-4:30pm

Friday, February 23rd – Special Visitors: Sister Margaret Mary and Sister Katie
– Faith Families 2-2:45pm

Monday, February 26th – 4th grade parent retreat 7-8:15pm / Hall

Tuesday, February 27th – Full Day – Make Up Day
– Pizza Tuesday – Make Up Day
– Fashion Disaster Day

Friday, March 2nd – 2nd Trimester Ends

Monday, March 3rd – 3rd Trimester Begins

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

Let us pray,

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before us and invite us inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons us to see our lives through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give us the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation. And, when we open our souls to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over us and seep into the pockets of our hearts. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen

Lent is a wonderful season during our liturgical year to share the concepts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving with our children. Consider as a family how you might help others in need by giving of your time or resources. Even very young children can understand and will enjoy participating in the process.

Lenten ideas:

Links of Love

Help children brainstorm simple ways to make helpful and meaningful contributions to family, school, and parish life. Every time someone cheerfully serves or helps another, the child can make that act of love concrete by adding a link to a Love Chain. Have children decorate their links. Use the Love Chain to decorate the room for Easter.

Changes for the 2018/2019 school year are as follows:

Thank you Mrs. Kerry Kempkey for your many years of love and teaching at St. Apollinaris Catholic School. It is amazing to think about the hundreds of children you have taught to read, add numbers and love God. We wish you the best in your retirement.

Who will be our 1st grade teacher? With 22 years of teaching experience, 14 of those years in first grade, with dually certified teaching credentials and a Master's Degree, Ms. Kim Campisi! She has been working with the kindergartens for half days, and will know the students very well when the first day of school begins.

We are reorganizing 6th grade to be self-contained. Mrs. Fidler will continue as the 6th grade homeroom teacher. Our 7th grade homeroom teachers are Mrs. Andrews, teaching Language Arts to 7th and 8th grade and Mr. Mulford teaching History. The goal is for all homeroom teachers to teach their own religion. Our 8th grade homeroom teacher is Mrs. Koen teaching 7th and 8th grade math in addition to small math groups in 6th, 5th and 4th grades.

We are in the process of looking for a middle school Spanish teacher for the 2018/2019 school year. Thank you to Mr. Tomsic for educating our students in the area of Spanish. Mr. Tomsic will continue to teach music to all grades.

We need you! Mercy is our Parent Teacher Group. We are looking for Mercy Board Members!!! Mercy is responsible for community building and fundraisers. Mercy's contribution to our school budget allows tuition to stay competitive, in addition to providing enrichment opportunities for your student. We need individuals to continue the amazing efforts that Mercy has accomplished in years past. Call the office immediately to volunteer for our events for the next school year. Your "A" hours will be completely satisfied.

Lenten Blessings,
Connie Howard

SCHOOL NEW

News and Notes from the Classroom...6th Grade

Literature, Art, Math and Science collided in Sixth Grade this Week
by Parker Scheuman

On Wednesday February 14 at 10:20am, Literature, Art, Math and Science collided in my class. How did this happen? Well, we took a project of *Fish in a Tree*, a book that we are reading in Literature. The main character makes a color wheel and explains to her class that if you spin it, all of the colors turn to white. That is exactly what we made. Here is how you do it. First we drew circles using a cup and divided the circle into seven sections. We used a protractor to split the circle at every 51%. Next we painted each section a different color from the rainbow. Then we cut the circles out and glued them to a piece of cardboard. Now comes the hard part, piercing two holes through the wheel near the center and feeding string through them. When we finished our wheel we were given the challenge of finding the right technique to make the steel spin. I found that you had to whip the wheel towards yourself until the string was wound up. Then you would pull the string gently until it unwound and the momentum would wind it up again. Pulling again and again should result in a spinning wheel of white. Now comes the science behind it all. We were taught by Ms. Cassayre's son, Craig, that all colors have different size wave lengths. The different wave lengths determine what color your eye sees. So when you spin the color wheel all the waves come at once which confuses your eyes. Since your eyes can't make out the colors they see white. All in all I thought this project was super cool and interesting.

Questions and Answers... 1st Grade**If you opened a store, what would you sell?**

Georgia - "Chocolate cats"

Nico - "Transformers and stuffed animals"

Sarah - "Easy Bake Ovens"

Collin - "Dog stuff"

Shea - "Teacher stuff"

Bethany - "Fruits"

If you drew everything that came to your head, what would you be drawing right now?

Georgia - "A cat"

Leah - "A unicorn"

Nico- "My stuffed animal Cutie, he's a leopard"

Sarah- "Cupcakes and types of cats"

Collin - "a Boston Terrier"

Shea- "A ballerina petting a unicorn"

Bethany - "A ballerina"

SCRIP NEWS *SCRIP*

Support our School!



There are only 74 days remaining to fulfill your scrip obligation for the 2017/2018 school year. If you have an overage, 50% of this will go back to registration or May tuition. You will be billed the buy-out fee of \$500.00 if you have not made any purchases by April 30, 2018.

Genova Deli - \$20 certificates have replaced the \$5's!



ShopWithScrip.com: enrollment code: E11F627C9L85 - Shop at home, use Presto Pay, download scrip certificates and reload your existing scrip cards all from home! Check it out!

eScrip: Our group ID is 137105831 Check out what eScrip has to offer.



Need to freshen up your kid's uniform? Don't forget to use scrip!

Dennis Uniform 5%

Land's End 16%

Napa Valley Emporium 5%.

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ATHLETIC NEWS



St. A's 7th grade boys extended their undefeated season with a big win over St. John's Lutheran this past weekend. Defense was key at the start, with St. A's holding SJL scoreless through the first quarter.

This was a complete team win as every St. A's player scored. Dante and Jackson led the team with double digits, followed by Luke, Austin, Ben, AJ, Jacob, Jack D. and Jack I. Final score, 65 - 42.

The boys continued their magical season by defeating St John's Napa Monday night. Jackson and Austin lead the team with double digit scoring, followed by Dante, Ben, Jacob, Jack D., Luke and Jack Ibrahim.

AJ dazzled the crowd with a late-game steal and drive to the basket, keeping SJN on their heels. Final score, 58-27.

The 7th grade boys put their 6-0 record against St. Eugene's to the test at St. A's this weekend. St. Eugene's only loss this year was an earlier season match up vs. St. A's. A win for St. A's guarantees the league championship. Come out and cheer them on!

The 7th grade girls got back on the winning track with a win against Kolbe Academy last Saturday. The girls played tough against Kolbe's "Roller Derby" physical style of play with Lizzie Qui, Maria Bodor, and Jillian Harnois leading the scoring. Gabrielle George and Sophia Notaro played tough on the boards to shut them down on defense. One regular season game to go next weekend before the tournament, let's go girls!

The 8th grade girls continue to play strong on both sides of the ball, but suffered a loss to St. Rose this past Saturday. The girls look to redeem themselves as they take on St. Rose again this weekend.

The 8th grade boys had another solid victory against St. John's Healdsburg this past Saturday. The team was lead with a strong offensive performance by Lucas B. with 25 pts. along with great defense by Anthony and Jack.

Monday night saw another victory for the boys against St. Francis.

Here are this weekend's games:

7th grade boys vs. SE @ 9:00am at St. A's

7th grade girls vs. have a bye

8th grade boys vs. SHM @ 10:15am at St. A's

8th grade girls vs. SR @ 9:00am @ St. Rose



Track and Field registration is officially open for all students! Come run, jump and throw with us this spring. Practices will begin at the end of March. Athletic registration forms can be found in the school office and attached to this newsletter.

Are you a parent who loves track and field? We would love you to volunteer to help our track team! Every grade needs a coach or two and no experience is needed. The more the merrier. Please contact Jessica Martin at jmartin@stapollinaris.com to find out more.



St. A's March Madness Tournament is coming up March 15th-18th and we would love your support! This tournament is the main fundraiser for our athletic program, providing a wonderful experience for our student athletes. We are in need of a few individuals to help lead the Shamrock Café and the Ice Cream Social. Please contact Nate Galambos (njgalambos@gmail.com) ASAP to find out more. These volunteer roles meet all of your "A" and "B" parent hour requirements. Also, attached you will find the March Madness Ad form. Please consider advertising your business on our program!

CHURCH NEWS:

Lenten Retreat at St. Apollinaris Church, Napa

*“I Desire Mercy”*

with Retreat Master Fr. Matthew Williams
of The Carmelite House of Prayer, Oakville

Saturday February 24th 9:30 - 3:00 pm

Reflections on Mercy as the Way to Healing & Reconciliation

with Benediction & Healing Prayer Service

Lunch provided - Free will offering- All are welcome!

[Click Here](#) to register - by Thursday February 22 8:30 am

OR contact Dn. Peter (707) 815-7397

email: nappmm@gmail.com

ABOUT FATHER MATTHEW WILLIAMS..

Fr. Matthew Williams, OCD, grew up in San Diego, CA, and entered the Discalced Carmelite Order in 1982. His studies for the priesthood took place at The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, CA, after which, he was ordained in 1990. Among the ministries that he has been assigned to are: retreat director, pastor, administration, and superior of the Carmelite Novitiate in San Jose. Currently Fr. Matthew is at The Carmelite House of Prayer in Oakville, CA.



Chess Scholars

Spring 2018

St Apollinaris School

No Experience Needed



Trophy
Medals
Chess Belts!

GRADES K-8

Develop your child's intellect through the fun game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Also, chess has been proven to enhance motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity.

No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both new and returning participants are welcome and will get to the next level under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. There will also be a chess competition with prizes towards the end of the session! Each child will receive a participation medal and a chess keychain.

Course Time: *Thursdays, April 12th - May 24th, 3:10 PM - 4:10 PM*
(7 Classes)

To sign up for Chess Scholars, please visit <https://www.chessscholars.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the class code **NAP4.12.18** in order to register. Please register by 3/29 for the early bird price of \$98.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Chess Scholars at 847-482-9999 or info@chessscholars.com

No refunds will be made, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.