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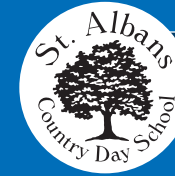
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50th Anniversary Kick-Off Events Enjoyed by All

Annual Opening Day Flag Raising

This year's opening day flag-raising ceremony had special significance as the 2013-2014 school year is the 50th anniversary year for St. Albans Country Day School. Under sunny, blue skies our students, and many parents and relatives, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "God Bless America." Prior year Student Council representatives raised flags signifying the beginning of a new school year, and Head of School, Laura Bernauer, re-dedicated the flagpole for our 50th Anniversary. Following the introduction of teachers and staff members, all of the children welcomed each other with their class cheers before heading off to class to begin the new school year.



Steve Peters, Laura Bernauer, Ross Branch, Senator Jim Nielson, Assemblywoman Beth Gaines, Roseville Vice Mayor Carol Garcia,

Back-to-School Night

Parents of students in all grades attended the August 29, 2013 Back-to-School Night that featured much more than the usual introductions. This year the general meeting featured the presentation of resolutions of commendation in recognition of 50 years of academic excellence. Remarks were made by Senator Jim Nielsen, Assemblywoman Beth Gaines, Roseville Vice Mayor Carol Garcia, and Congressman McClintock's Field Representative Ross Branch. Former Roseville Mayor and current St. Albans grandparent Claudia Gamar-Heinlein was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the celebration and

presented a resolution on behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors to the school. All speakers acknowledged that a 50th anniversary for a private academic institution in this region is an extraordinary accomplishment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2014

February 7 & 12, 2014

Pre-k Visitations

February 10, 2014

No School

February 14, 2014

Valentine's Day

February 17, 2014

NO SCHOOL

February 20, 2014

4th Grade Field Trip to Coloma

MARCH 2014

March 7, 2014

Free Dress; 1:30pm Dismissal

March 8, 2014

Pleasures of the Palate
Taber Center, 6 - 10pm

March 14, 2014

No School, Teacher in Service

March 17, 2014

St. Patrick's Day

March 28 - 29, 2014

Spring Play
Taber Center, 7pm

APRIL 2014

April 4, 2014

Free Dress; 1:30pm Dismissal

April 5, 2014

Parent Work Day

April 11, 2014

Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day
1:30pm Dismissal

April 14 - 21, 2014

Spring Break

MAY 2014

May 3, 2014

50th Anniversary Alumni Reception

Message from the Head of School



Laura Bernauer

"Happy birthday St. Albans," rang through Taber Center as all students in Pre-k through eighth grade sang during our 50th Anniversary All School Rally. The eighth grade class, with guidance from Student Council Advisor Mr. Greg Bobo, enthusiastically led the school in commemoration of this

wonderful milestone and the students energy was contagious! Later that day, at our Annual Back-To-School Night, several elected officials presented the school with resolutions commending us for 50 years of excellence in the education of children. The entire day was a wonderful tribute to all of the past and present families who have helped to make St. Albans what it is today. It is our sincere hope that all families will have the opportunity to participate in the 50th Anniversary Celebration in some way; whether it's attending an event, stopping by the school just to say hello, or contacting us via email or social media. This is a special year for us and we are looking forward to reconnecting with all who contributed and believed in the mission of our school!



Claudia Gamar-Heinlein presents Laura Bernauer and Steve Peters with a resolution on behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

Founders' Plaque Rededicated



This plaque now sits next to the flagpole on campus. It was originally placed by the flagpole 49 years ago after the completion of the first school year, in commemoration of the first flag raising ceremony. The plaque was removed when campus renovations were done several years ago and was rededicated on August 21, 2013 at the 50th flag raising ceremony.

Class of 2014 Leads Pep Rally



The eighth graders got the 50th Anniversary festivities rolling with a pep rally for the entire school. With help from Student Council Advisor, Mr. Greg Bobo, the rally included every grade in loud chants, fun contests and an enthusiastic show of school spirit. At the end of the rally, student headed outdoors for an all-school photo that now hangs in the main office and will also be featured in the 2013-2014 yearbook. Families who would like to purchase the all-school photo can contact the office at 916-782-3557 for details about placing an order.

Development & SAPA

St. Albans Honors Past Executive Board Members

Executive Board President, Dr. Steve Peters and his wife Lucy hosted a fantastic St. Albans Executive Board Reunion in mid-September. The evening presented the opportunity for the current Board, Head of School Laura Bernauer, and Development Director, Angela Lanterman, to thank previous Board members for their dedication to building upon the school's solid financial foundation. The financial future of St. Albans is a strong one thanks in part to supportive parents, alumni, alumni parents and enthusiastic and committed Executive Board members, many of whom continue to support St. Albans events and campaigns.

Annual Giving

The 2013-2014 school year marked the sixth consecutive year St. Albans families boast 100% participation in Annual Giving. Trisa and Gene Endicott, this year's Annual Giving Chairs, challenged supporters to give 50% more to Annual Giving this year than they gave last year, in honor of our 50th anniversary year. Nearly 25% of St. Albans families met this challenge! When all pledges are fulfilled, the current parent campaign is projected to top \$115,000. Our goal is for gifts from alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, and friends to help us reach \$150,000 in Annual Giving contributions by June 2014.

To contribute to the 2013 - 2014 Annual Giving Fund, visit www.StAlbans.org



Julia, Class of 2014, Andrew, Class of 2009, with parents & Annual Giving Chairs, Trisa & Gene Endicott.

Volunteer Appreciation

Over 40% of our families complete more than the required amount of parent participation hours. Each fall, the Executive Board thanks these families with an appreciation reception.

Later this school year, look for a new Volunteer Appreciation Board in the main office that will highlight volunteer efforts year-round.



Past and current St. Albans Country Day School Executive Board Members

Campus Highlights



Mr. Greg Bobo and Student Council Treasurer, Julie Lynch.

The first half of the 2013-2014 school year was a busy one. The year began with the sixth, seventh and eighth graders attending retreats, giving students an opportunity to engage in team-building activities, set goals for their respective classes, and determine individual goals for the school year. Soon after, the eighth graders traveled to The Oregon Shakespeare Festival with English Teacher, Mrs. Sue Watson, Music and Drama Teacher, Mr. Christopher Cook, and parent chaperones.

By mid-September the extra-curricular activities were in full swing. Students auditioned for the Fall Musical and soon began attending rehearsals. Computer and Chess Club meetings began, and many others took advantage of golf and tennis lessons offered on campus.

In late September the roar of applause was heard from fifth through eighth grade students gathered in Taber Center to hear the Student Council candidates' speeches. Soon after, grades five through eight chose their class representatives. Officers, class representatives, and any upper grade student

who wants to attend Student Council meetings can gather in the Student Council Advisor's homeroom for weekly meetings. This year's Officers, guided by Mr. Greg Bobo, are President - Noah Slate, Vice-President - Brynne Burrows, Secretary - Avonlea Valdez, and Treasurer - Julie Lynch.

First and second grade families hosted the Fall Family Picnic and Carnival in October. The front campus was transformed into a western style hoe-down and students from every grade enjoyed a casual dinner, games, prizes, bounce houses, face painting and the popular cake walk.

As soon as the Fall Festival ended, the anticipation of Halloween fun was upon us. Halloween Day began with the walk-through of the eighth grade haunted house, followed by the Halloween Parade & Songfest in Taber Center.



Ms. Sakoi, Mrs. Bernauer, and Mrs. Irish on Halloween Day

November was packed with events. Seventh and eighth graders gathered in the library for Young Alumni Day to hear recent graduates share their early high school experiences and show

appreciation for the skills they learned while they were students at St. Albans.

The Roseville Salvation Army tells us they always look forward to stopping at St. Albans in November to pick up the food items donated to the KCRA 3 Kids Can Food Drive. Each year the amount of items our families donate rivals the amounts collected by area high schools. This year our families donated over 6,300 items that were distributed to local food banks.



Kids Can Food Drive Collection Day

A November highlight our students and families look forward to is the annual Fall Musical. This year's show was Beauty and the Beast, and once again, Mr. Cook and his students, with the help of many dedicated parent volunteers, put on a fabulous performance.



Tristin Haladus-Henke, Maya Ha, Michelle Tu and Avonlea Valdez

Students returned from the break in December and began collecting donations for the toy drive sponsored by CHIIPS for Kids and a local Christmas basket donation program coordinated by the Nash and Doupnik families. Before we knew it, we were setting up chairs for the Winter Band Concert and the Holiday Show.



Mr. & Mrs. Clause, aka Gerry and Anne Nash

Students returned in January ready to take on the Geo Bee, basketball season and Spring Play auditions.



Geo Bee Winners Matthew Luken (6th Grade), 2nd Place. Julia Nguyen, (8th Grade), 1st Place.

The remaining months of the school year are bursting with opportunities to celebrate our 50th anniversary year. Saturday, March 8, 2014 is our biggest fundraiser of the year—Pleasures of the Palate. The event is on campus in Taber Center and promises to be an elegant evening of celebration. March will also showcase fifth through eighth graders at the Spring Play, March 28-29, 2014 and soon after, St. Albans will host Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day on April 11, 2014. Reconnect with friends and former faculty and staff at the May 3rd Alumni Reception on campus. Join us for a Storybook Theater performance May 23-24 or the May 28th end of year Band Concert. Of course, the June 4th Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony promises to be an evening to remember as we celebrate the accomplishments of our eighth grade graduates and show appreciation for their families and friends who have supported them on their journeys.

Save the Date

50th Anniversary Alumni Reception

May 3, 2014 • 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 916-782-3557 ext. 127
www.stalbans.org

Event held on campus in Taber Center
 For more information, contact Angela Lanterman, Development Director
 916-782-3557 ext. 127 or angelal@stalban.org

Alumni News

Eight members of the St. Albans Class of 2009 attended Del Oro High School and all eight received the Magna Cum Laude Award upon their graduation. Logan, Kelly, Emily, Parker and Katelynn were also inducted into Talons, the National Honor Society at Del Oro High.



Award recipients included Kelly Shostag, Logan Bridge, Thor Kamphefner, Katelynn Thompson, Kaitlin Friedman, Emily Nash, Parker Jones, & Muriel Zug (not pictured).

A few members of the Class of 2009 wrote thank you notes after receiving care packages from St. Albans. **Will Peters**, Class of 2009, enjoyed the surprise package and wrote, "Everything is going great here at Holy Cross. I'm loving the beautiful east coast Autumn. I'm slightly worried about the



Will Peters, Class of 2009

harsh winter but I know I'll get through it. Holy Cross is hard work. As I often tell my parents and will tell you as a representative of St. Albans, the study skills and habits I learned at St. Albans prepared me remarkably well for both high school and college. During late nights in the library, I hear the unforgettable lessons of Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Graves, and Mrs. Watson echo in my head as I work on college level material that's really not all that different from what I learned at St. Albans."

Muriel Zug, a freshman at University of Nevada, thanked St. Albans for the care package, saying, "St. Albans really helped me prepare for high school and college! Teachers taught me how to manage my time and make school my number one priority."



Muriel Zug, Class of 2009

Austin Burrows, a freshman student-athlete at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota plans to major in Biology with a minor in English. He is handling the demands of being a student and a soccer team member remarkably well, and credits St. Albans and Jesuit High School for the superb preparation.

Kevin Scruggs wrote in to share his May 2013 graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point. His parents, Jeff and Mary Scruggs, and brother Chris joined him at the graduation ceremony. "I graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering with Honors. I will serve as an officer in the U.S. Army as an Engineer Officer. My first posting is at Ft. Richardson, Alaska."

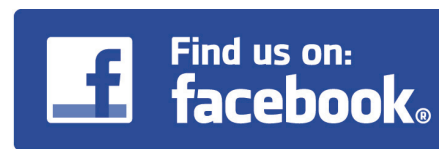


Jeff Scruggs, Kevin Scruggs, Class of 2005, Mary Scruggs, & Chris Scruggs, Class of 2001

The Selep family had much to celebrate this past May. Michael, St. Albans Class of 2005, graduated from University of Notre Dame with a BS in mechanical engineering. He is at UC Davis preparing for a master's degree in bio-medical engineering. Steven, Class of 2008, is a sophomore at University of Notre Dame, majoring in electrical engineering, and Jean, a St. Albans Class of 2013 graduate who plans to be a veterinarian, is a freshman at St. Francis High School.



Jean Marie, Michael, & Steven Selep



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Graduation had special meaning for the Taber family this past June. Kirk Taber, Class of 1982, and his wife Michele watched daughter Samantha, Class of 2013



The Taber Family

become the first grandchild of Donna Taber to graduate in the multi-purpose gymnasium/auditorium named after the beloved teacher and administrator. Donna was a teacher on campus from 1973-1983, and then became Head of School until her retirement in 1993. The family has at least two more graduations to attend in Taber Center when Kieran graduates in 2016 and Declan is off to high school in 2018.

Andrew Endicott, Class of 2009, a walk-on student-athlete with the University of Wisconsin football team, had quite a freshman season. Just four games into his first year, he earned the role of handling kickoffs. In addition to being a key member of what sports writers are calling a dominating kickoff unit, Andrew has already won the hearts of many fans. One of his biggest fans is most definitely a six-year-old boy, Ryan, who first met Andrew at Camp Randall Stadium in August. After noticing the young boy watching him and a few other teammates, Andrew invited Ryan not only to

shag balls on the field, but he also gave him a tour of the football facilities. Ryan wrote Andrew a thank you note, Andrew thoughtfully responded to Ryan's letter and because Ryan's mother, Kim thought it was important for the media to cover stories about kindness displayed by athletes as opposed to consequences of poor decision making, the special friendship between Andrew and Ryan has been followed by several sports writers.



Andrew signing Ryan's helmet

Dr. Tom Wieg, Class of 1968 returned to campus in September with his sister Lia, Class of 1970, and his mother, Barbara. Tom lives in Mariposa where he has had a dental practice for more than 30 years. Tom and his wife Calle have made many overseas humanitarian trip to help others with dental needs and in fact, created the Mend a Child Foundation to support the efforts of the Pan American Health Service in providing educational opportunities for underprivileged children in Honduras. Lia enjoys a career as a Nurse Practitioner in the Roseville area, and brother Stan, Class of 1966, is an attorney and Staff VP with the California Association of Realtors in Sacramento. We hope they are all able to return with their families to St. Albans on May 3rd for the 50th Anniversary Alumni Reception.



Barbara Wieg, Lia Wieg Walther & Tom Wieg

2009 St. Albans Graduates Off to College!

- Brittany Bean - Menlo College
- Logan Bridge - University of Notre Dame
- Chandler Brown - UCLA
- Austin Burrows - Macalester College
- Karly Cabrera - Santa Clara University
- Bhagat Cheema - UCLA
- Andrew Endicott - University of Wisconsin
- Kaitlin Friedman - University of Nevada Reno
- Katelyn Howes - Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Nicolas Huey - University of Portland
- Parker Jones - UC Berkeley
- Thor Kamphefner - Harvey Mudd College
- Jenna Keffer - Boston College
- Sarah Moloo - UCSB
- Emily Nash - UC Berkeley
- Will Peters - College of the Holy Cross
- Katherine Rotas - Santa Clara University
- Kelly Schostag - Southern Methodist University
- Hannah Silva - University of Rochester
- Katelynn Thompson - Cal State San Jose
- Maura Uebner - UC Berkeley
- Nicole Waterhouse - Brigham Young University, Idaho
- Nicole Zimmerman - Loyola Marymount University
- Muriel Zug - University of Nevada Reno