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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

May 3, 2013

Free Dress; 1:30 pm Dismissal

May 7, 2013

Science Fair in Taber Center

May 9, 2013

1:30 Dismissal
Open House 6:30-8:30 pm

May 10, 2013

8th Grade Cotillion

May 12, 2013

Mother's Day

May 13-17, 2013

SAT 10 Testing

May 17, 2013

SAPA Meeting 8:30 am - Elections
Daycare End of Year Party 3:15-5:00 pm

May 24-25, 2013

Storybook Theatre; Taber Center 7:00 pm

May 27, 2013

Memorial Day – No School

May 29, 2013

Band Concert; Taber Center 7:00 pm

May 30, 2013

Room Parent Year-End Meeting 8:15 am

May 31, 2013

All-School Field Day & BBQ
1:30 pm Dismissal
St. Michael's Dance

JUNE

June 3, 2013

1:30 pm Dismissal
Shakespeare Festival 9:30-10:30 am
Graduation Rehearsal 8:15 am – 1:30 pm

June 4, 2013

1:30 pm Dismissal
Graduation Brunch 9:30-11:30 am
Awards Assembly 12:00-1:20 pm

June 5, 2013

Free Dress; 12:00 pm Dismissal
Last Day of School
Graduation; Taber Center 5:00 pm

June 6, 2013

Teacher Workday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Summer Vacation Begins

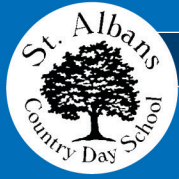
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Report Cards Mailed

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Father's Day

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Wow! POP Gets a New Look!

Thanks to Event Chair Kerrie O'Neill and the supporters from our St. Albans community of parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends, *Pleasures of the Palate 2013*, also known as POP, was a huge success! Showcasing a new format, the evening commenced with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, followed by a sit-down dinner and an exciting live auction. Celebrity emcee and alumni parent Jim Uebner, aka Big Jim Hall, guided event attendees through the event activities. Bill Lefty, a popular professional auctioneer who has two grandchildren currently attending St. Albans, once again conducted a successful live auction. The evening featured



Kerrie & Kevin O'Neill

our traditional "two-months free tuition" drawing and the "diamond vault" drawing. New to the event was the chance auction where bidders purchased tickets and were able to place them in the drawing(s) of their choice. With over 200 people in attendance, the combined profit from event ticket sales, table sponsorships, event sponsorships, drawings, program ads and live auction totaled \$84,000. Devoted St. Albans families also raised an additional \$29,300 for this year's Fund-A-

Project, a mobile computer lab. The mobile lab will include twenty-six laptops, a printer and a secured mobile cart that can be checked out by teachers when the computer lab is being utilized by other classes.

Coupled with the Annual Giving Fund, dollars raised by St. Albans Parents Association (SAPA) at Pleasures are an essential part of our school's operating budget, contributing to a wide range of educational priorities. Several years ago, when the economy was booming, SAPA rented an offsite venue and still brought in an average of \$150,000. But with the downturn in the economy, event attendance and profit numbers have decreased, and in 2012, in an effort to cut down costs, Pleasures was held in Taber Center for the first time. It was a marvelous success, thanks in large part to Pleasures 2012 Chair, Carolyn Jansen and Decorations Chair Jennifer Avery, who along with their dedicated committees of volunteers transformed the Daycare Center building and Taber Center into a beautiful, elegant setting. During the evaluation of the 2012 event, it became clear that even with having the event on campus, the number of volunteers and hours each volunteer had to commit to the special event were becoming overwhelming for our small school of just under 160 families. In order to ensure the success of Pleasures in its 20th year, it was time to give the event careful scrutiny. With input from our school community, the Executive Board recommended a new format that was adopted for 2013. Current St. Albans parent and Executive Board member Kerrie O'Neill was up for the challenge of taking

on the event Chair position and paving the path for a new Pleasures design.

"We can't thank the sponsors, St. Albans families, faculty and staff enough. Volunteers made this a fun and successful event. The commitment level and belief in the education we provide at St. Albans was demonstrated through the success of this truly special event," O'Neill said.



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Message from the Head of School



Laura Bernauer

Spring is always such an exciting time of year. The warmer weather is a welcome change from the cold and rainy season and students are excited, once again, to enjoy outside activities. Our school, which will be turning 50 next year, unofficially welcomes spring in two ways: with Grandparents' and Special Friends'



Day and *Pleasures of the Palate*. Even though the two are very different, both events are very important because they help to build our sense of community.

At Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, students have the opportunity to show either their grandparent or that special someone around our campus. Each child gives their visitor a tour of school, a beautiful luncheon is provided by our third grade families, and then everyone is treated to a wonderful student performance, which is coordinated

by our music and drama teacher. It is heart-warming to see our students interacting with the important people in their lives and it is wonderful to watch the enjoyment and appreciation on everyone's faces. It truly is one of my favorite events each year because it reminds me that the unique opportunity of having several generations of family members involved in a child's education makes that experience richer for everyone involved.

At *Pleasures of the Palate*, the largest fundraiser of the year, a sense of community is also built by everyone who works on the event or attends the evening's festivities. At first glance, one might wonder how this could be included in the same thought as Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day. Although it could seem odd to some, because parents work so diligently to host this wonderful evening and to raise money for the children, everyone who attends is working toward a common goal of providing the best educa-



tion possible for all St. Albans' students. The parent community plays a vital role in our school and everything that is provided, including support for students through either time or monetary donations, is essential to our overall mission.

Our school community, which extends through generations of families, is one of the many strengths of St. Albans. Through the wonderful events provided by both the school and SAPA, this will continue to be one of the things that makes our school such a special place!



Development & SAPA

Angela Lanterman, Development Director



Sarah & Joao Mott

As a private, independent school, St. Albans generates 100% of our own revenue. Tuition income leaves a shortfall of approximately \$1,000 per student. In an effort to keep tuition increases at a minimum, the Development Office and St. Albans Parents Association (SAPA) work together, utilizing a few approaches to bridge the gap.

The Development Director guides the Annual Giving Fund Chairpersons as they encourage participation in the Annual Giving campaign that operates on a fiscal year calendar, beginning July 1st and ending June 30th of the following

year. While tuition is not tax deductible, gifts to the Annual Fund are 100% tax deductible. Each year we strive for 100% parent participation and have been working diligently at growing our contacts and relationships with alumni in order to build this base of supporters as well. Gifts to the Annual Fund directly and immediately benefit our students, faculty, programs and facilities. The Annual Giving Fund goal is a minimum of \$100,000 cash that goes directly toward everyday operating expenses. In-kind and donations usually bring in between \$20,000 and \$40,000 worth of equipment or services that are donor directed toward specific programs such as technology or particular campus renovations and upgrades.

Traditionally, SAPA directs St. Albans biggest special event fundraiser of the year, *Pleasures of the Palette*. While the look and venue have changed over the years, Pleasures remains a spring time semi-formal gathering for the school community to come together to raise funds that go directly toward everyday operating expenses for the school. In addition, most years Pleasures also features Fund-

A-Project which is the opportunity for event guests to support a particular campus plan or program. In the past, Fund-A-Project donations have provided security fencing in the front field, a Teraflex gym floor in Taber Center, and Promethean boards in the classroom. This year funds are directed toward the purchase of a mobile computer lab complete with twenty-six laptops.

Like many schools, public and private, St. Albans also provides opportunities for family and friends to support the school through a few other small fundraisers. SAPA is limited to three small fundraisers per school year. For many years now the fall magazine sales fund-



Eric & Alma Hoffman

raiser brings in between \$7,000 and \$12,000 and families love that they are able to purchase new subscriptions and renew subscriptions online. The winter season brings another opportunity to purchase fun and useful products such as wrapping paper or another seasonal item. In 2013 SAPA plans to hold a See's Candy fundraiser for their winter fundraiser. Finally, in the spring, a more recent event has been the Hawk Walk where students get pledges from friends and neighbors for participation in a walking and jogging fundraiser that also reinforces health and fitness awareness.

Each fundraiser requires dedicated volunteers, and in many cases also requires a significant time commitment. Please know your enthusiasm for Development and SAPA fundraisers ensures St. Albans is able to provide the quality and variety of academic and extracurricular programs that give each student the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential. Thank you for your support.



Getting Taber Center ready for Pleasures 2013

Annual Fund Report 2011 - 2012

The entire St. Albans community gratefully recognizes the monetary contributors to St. Albans Country Day School's 2011-2012 Annual Giving Fund. We also thank the wonderful alumni, parents and friends who volunteered their time and talents to the school during this period. If we have inadvertently omitted your name, or you have corrections or questions, please notify the Development Office at (916) 782-3557 ext. 127 or email angelal@stalbans.org.

Thank you to our donors who generously contributed to the St. Albans 2011-2012 Annual Giving Fund between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

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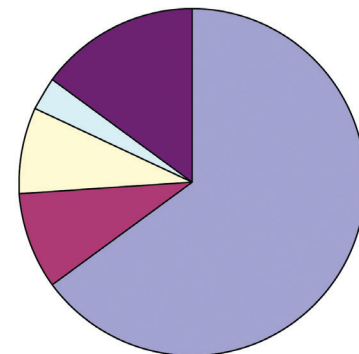
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Alumni News

Rachael Lacey, Class of 2008

Rachael Lacey writes, "I received the care package that was sent on behalf of St. Albans, and needless to say, it truly brightened my day! I am touched that I am still (and will always be) welcome at St. Albans, which was such an incredible time in my life that I will always cherish. I am still close with my best friend from St. Albans (Kristin Anderson), and keep in touch with several other people from my class."

I'm currently at the University of Michigan, and I don't think I could have made a better choice on where to go to school! I absolutely love it here! Although it's pretty cold, it is such a wonderful adventure, there is so much school spirit, there are endless options for fields of study, and too many once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to keep up with. I'm considering a degree in Environmental Science, which I'm really excited about. I participate on the club running team, which has involved traveling to Chicago, Bloomington (Indiana), and Pittsburgh. Football games in the fall were a blast, and now the basketball games are fantastic.

I've attached some pictures, one of which is of me and my brother Ryan (who also went to St. Albans, and will graduate from Northwestern this year).



Rachael Lacey and her brother Ryan

It was great to receive this heartwarming surprise! I hope everything is going well at St. Albans!

Nicholas Rotas, Class of 2003

Nick writes, "I have to say, I love the posts that come through Facebook on the St. Albans page; it helps me reminisce about all the great times and wonderful experiences I had at the St. Albans."

Nick graduated from Santa Clara University in 2011 with a degree in Finance and a minor in International Relations. Since graduating, he has been working at Hall Capital Partners LLC, a private wealth and investment advisory firm located in San Francisco.

Alison Piet, Class of 1992

Alison graduated from Del Oro High School and went on to receive her AA in Early Childhood Education from Sierra College. She was then accepted into the prestigious Loovas behavior modification program at UCLA. Upon completion of the program, she became a consultant for local school districts where she designed preschool programs and trained preschool teachers. For the last eleven years, she has owned a large family preschool in Roseville. She also consults with PCOE, teaches classes, sits on discussion panels for other early childhood professions, and participates as a mentor with the PCOE mentor protégé program.

Alison has been married for 15 years and has 4 amazing children. Her family enjoys traveling and camping whenever they can.

Dustin Irwin, Class of 1986

Dustin graduated from Jesuit High School in 1990 and went on to graduate from Santa Clara University in 1994. He was married in 1998 and welcomed a son, Jackson, in 2001. He resided in San Fran-

cisco until 2008 when he moved to Sydney, Australia, where he currently resides with his wife and son.

Dr. Thomas Wieg, Class of 1968

Thomas attended Del Oro High School, Sierra College, Pacific Union College and Loma Linda University. He practices dentistry in Mariposa, California, where he has lived for 30 years. He is married with two grown children; his older son is a mechanical engineer and his younger son is a general dentist. He shares, "I really appreciate the wonderful education at St. Albans. Our 8th grade class had eight members and I remember going on field trips in our teacher's station wagon. Mrs. Luella Hartbower was my 8th grade teacher."



Class of 2009 alumni volunteers at Pleasures 2013
Thor Kamphefner, Chandler Brown, and Maura Uebner

