

Shamrock Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday, March 11th – Daylight Saving Time Begins



Monday, March 12th – School Council Meeting 5pm

3/13 – 3/15 4th grade field trip – Coloma Outdoor Discovery



Thursday, March 15th – St. Patrick's Day Mass 11:00am – Full Uniform

Friday, March 16th – Spirit Rally 2:15pm/ gym
– Shamrock Day, wear green!

3/15 – 3/18 March Madness Tournament



Monday, March 19th – 4th grade Sacrament of Reconciliation 7pm/Church

Thursday, March 22nd – 1st Communion Parent & Child Meeting 7-8:15pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

...Lent is the perfect season to consider the crossroads of life: losses, transitions, choices, uncertainties and disappointments, those times when faith and life intersect...

Rev. David Kehert

Tuesday I attended a mandatory retreat for the Diocese of Santa Rosa. I was apprehensive to leave campus, but with Father Bala's encouragement I spent a day of reflection, prayer and faith building in the hills of Los Altos with my fellow principals. The focus was on the Blessed Trinity. We learned how the Father loves us, the Son saves us and the Holy Spirit transforms us. Individuals gave personal testimonies of the power of the Trinity in their lives. It was a powerful day. We hope to bring this retreat to our St. Apollinaris community. As hard as it was to be off campus, it was spiritually rewarding and very much appreciated.

Saturday was an amazing day for our 7th and 8th grade students. The Decathlon Team, parents, family, friends and I attended the Sacramento Diocese Decathlon. Our students were wonderful! They will be traveling to Del Mar for the State Decathlon championship. The 8th grade girls played well in their championship game. The 7th grade boys won 1st place in the league and the tournament. I am so proud to see our students shine with their God given gifts and talents. Go Shamrocks!

Look how far we have come!

| Subject | May 2011 | March 2018 |
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| Enrollment | 175 | 293 |
| Technology | Grades 4 th – 8 th Computer Lab | Interactive White Boards Science Lab & TK – 8 th TK – 8 th Computer Class Ipads for grades TK – 4 th Chrome Books 5 th - 8 th Updated server and infrastructure |
| Christian Service | 30 hours 7 th & 8 th | Community service with reflection and presentation grades 6 th – 8 th All classes committed to a Christian Service Project |
| Curriculum | Language Arts updated | Small group instruction lowers student teacher ratio AR Reading and Math, Science, Math, History, Religion reviewed and updated - Athletics |
| Facilities | Heating system needed repair and no air conditioning | New Air Conditioning and heating Lockers New lunch area cover New desks and chairs for students |
| Spanish | 7 th and 8 th grade only | TK – 8 th grade (6 th – 8 th grade three times a week) |
| Science Lab | 4 th – 8 th | TK – 8 th |
| Art | Monthly Art | Art Class TK – 8 th 3 days a week |
| PE | K – 8 th | TK – 8 th 4 days a week |
| Music | K – 6 th | TK – 6 th |
| Open House | Classroom Visitation | Classroom Visitation Expo of Enrichment Classes offered |
| Assessment | Tests Iowa Assessments | Variety of assessment methodologies AR Reading and Math Iowa assessments Star Testing |

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| Communication | Weekly Xeroxed newsletter | Emailed newsletter School Speak Teachers post homework and grades 24 hour return policy for emails |
| Grades Offered | Grades K – 8 th | TK 2 year program, TK 1 year program - 8 th |

WCEA / WASC accreditation - Full 6 year accreditation

Thank you to the world's best faculty and staff for building and enhancing our St. Apollinaris Catholic School community.

Assembly alerts- To avoid daily interruptions we will have assembly outside unless the temperature is 45 degrees or less and / or raining.

As you journey through Lent, I encourage you to let the kindness in your heart flow through to everyone with whom you interact.

Lenten Blessings,
Connie

SCHOOL NEWS

CIRCLE OF GRACE

Grades TK-8 will be participating in the Circle of Grace in the month of March. Attached you will find a permission slip. Please print and return **only if you do not** want your child to be part of this program. If you chose to opt-out your child will sit in the office during this lesson.

Dear Parent,

In response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by

Diocese/eparchies will establish 'safe environment' programs. They will cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children.....

Article 12 – Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

This program is called *Circle of Grace*. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into our programs and curricula for the formation of children and young people in our schools and religious education programs. *Circle of Grace* aims to equip our children and young people by arming them with essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This program helps children and young people to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body, and spirit.

News & Notes from the Classroom



Classroom: 3rd Grade

I'm learning about robots, energy, multiplication, Pi, division and variables. A variable is a letter or a symbol used to represent an unknown quantity. We are also learning about the Wappo, Pomo, Chumash, Shasta, Mojave, Yokut, and Cahuilla tribes. I like the Shasta tribe because I love mountains. *By Anne Wade*

Questions and Answers...

What is the hardest rule to follow?

Patrick - "The hardest rule to follow is not to watch Youtube."

Natalie - "At home when my sister is being mean trying not to fight with her"

NicLeo - "Doing homework and going to school."

Sophie - "Just reading for 20 minutes."

Jacob - "Doing homework and not arguing with my sister."

Anne - "The hardest rule is not talking."

Katelin - "The hardest rule for me is the school dress code."

Tom - "To be on my best behavior."

Paola - "Remembering to put on a jacket."

Reagan - "Listening to a teacher."

Daniel - "Talking"

Ben K. - "To feed my dog"

Ava d. - "Giving up for Lent"

Ilaria - "To clean the living room every night"

Julia - "Being ok with no"

Emiliano - "To not scream in the house"

AJ - "The hardest rule to follow is to not talk to someone in class"

Isabella - "The hardest rule to follow is not fighting back to my brother."

Gianna - "Having to eat dinner at a fancy restaurant and having to dress up nice."

Isabel - "Reacting badly to my parents sometimes"

Luke - "Not playing tag"

Kevin - "Touching!"

Ava A. - "Not talking"

Lucas - "Not doing homework in class even if you know all the answers."

Savannah - "Do not touch people at school"

Anonymous - "No bad words"

Anonymous - "At swimming, not to run"

Anonymous - "To not fight with my brother"

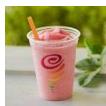
SCRIP NEWS**VALLERGAS MARKET**

Vallergas Markets will close its doors at the end of the March or when their stock is depleted; whichever comes first! Beginning Monday, everything in the store will be 40% off. *Please note we will not be offering refunds on any unused scrip, so please use it up before they close their doors forever!*

Thank you to Vallergas Markets for donating over \$100,000.00 to our school throughout the many years!



There are only **55** 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.

**New Scrip: Jamba Juice!**

We are now selling Jamba Juice fundraising cards in the office.

How does it work?

- 1) What is the cost of this card? **\$10.00**
- 2) What is the scrip rebate? **50% (not a typo)**
- 3) How does it work? **This card is loaded with six "buy one get one free" smoothies.**

Traveling this spring break? Don't forget to pack your scrip!



Airlines: American Airlines (6%), Delta (4%), Southwest Airlines (4%)

Cruising: Royal Caribbean (13%), Carnival (8%) and Celebrity Cruises (9%)

Amusement Parks: Disneyland or Disney World (3%)

Hotels: Hilton (2%), Fairmont Hotels (9%), Embassy Suites (2%), Hotels.com (6%) and many more!

Rental Cars: Budget (8%) and Avis (9%)

Road trip: Arco, Shell, 76 and BP Gas Cards are available.

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ATHLETIC NEWS

The St. A's 7th Grade Boys basketball team completed a magical season by taking 1st place in the 2018 North Bay Catholic School League Tournament!

Playing with only seven players, the St. A's boys turned in a gritty performance vs. league co-champion St. Eugene's, leaving it all out on the court. Strong defense from Jack D, Jacob and Jack I kept St. Eugene's to 14 half time points. For St. A's, Ben led all scorers with 24, followed by Jackson with 21, Dante 10 and Luke with 3 points.

A tremendous team effort! Congratulations! Final score 58-44.

The 8th grade girls took to the court this past weekend to battle a tough, undefeated St. Rose team for the CSL Tournament Championship. The girls knew they had a tough road to climb and were down a couple of girls due to scheduling conflicts with the Decathlon, but they played with heart and gave it their all. In the end, they would take 2nd place in the tournament. Congratulations girls!

The final two weeks of basketball play begin this week with the Dan Clark Tournament at Justin-Siena, and end with our own March Madness Tournament, March 15-18.

The St. A's boy's team had a solid victory last night over Napa Christian and move on to the second round tomorrow (3/7), at 4:00pm, while the St. A's girl's team takes to the court Thursday night (3/8), at 7:45pm. Come over to Justin Siena and cheer our student athletes on! Go Shamrocks!



We are so appreciative and blessed to have great coaches and mentors, who volunteer their time to our student athletes. Thank you to Marcus Notaro, Mike Jackson, Phil Pyrce, Christian Grimshaw, Ben Kerr and Steve Brock for coaching our basketball teams this year!



Track and Field kicks off on Monday, March 26th for grades 2-8 and on Tuesday, March 27th for grades TK-1. A few grades (see below) still need 1 or more coaches (we like 2 per grade). If you have a child who loves track and field, then come out and join us! No track experience necessary. We will be having a quick track coaches meeting Monday, 3/12, from 8:05am-8:30am in Extended Care. Track uniforms will be on display for sizing purposes at the meeting.

Grades in need of coaching help: Kinder, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th

Please contact Jessica Martin at jmartin@stapollinaris.com to sign up or ask questions.