

# Shamrock Newsletter



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Mass, Awards and reception begins at 10:30am
  - Full Uniform
  - Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8
  
- Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - End of the School Mass 8:45am/ Full Uniform
  - Field Day 11:00am-12:00pm
  - Students need to bring their pre-assigned color t-shirt
  
- Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-7
  - Snack Shack 12:40 - 1:15pm
  
- Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Last Day of School!
  - Last day of school prayer during morning assembly/ext. care
  - 12:40 Dismissal TK-8
  - No extended care available
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Ends



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Apollinaris Catholic School Families,

**O God** of all beginnings and endings,  
 We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.  
 It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,  
 With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord.  
 The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,  
 The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,  
 All have come forth from your hand.

While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day,  
 Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate  
 Just what you have been up to in our school.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.  
 Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.  
 Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,  
 And bless us, according to your will,

With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.  
 Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,  
 And guide each day as you have done this past year.  
 Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow  
 In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace  
 All the days of our lives.

Amen.

I remember driving up to St. A's on the first day of school, seven years ago. There were colorful hot air balloons dancing in the sky, sound walls with vines and grapes and at the time, no traffic! I was peace in my new home. These were only physical symbols of the beauty and joy I would find as I happily drove into St. A's and met each child. I was greeted with hugs and love. I had a family.

Seven years later, the hot air balloons still fly high, the sound walls are fondly viewed and there a few more cars on the road! And still now, everyday your amazing children greet me with hugs and love, as they did on that first day of school. Words cannot describe the love I will always have for each student, my special family.

### SCHOOL NEWS



## **St. Apollinaris School Night Red Wine**

**Celebrate your graduate by having some amazing St. A's red wine  
 for your guests to enjoy!**

Help support our school's tuition assistance program

**SUGGESTED DONATION**

**\$20/Bottle \$220/Case**

**Purchase in the school office**

**SCHOOL  
 YEARBOOK**

Order your copy before they sell out!

**COST: \$28.00**

**PAYMENTS: Cash, credit card or Check made out to St. Apollinaris School**

## Calling All Middle School Writers!

- Starting next year, all middle school students (grades 5-8) will have opportunities to explore creative writing and compose stories for the Shamrock newsletter.
- The stories will be written about a theme that will be announced every two weeks. Some examples include fairytale, sci-fi, and comedy.
- Stories should be around 250 words.
- A written/typed or email version can be turned in to Gabrielle George in person or via email at [ggeorge@stasnapa.com](mailto:ggeorge@stasnapa.com) one week prior to publication.
- The selected story will be published in the Shamrock the following week.



### Student Work Sample

#### A Summer Story

Summer vacation should be fun, right? Everybody goes to Hawaii, France, or anywhere exciting far away from home... except for me. I would be going on a camping trip. Yep, that's right.

*Camping.* We all know that means bugs, mud, and worst of all, no Wifi! I was crushed when my dad broke the news. With a big smile on his face, he explained the two of us would be hiking, canoeing, and swimming at the campsite. When my dad got that look on his face, I knew there was no chance of stopping him and his plans (or delusions) of father-daughter bonding.

The day my dad and I left with our tent and bags, my mom waved a suspiciously cheerful good-bye. She was probably glad that we could spend time together. And hopeful we would come back alive.

When we arrived at the campsite, it took some hassle to set up the tent. Then we started our hike. This was when the trouble started. The second my dad and I set foot on the trail, we were assaulted by a huge swarm of bugs! As we trekked through the woods, trying to ignore our winged companions, we finally realized the end was in sight! A huge mountain towered above at the edge of a glimmering lake. Quickly, we dove right into the water. The cool lake washed away my fear of the bugs and I began to truly appreciate nature's beauty (so what if a few bugs fly into my mouth, right?).

Get ready for **SUMMER READING**



With only one week away from summer break, you need to start planning your summer reading! Attached to the Shamrock you will find a Summer Reading Log. Be sure to log all of your summer reading. Return the log the first week of school to Mrs. Joske. Prizes will be given in November at the Book Fair.

**SCRIP NEWS** *Scrip*



*Our May Scrip winner is Mr. Hefley!*

*Congratulations and thank you for supporting our scrip program.*

Traveling this summer?

We currently have \$500 for Hilton Hotels in stock. Get them before they are gone!



Mobil/Exxon Gasoline Cards. \$50 increments. Use these at the Mobil Station on the corner of Trancas and Jefferson Street or any Mobil/Exxon branded station. Available now in the school office!



Celebrate Your Graduate! Congratulate your graduate with scrip gift cards from top retailers. Send them off with everything they need for their next chapter in life! Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Target and Walmart are great choices for kindergartners to college graduates.



Plan your Adventure.....Summer means time for family fun! Whether you plan to take a road trip, enjoy the beach, go camping, or spend time in the backyard, think scrip for everything from outdoor gear to hotel stays.

Check out some of our participating retailers: Bass Pro, Cabela's, Disney, Hotels.com, Hilton Hotels, Fairmont Hotels, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Delta, UBER,

Shutterfly and many more....Check it out at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com).





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