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50th Anniversary Comes to a Close

50 Years Strong

It's hard to believe that St. Albans Country Day School's golden anniversary year is over. Parents, students, administration, and faculty kept our 50th anniversary celebratory year in mind with so many of our activities, including the distribution of special tee-shirts during the first week of school, the 60's theme at Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, and the 50th anniversary décor at our March 2014 Pleasures of the Palate fundraiser. We capped off our 50th anniversary events on May 3, 2014 with a wonderful reception (see pages 5-6 for more details and photos) and the school year ended with the 8th grade graduation ceremony on June 4, 2014. Thank you to everyone in our school community for making the past 50 years possible. We are proud of our students' life-long love of learning that starts here, and we look forward to the next 50 years!



St. Albans Graduating Class of 2014

Wishing Mrs. Masaye Irish a Wonderful Retirement

Mrs. Masaye Irish was hired in 1995 by Mrs. Patricia Gordon. Over the years, the campus has changed tremendously and so has the description of Mrs. Irish's job. Officially Mrs. Irish was the School Secretary but as everyone knows, not only did she answer phones, run copies and take care of sick students, she also tracked the student extracurricular activities and hot lunch, she took care of all transcripts and grades using Grade Quick, she managed all of the report cards, and she ordered all books, supplies, and instructional materials. In fact, Mrs. Irish has saved the school countless amounts of money over the years because she is a tough negotiator! She completed all of her work quickly and efficiently, was kind and polite to everyone, and has a tremendous sense of humor!

Mrs. Irish has given of herself to faculty, students and parents. Although everyone at St. Albans will miss Mrs. Irish tremendously, we know that she will enjoy her retirement with her husband Paul; son Cory, Class of 1993, his wife Susan, and



8th grade students surprise Mrs. Irish with a "happy retirement" card & gift.

their children Cooper and Abigail; daughter Ashlee, Class of 1996, husband John and their daughter Codi. You may still see Mrs. Irish at school next year because her grandson Cooper will be in the Pre-Kindergarten class! So, the St. Albans tradition continues for the Irish family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2014

August 18, 2014
Used Uniform & Dennis Uniform Sale
9am - 12pm
New Parent Orientation
7pm in Daycare

August 19, 2014
Faculty Meeting & Teacher Workday, 9am - 3pm
Used Uniform Sale

August 20, 2014
First Day of School
Bring Bag Lunch

August 25, 2014
Hot Lunch Begins

August 26, 2014
Fall Musical Auditions, 3pm - 5pm
Parent Meeting for Play, 5pm

August 28, 2014

Early Dismissal, 1:30pm
Annual Giving Class Contest Begins
Back to School Night
6:30pm - 9:15pm

SEPTEMBER 2014

September 1, 2014
No School

September 3, 2014
School Pictures

September 5, 2014
Early Dismissal, 1:30pm
FREE DRESS

September 10 - 12, 2014
8th Grade to Ashland

September 19, 2014
SAPA Meeting, 8:30am

OCTOBER 2014

October 2, 2014
Annual Giving Class Contest Ends

October 3, 2014
Early Dismissal, 1:30pm
FREE DRESS - NO HOT LUNCH
Fall Family Picnic & Carnival
5pm - 8pm

October 13, 2014
NO SCHOOL, Teacher in Service

October 16, 2014
Major Donor Party
Flower Farm, Loomis

October 17, 2014
SAPA Meeting, 8:30am

October 31, 2014
Halloween, 12pm Dismissal
NO HOT LUNCH

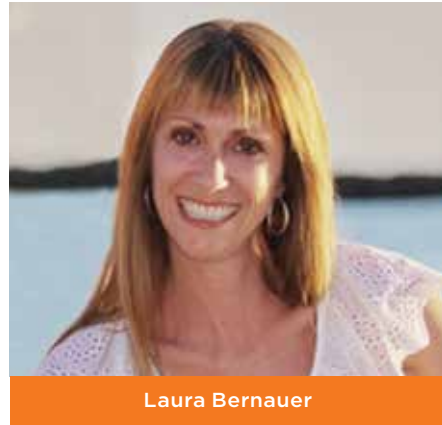


Peggy Brown, Darcy Brown, Laura Bernauer, Jeff Oberland, Karen Luke, Paul Hartbower, Serene (Oberland) Turner, & Suzanne (Chamberlain) Leonardakis

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Message from the Head of School



Laura Bernauer

This was an exciting year for St. Albans as students, parents and alumni enjoyed celebrating our 50th Anniversary! Not only did the eighth grade students plan a rally for the entire school, but the student council was involved in making this a fun and memorable year for everyone. Many current students and parents, as well as alumni and alumni parents attended our 50th Anniversary Reception on May 3, 2014 in Taber Center. It was so interesting to listen to all of the stories and memories of those who attended and some current students gave tours of the campus for those who were interested. Many commented on the changes that had taken place since they had last been on campus and reminisced about the time they had spent playing, laughing and learning while at St. Albans. It was a wonderful walk down memory lane!

After the celebration, I was looking back through many old pictures, letters and files and reflecting on the people I had met and spoken with. One of the things that stood out to me was how many people worked extremely hard and invested time to make sure that students attending St. Albans received the best education possible. From the very beginning, parents helped to shape the school; they worked in classrooms, drove on fieldtrips, helped in hot lunch, held fundraisers, attended workdays....and the list goes on and on. In addition to parent involvement, there has always



Mr. Greg Bobo, Mrs. Laura Bernauer, Student Council VP Brynne Burrows, Mrs. Julia Burrow and Mrs. Caludia Heinlein at a spring KidsFirst fundraiser



Lower grade students enjoying an end of year Shakespeare Festival

been a very dedicated faculty and staff, who have had high expectations, and delivered a top notch curriculum to students who were excited to learn. Our faculty has always had the belief that students have the ability to learn challenging material and should be given this opportunity so that they may reach their full potential. The partnership between parents, teachers



2014 St. Albans track team

and the school community has always been that "something special," the intangible thing that has made St. Albans different. In the last 50 years there have been many changes- many improvements, but the basic mission of the school has not changed. The tradition continues!

So, what is next for St. Albans? This is actually a very exciting time and the challenge we have as educators is to teach 21st century learners to critically think, problem solve, communicate effectively, work independently, and to have empathy and caring for others. I can confidently say that St. Albans is meeting this challenge and I can assure you this is just the beginning...there are many wonderful things to come! So, stay tuned!



Storybook Theatre performance of Aristocats

Development & SAPA

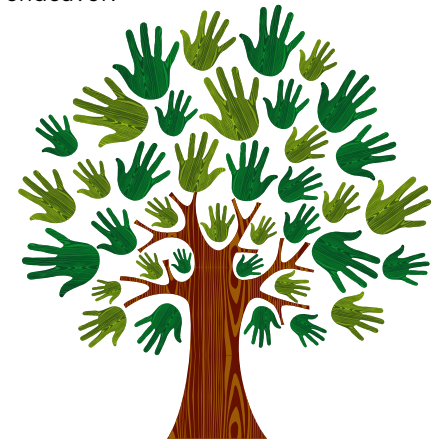
Volunteerism at St. Albans Family

Involvement is a key component of successful programs and events at St. Albans Country Day School. Parents, grandparents, and family friends volunteer countless hours supporting school events, making possible the many activities we offer our students. One goal in the development arena at St. Albans has been to find new ways to recognize and show appreciation of our volunteers. Two years ago, the Executive Board initiated a Volunteer Appreciation breakfast reception, held in the early fall, recognizing previous year volunteers who earn more than the minimum number of required parent participation points. This fall, thanks to an idea brought to our attention by Monica Nickel--a parent

who has logged numerous volunteer hours serving in roles such as SAPA President, POP Chair, and room parent, visitors to the main office lobby will notice a new Volunteer Appreciation board that will highlight many of our parents, grandparents and friends who give generously of their time.

In order to more cohesively manage and publicize volunteer opportunities at St. Albans, a Volunteer Coordinator will begin serving as a SAPA chairperson in the 2014-25 school year. Carolyn Jansen, a St. Albans parent who has a wealth of knowledge about volunteer opportunities at the school having been a former POP Chair and room parent, has agreed to manage the volunteer process in the 2014-15 school year. Please look for future volunteer opportunities to be posted on an online volunteer management

site. We hope by having one site where our supporters can get details about all volunteer opportunities on and off campus (yes, there are jobs that can be done at home), we will be able to secure volunteers well ahead of when they are needed prior to events. Thank you Carolyn for taking on this endeavor!



Pleasures of the Palate is St. Albans Country Day School's primary fundraising event of the year. Funds are an essential piece of the annual budget. We encourage alumni, past parents and friends in the community to participate through event sponsorships, auction item donations and by attending the event.

Contact Angela Lanterman, Director of Development, by email at angelal@stalbands.org or phone at 916-782-3557 ext. 127. More details available at www.stalbands.org this fall.

Campus Highlights



Lisa (Forrest) Pryce, Sharon (Bohnen) Taylor, Neil Carpenter, Ingrid (Lawrence) Phippen, & David Phippen

On May 3, 2014, St. Albans Country Day School brought together alumni, alumni parents, former and current faculty and staff, and current students and parents to celebrate our 50th anniversary year. The event was attended by more than 200 guests, primarily alumni and alumni parents. Attendees reconnected with former classmates and faculty, all while enjoying delicious appetizers and desserts, and viewing the old yearbooks, photos and memorabilia in Taber Center and Kamphefner Library. The short program included an intro-



Mike and Lucy Hurley

you here on page six.

Campus tours given by several seventh and eighth grade students were a highlight of the afternoon! Alumni enjoyed seeing how the campus has changed over the decades and commented about how the young tour guides were enthusiastic and very articulate when sharing their St. Albans experiences with event attendees.

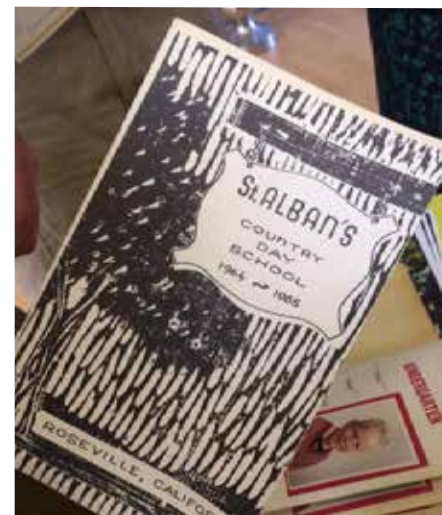


Pat Gordon with Nancy & Dave Shiro

duction from Head of School, Laura Bernauer and Development Director, Angela Lanterman. A "St. Albans Timeline" was presented by former Head of School Patricia Gordon, former Administrative Assistant, Jan Stearns, and former faculty member Bruce Graves. In the interest of time, alumni thoughts from Mr. Kirk Taber '82 were omitted, but we've shared his reflections with



Anniversary reception attendees gather under the oak tree



One of the very first St. Albans handbooks



Jeff Oberland shares school photos & parent handbooks from the 1960's

Sometimes invitations are lost in the mail and many times people move and we don't receive updated mailing addresses. Email is often the best way to reach our supporters. Please send your name, email address and graduation year or years of attendance to: angelal@stalbens.org so we can make sure you receive notice of news and upcoming events at St. Albans Country Day School.

Kirk Taber, Class of 1982, 50th Anniversary Celebration speech

Good afternoon, Everyone. I'm Kirk Taber, St. Albans class of '82 and the proud father of Samantha who graduated last June and her brother Kieran, currently in 6th grade, and Declan in 4th.

As many of you know, my Mom, Donna Taber, was a teacher in many roles here and then Head of School over the course of her 20 years at St. Albans. I think that if she were here today my mom would be a little uncomfortable with much, if any, mention of her. She'd probably and rightfully point out that she was but one in a long line of distinguished individuals who have so capably led this school over the past 50 years.

I think she would be most proud of her grandkids and of the relationships she enjoyed with the wonderful teachers and staff and the opportunity to help educate so many who continue to make our world a better place. More than a few of those former students of hers have children of their own here at St. Albans. She'd also be very proud of her daughter-in-law, my wife Michele, and the many contributions she has made as a former SAPA Board President and current Executive Board Trustee. When I saw the date for this event on the calendar back at the beginning of the school year, I had to smile. May 3rd. Today would have been my mom's 77th birthday.

In fact, the last time I spoke of her this much in this building was at her Memorial Service more than 14 years ago. The message was a letter to Sami who was then only six months old. In that letter were two lessons, the two biggest take aways that are to this day the blessed messages I learned. The first I learned on the monkey bars as a toddler: "Hang on!" No matter how hard things seem, no matter how afraid you might be of falling, you can and must hang on. And even if you do fall it'll probably be fine.

Number two: Choices. The opportunity to choose is its greatest reward. The harder and smarter you work, often the more choices you'll be able to make for yourself.

I had the opportunity to have lunch with a fellow member of my class of '82 just this week. An Ivy League graduate, and an amazing guy. He as much as anyone I have met embodies those two messages from my Mom. Now, he never had my mom as a teacher, but his younger brother, class of '83 who was also there and a dear friend, did—he said my mom introduced him to bad grades. I will say that, like his brother, he graduated from high school with better than a 4.0.

So where am I going with all of this? Well, to the parents, grandparents, and special friends who support St. Albans students past, present and future, your choice to give your children the gift of a St. Albans experience is your gift to their futures.

The incredible teachers here ensure the best educational foundation anywhere. And the culture and the relationships developed are an additional life-long blessing. Happy Birthday, St. Albans. Thank you.



Joann Lee "Berndt" with Sherma Dausses



Irma Reimer, Ann Berlo & Lucy Hurley



Mark McLaughlin '72 with son Slater '07



Sally and Kaitlin Friedman '09 with Pam Heid



Pat Gordon, Bruce Graves & Jan Stearns



Laura Bernauer & Garen Horst '80

Loretta Gaunt (1935 - 2013)

*Remembered for her concern
for the needs of others*



Loretta Gaunt with grand daughter Madeleine at the 2009 dedication of the statue placed on campus in honor of Loretta

Hundreds of school children, who are now living across California and this nation, were touched by the love, care, and patient mentoring of Loretta Pauline (Steichen) Gaunt. All, including their parents, will agree that Loretta displayed an indomitable spirit with a smile, a never-ending sense of humor, and a steady and confident passion for helping the children of St. Albans Country Day School in Roseville, California, grow from pre-school students to young adults headed off to high school.

Loretta, most recently of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully Saturday, December 14, 2013, at home. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Allen R. Gaunt. Born December 15, 1935, in Tipton, Kansas, Loretta was a daughter of the late Eugene and Theresa (Becker) Steichen. She was one of ten children.

Loretta moved from Tipton, Kansas to northern California in 1966 where she met her husband. She retired from her position as a Technical Writer at McClellan Air Force Base in 1976. In 1987, she founded and began serving as the Director of the Extended Day Care

Program at St. Albans Country Day School in Roseville, California. During her fulfilling 17 years at this school, until her retirement in 2004, she dedicated her positive spirit, loving guidance and boundless energy to mentoring and enhancing the lives of hundreds of children, becoming a respected professional and lasting friend of the parents of those children.

The Roseville Rotary Club awarded her with Teacher-of-the-Month honors in February 1995. The day care center was subsequently named the Loretta Gaunt Extended Day Care Center in her honor. During her time in California, she was a fixture in her community and volunteered countless hours for the Rocklin Soccer Club, SS. Peter and Paul Church in Rocklin, and St. Albans Country Day School.

After retiring from St. Albans in 2004, she moved to Lansdale, Pennsylvania to live near her son's family. Not content to stay at home, she helped care for her grandchildren, enthusiastically attended their many activities, volunteered at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, and kindled great friendships within her community.

Loretta's favorite past times were spending time with her grandchildren, reading, helping others, and cooking German feasts for friends and family. She also enjoyed playing and watching sports.

Loretta is survived by her son, Michael and wife Christine, of Lansdale; two grandchildren, Madeleine and Molly Gaunt; and six siblings, Crescentia Gasper, Mary Ann Thummel, Helena Gasper, and Caroline Ellenz all of Tipton, KS, Charles Steichen of Placentia, CA, and Eileen Steichen of Oroville, WA; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, Loretta was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene and Ray-

mond; and a sister, Margaret Brummer.

Loretta was a beloved member of our St Albans family. We were all so lucky to have known her and St. Albans is a better place because of her. Alumni parent Barbara Orth Montag wrote a sentiment shared by many:

"I am beyond saddened. She was such an amazing loving person. I thank God my kids were lucky enough to know and appreciate her. She made it ok to have the kids go to daycare...no parent guilt! Homework done, kids fed and all were loved. She will be greatly missed!"

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Loretta's memory to:

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2014 St. Albans Graduates off to High School

- Colton Abrigana....Granite Bay High School
- Grace Abshear....St. Francis High School
- Joshua Bowen.....Del Oro High School
- Gianna Cassano...Granite Bay High School
- Claire Cinnamon....Del Oro High School
- Noah Costa.....Jesuit High School
- Heather Doupnik....Del Oro High School
- Blake Edelman....Granite Bay High School
- Julie Endicott.....St. Francis High School
- Annie Herron.....Roseville High School
- Harrison Hong.....Jesuit High School
- Sarah Huggins....St. Francis High School
- Julia Nguyen.....Rocklin High School
- Michael O'Dea....Granite Bay High School
- Kaitlynn O'Neill...St. Francis High School
- Caroline Ow.....St. Francis High School
- Akshay Reddy....Granite Bay High School
- Madeline Salidas....Granite Bay High School
- Hanna Sefidpour...St. Francis High School
- Divya Shetty....Granite Bay High School
- Noah Slate.....Jesuit High School
- Logan Whitesides.....Jesuit High School
- Granger Wong.....Jesuit High School

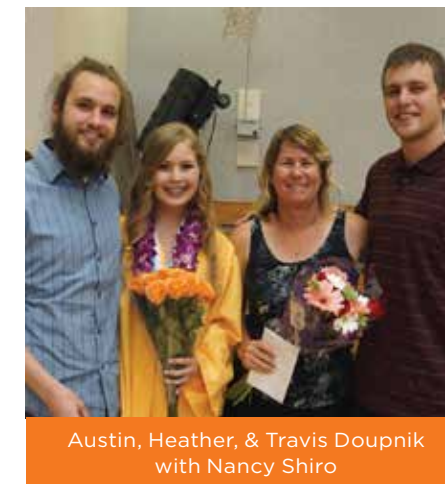
2010 St. Albans Graduates off to College

- Michael Albright.....Creighton University
- Kristen Bocast...University of Washington
- Natalia Caprile...University of San Francisco
- Alecia Clark.....Texas Christian University
- Corey Consunji.....University of Oregon
- Kenny Doran.....Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



Class of 2014 young men prepare for their graduation ceremony

- Charles Harris...University of Southern California
- Christa Lahmann....Brigham Young University
- Mary McDonnell.....UC Berkeley
- Michael McHugh.....UC Davis
- Kelly Miller.....Texas A&M University
- John Peters.....Santa Clara University
- Rene Phan.....UCLA
- Perneet Powar...University of Southern California
- Chase Santini.....UC Riverside
- Nicholas Simopoulos...Westmont College
- Madeleine Smyth....Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Julia Unger.....UC Santa Cruz
- Danielle Wendell....Azusa Pacific University



Austin, Heather, & Travis Doupnik with Nancy Shiro

Jennifer Doupnik Class of 1980, shares: This year was my 20th consecutive and final year as a parent at St. Albans. Mrs. Nancy Shiro taught all three of my children for the ten years that each of them was a student at St. Albans. At graduation this year, Austin '04 (an Electrical Engineering and Computer Science graduate from UC Berkeley), Travis '06 (a recent Economics and Business Administration graduate from Ohio State), and Heather '14 presented Mrs. Shiro with flowers and a gift thanking her for being such a great P.E. teacher and role model. We really appreciate her and wanted to make sure she knew that!



The O'Neill family attends 8th grade graduation: Kerrie, Laura '02, Katie '14, Brian '96, & Kevin. Not pictured, Ian '98.

