

Shamrock Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, Oct. 5th – Rosary with Bishop Vasa via live streaming 10am
– 4th grade Bake Sale after school

Sunday, Oct. 7th – School Mass 10:30am

Monday, Oct. 8th – Lockdown drill
– School Council Meeting 5pm/library

Wednesday, Oct. 10th – School Mass 8:45am – Full Uniform
– 4/5th gr. field trip – Petrified Forest and Old Faithful Geyser 8:15am – 2:45pm

Thursday, Oct. 11th – Mandatory Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting for 2nd grade
and 6th grade parents. 7-8:15pm

Monday, Oct. 15th – TK2 Field Trip – Stanley Lane Pumpkin Patch 9:10-11:30am

Wednesday, Oct. 17th – Picture Retakes & 8th grade Graduation pictures

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians, Alumni, and Friends,

A special thank you to the committee members who worked tirelessly on Paella in the Park, Ines Bargaquast, Jill McLean, Jen Dunlea, Adrian Moye, and Regina Bailey. Your time and energy in putting together such a wonderful event is much appreciated. Thank you to all of our guests who attended and supported our Silent Auction and Fund-A-Future kick-off! For families who haven't had a chance to read about our Fund-A-Future, please read the attached MERCY letter. Your support of our projects is greatly appreciated.

This week I had an opportunity to meet with local Napa principals where we discussed school concerns and resources available to our schools. Amongst schools some of the topics were bullying, video gaming/internet usage, and inappropriate language/threats. As a school administrator I would like to discuss the use of language in terms of threats and our diocesan policy regarding threatening language and I ask for your support in your homes to have discussions with your child(ren) about the importance of not using threatening language, such as, "I'm going to kill you...I'm going to shoot you." Because of the world we are living in and the amount of mass shootings that have taken place in schools any use of threatening language then triggers an investigation by administration. Dependent upon the situation and

language use I am required to file a police report with the local police. If it is deemed to be a credible threat law enforcement will then be actively involved. While I have an understanding that children are exposed to much more through video gaming and internet usage our students need to learn that the use of language in a threatening manner has to be taken serious at all times, until it is determined to not be a threat. It is my hope that we can partner together at home and in the classrooms around language use and what are appropriate behaviors if a student becomes upset. The other part of this is to urge your child to tell an adult, teacher, or myself should something of a threatening nature be said. Oftentimes information as such does not come to me until days or weeks later. I am here to support our students and our families in creating the safest school environment possible.

This week is our Sunday school Mass at 10:30AM. Students who attend Mass in uniform will receive a free dress pass. If your family is not able to attend the 10:30AM Mass and attends another Mass in uniform, please get your bulletin signed by one of the priests and I will give your child a dress pass on Monday.

Our school is still looking for a part time aide, Monday - Thursday from 12PM-4PM. Please contact me if you are interested.

Blessings,

Mrs. Olivia Brazil, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS



The 31st annual National Geographic Geography Bee is around the corner.

The combined 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Geography Bee will be Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 8:30am. 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 cash and college scholarships.

Study sessions for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th graders will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, and Thursday, November 29, 2018, directly after school until 3:45 pm in the Computer Lab.

If your child is interested in participating in the Geography Bee after-school study sessions, **please email your child's teacher by Wednesday, October 24th.** Note, your child does not have to attend the study sessions in order to participate in the Geography Bee.

Should you like additional information call/text or email Katja Loeffelholz at 707-365-0111 or k.d.loeffelholz@gmail.com .

Don't Miss Out!

October is Fund-a-Future Month at St. Apollinaris!

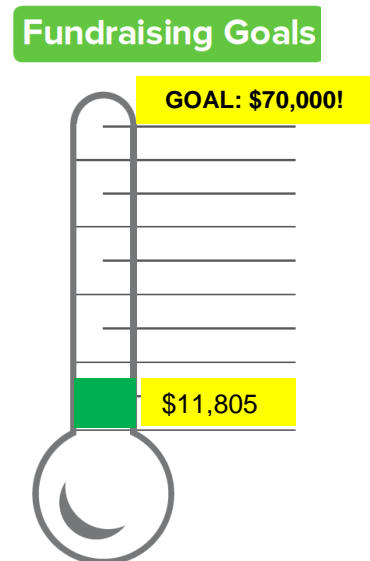
The results of our survey are in! Thank you to all of the families that took the time to share with us your thoughts on the special projects/infrastructure updates that our school needs. We greatly appreciate your responses and deeply value your input and involvement.

Throughout the month of October, we will be focusing on our “Fund-a-Future” projects. During this time, we will be working hard to raise money to complete the two projects on the list that received the most parent votes and then to continue to collect funds for each additional project based upon the survey results. **Our overall goal to complete the first two projects on the list – the remodel of the 2nd-8th grade bathrooms and security cameras/school wiring updates – is to raise \$70,000.** This is an ambitious number, but with your commitment and help, we *can* achieve it.

If each family at St. Apollinaris donates \$350, we will reach our goal!

For every \$100 you donate, you will receive an entry for a drawing to win a **nine-course meal for two at the French Laundry!** Please be generous, and pass [this link](#) on to your family and friends.

Thank you again for all that you do, and God bless!



**Transitional Kindergarten
&
Kindergarten
Registration**

Do you have an incoming TK or Kindergartner for the 2019-2020 school year? If you do please complete the intent to enroll and the student registration form attached.



BAKE SALE TOMORROW, FRIDAY 10/5

Support the 4th grade students. Proceeds donated will go to the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland.

Be sure to bring cash. The sale will be after school tomorrow.

SCRIP



*And the Winner is... Congratulations to Vince and Jackie D'Adamo;
Our September Scrip Winners!*

Thank you for supporting St. Apollinaris Catholic School!



Halloween is just around the corner - buy all of your party supplies, candy and decorations with Scrip! Target, Walmart, and Oriental Trading are just a few retailers offered that can help you create a Spooktacular Halloween!



If you are making a costume, Michael's or Jo Ann's Fabrics scrip (special order only) are creative choices



How much can you raise per year with scrip?

Gas and Groceries	2% Rebate	3% Rebate	4% Rebate
\$200 a month	\$48	\$72	\$96
\$300 a month	\$72	\$108	\$144
\$400 a month	\$96	\$144	\$192

ATHLETIC NEWS



The **5th/6th Grade Girl's Volleyball Team** really played hard and fought a tough battle against St. Rose but ultimately fell short. Against St. John's Healdsburg they were dominant and easily beat them in two matches. Coach Erica is very proud of each and every player as they work more and more like a team every game. The girls hold on to a solid 2nd place as they enter the final week of regular play this weekend at St. Rose.

The **7th Grade Girl's Team** had another long weekend on the road with games in Santa Rosa on Saturday and St. Helena on Monday night. In both matches on Saturday they contended strongly in the first game before falling off in the second and coming home without a win. The first match was against home team St. Rose and the girls fought hard to stay in touch with the locals, before going down 25-19. St. Rose took control of the second game early on to win 25-8. Next up, the Shamrocks tackled St. Eugene's and in an almost carbon copy of the first match, fell 25-18 in the first game and 25-13 in the second.

On Monday they faced the top of the league St. Francis and put up a great effort in the first game, before losing 25 to 23. A big effort in serving by Natalie Bui almost got them over the line before they just fell short. St. Francis came out strongly in the second game to take the match winning 25-9.

The **8th Grade Girls Volleyball Team** had mixed results this weekend, winning vs. VCA in two games but losing in three games to St. John's Healdsburg in another nail biter.

We won the first game 25-10 led by runs of serves from Jillian and Gabrielle and excellent hitting from Maria. Setting from Rachel and Lizzie combined with great net play from Sofia L and Dominique quickly put the game to rest. Our second game was won 25-23 and was a true team win. Serving from Abigail, Sophia N and Anna set us up well throughout the game. Solid returns

and saves from Hilary and Hannah highlighted the defense. Vanessa and Kendall showed steady defensive returns that stopped several key hits from VCA.

Our match vs. St. John's was one of the best we have ever played. Both teams are very proficient with their bump, set and hitting technique. Multiple rallies showed how good both teams are. We won the first game 25-13, leading from start to finish. Our bump, set hitting was well coordinated by Sophia L, Lizzie, Gabrielle and Jillian with tremendous hitting from Maria. Lizzie led the defense with unbelievable blocks against St. John's top hitter that put her to rest. Digs from Rachel and Dominique stopped cold offensive efforts from St. John's throughout the game. Gabrielle's run of 11 serves and runs of 5 serves from Maria and Jillian sealed the victory. Our second game did not go our way due to a dominant server from St. John's and we lost 7-25. Defensive efforts were highlighted by Abigail, Hannah, Sophia N and Anna. Our serving was led by Kendall but we could not overcome our deficit. The third game was a back and forth affair with each point awarded after long rallies for every point. Multiple blocks and digs were the highlights of our defense from Rachel, Maria, Gabrielle, Jillian and Lizzie. Net play from Sofia L and hitting from Maria, Jillian and Gabrielle led our offense. We were neck and neck up to 13 points but St. John's finally pulled away in a match that could have gone either way.

We finish the season this Saturday vs. St. Eugene's and Blue Oak then look forward to the playoffs next week!

Come out and cheer our teams on this weekend in their last regular season games:

5th/6th grade girls vs. SR @ 9:00am and vs. SJH @ 10:30am at St. Rose

7th grade girls vs. SM @ 12:45pm at St. John's Lutheran

8th grade girls vs. SE @ 1:30pm and vs. BOS @ 3:00pm at St. John's Healdsburg

Go Shamrocks!

