IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, February 8th – 3rd grade field trip – Connolly Ranch 9:10-1:20pm

Monday, February 11th – TK Screening
  – School Council Meeting 5pm/Library

Wednesday, February 13th – School Mass 8:45am – Full Uniform
  – Father-Daughter Dance 6pm/Hall

Friday, February 15th – Teacher In-Service – No School

Monday, February 18th – Presidents’ Day – No School

Wednesday, February 20th – School Mass 8:45am – Full Uniform
  – Mandatory 2nd Year Confirmation Parent Meeting 7-8:15pm

Wednesday, Feb. 20th - Friday, Feb. 22nd – 8th grade Marin Headlands field trip

Friday, February 22nd – Bowling Night with Mrs. Koen & Miss Howell 3:30-5:30pm

Tuesday, February 26th – Spirit Day: Disney/Pixar Day a
  – Minimum Day 12:40 Dismissal TK-8

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians, Alumni, and Friends,

On behalf of our community I would like to thank Mrs. Grizzle and Mrs. Grimshaw who co-chaired our parish/school Crab Feed this year. The Crab Feed was a huge success in large part to our 7th grade families and the many donors who supported our school! Our parish and school communities are already looking forward to this event next year!

Our faculty/staff each year have specific tasks that are worked on for our school accreditation. Narratives are written and goals are set based on survey data. If you have not had a chance to respond to our WCEA survey, please do so by Tuesday, February 12th. Your feedback if valuable. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JNTSDKT
A reminder that the Aquinas Scholarship application period is open now until March 15th. Families must apply through FACTS and meet the qualifications that were outlined in the January 31st Shamrock. You will set up a FACTS account and the Diocese will receive your information for scholarship consideration. Please use the following link to apply: www.factstuitionaid.com

As we prepare for our 2019-2020 school year I would like to share some important dates with you. Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on March 4th and conclude on March 15th.

August 15th - First Day of School
November 25th-29th - Thanksgiving Break
December 20th-January 3rd - Christmas Break
April 9th-17th - Easter Break
May 29th - 8th Grade Graduation
June 3rd - Last day of school

Blessings,
Mrs. Olivia Brazil, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

The Circle of Grace is a religious program we teach the children annually. The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. This program will be taught in every grade, TK-8. If you do not want your child to participate, please send a letter to the teacher by Monday, February 11th.

Student Spotlight

Field Trip Fun!
Chess Scholars
Winter 2019
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.

**START DATE HAS CHANGED:
NEW START DATE: Thursday, February 28th – April 11th 3:10pm – 4:10pm
(7 Classes)

To sign up for Chess Scholars, please visit https://www.chessscholars.com/signup.
You will need to enter the class code NAP2.14.19 in order to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 1/31 for the early bird price of $98.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Chess Scholars at 847-482-9999 or registration@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.
A big thank you to everyone who’ve already uploaded photos to our Google Photos albums! We truly appreciate your cooperation.

Remember, we accept all photos: solo pics of your child and/or your child with their friends/classmates.

The link to your child’s individual class album can now be found in SchoolSpeak under the “ANNOUNCEMENT” section of your home page. Please access your child’s album through this link and upload your photos to be included in the yearbook.

We still need candid photos for the following grades:
- Kindergarten
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 7th Grade

**DEADLINE TO UPLOAD ALL PHOTOS: MONDAY, 2/18/2019**
SCRIP NEWS

Valentine’s Day – The holiday of love is approaching. Don’t forget to treat the ones you love!

however you choose to show your love on Valentine’s day, do it with scrip!

Need to freshen up your child’s uniform? Don’t forget to use scrip!
Dennis Uniform 5%
Land’s End 16%

New scrip! Jamba Juice is now available in $10 cards as well as the Fundraising BOGO cards!

Angela McWilliams
Scrip Coordinator
scrip@stapollinaris.com

ATHLETICS

The St. A’s March Madness Basketball Tournament is coming up March 14th-17th and is in need of volunteers! This tournament is the largest fundraiser of the year for the athletic department and counts on the generosity of time and spirit from our school community to make it happen.

We have 3 roles that need to be filled immediately. These roles will fulfill all of your “A” and “B” hour requirements for the year. Please see below and sign up on School Speak under March Madness no later than Friday, Feb. 15th.
1. **Tournament Co-Chair** - Do you love basketball? Then this is the role for you! You'll work closely with our tournament chairperson to oversee and organize the tournament, much of which is already in the works.

2. **March Madness Program Production** - Oversee the formatting and organization of the March Madness Program.

3. **Ice Cream Social Lead** - Such a fun role! Oversee and organize the popular ice cream social that takes place on Saturday night, March 16th, from 7-9:30pm. You will have volunteer help at this event.

For those of you wanting to work the daily shifts of the tournament, please contact Rob Bollinger at rob.bollinger@gmail.com to get signed up. We will need help with the entry table/admissions, scorebook, clean up, Shamrock cafe and the ice cream social.

This is also a wonderful opportunity for our middle school students who need service hours, however, you will need to volunteer alongside your child for supervision.

Thank you in advance for your support of this fun event!
St. A's Men's Club

Father/Daughter Valentine's Day Dance

Feb. 13, Wednesday @ 6:00 in the Hall.
Professional Dance Teacher, Pictures

BBQ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Salads, Mac & Cheese, Chips, and Drinks
$25 for Father & Daughter(s), Picture $5
RSVP Paul @ 501-8059txt mess,