



## The Hawk Newsletter Fall 2018

Dear Parents, Alumni & Friends,

Happiest Holiday wishes from our family to yours! Especially this year, we hope that your family is safe and well.

In the newsletter below, we share some of the highlights from the past trimester. You will find a special video from one of our amazing young alumni as she tells of her trajectory from St. Albans to an accelerated Bachelors/Medical program. We highlight a new club helping students learn the basics of cyber security. We included lots of photos featuring current students and young alumni.

And because it's **Giving Tuesday**, we thank you in advance for your support. It makes such a difference.

My best,  
**Mrs. Laura Bernauer**  
Head of School



### Alumni Corner VIDEO Julia Nguyen, '14

*Julia Nguyen is an extraordinary St. Albans alumnus who beautifully exemplifies all that is possible when opportunity and hard work intersect.*

*This video features Julia, in her own words, explaining how her primary education at St. Albans helped shape her future as she enters a joint Bachelors/Medical program.*



[Click image for video.](#)

# St. Albans Students Become CyberPatriots

## New club introduces students to cybersecurity



"Our students are getting to play the part of an IT administrator and using STEM in a very applicable way." - Computers teacher Ashley Gern, shown here (second from right) with team members.

This fall, seven St. Albans students enrolled in our new CyberPatriot Club. The club meets weekly as part of the Air Force Association's National Youth Cyber Education program.

As part of CyberPatriot, students are given the opportunity to use a remote desktop simulation to learn how to strengthen the

security of a simulated "network" against cyber intrusion. In other words, they are learning how to stop cyber attacks!

Students identify vulnerabilities, remove malware, and are scored and ranked among teams across the country on how they improve the security of virtual machines.

This year, St. Albans created two teams, which will compete through January. At that time, a week-long competition is held in Baltimore for top performing teams throughout the country to showcase the best of the best.

St. Albans Computers teacher Ashley Gern explains how important the skills they are learning are:

"As our world becomes more and more connected through the internet, the risks of cyber attacks will only increase. And our students are good at it!"

Some of our local high schools also host CyberPatriot teams, and our students will be well prepared to compete at the high school level with participating schools.

## Voted Best Private School!



It's official! St. Albans Country Day School was voted Reader's Choice for the best private school in Rocklin, Roseville, Granite Bay by *Style Magazine* once again this fall!

Thank you to everyone who voted this year... and to everyone who has always known how very special St. Albans is.

## Alumni Day Photos

This year, 65 young alumni returned to St. Albans for Alumni Day! You can bet that we were excited to see these shining stars as they warmly reconnected with each other. Here are a few of our favorite shots from the day.



## It's Giving Tuesday!

### Please lend your support for St. Albans

As a non-profit, private, independent school, **St. Albans** relies each year on the support of its alumni and the families who came before, to continue the tradition of providing an extraordinary educational experience.

As you reflect on how your family benefited from St. Albans, **please consider a gift to the Annual Fund**. Your support helps us retain the best teachers, keep class sizes small, offer accelerated learning, and create the supportive and nurturing community that epitomizes St. Albans Country Day School.

*Thank you* for supporting our students in so many ways. Your gift makes a difference!



Please [Click Here](#) to make your gift today.

## Seen Around Campus



St. Albans alumnus Gabriella Hoon (Class of '15), helped our Day Care students plant vegetables in a special aeroponic tower farm this summer as part of a program funded through LA Urban Farms!



Later, students got to see the "fruits" (and vegetables) of their labor when they returned to school in the fall.



On Halloween, we were treated to spooky and delightful melodies from each of our talented classes.



This year's Fall Musical, *Into the Woods Jr.*, was a huge hit with audiences! Congratulations to all!

## Alumni - Chance to win Holiday Starbucks!



Because you will always be part of the St. Albans family, we love to hear how you are doing!

Please keep in touch by sending your:

- Alumni Update
- Mailing and email address
- or Newsletter story suggestions

To [brandyk@stalbans.org](mailto:brandyk@stalbans.org)

All entries that include updated mailing addresses will be entered to win a **\$15 Starbucks card** and one winner will be drawn on December 19, 2018.

Donate Easily with Amazon Smile

One of the easiest ways to support St. Albans Country Day School this holiday season is to bookmark the link below, and sign up with Amazon Smile before making your Amazon purchases. Amazon Smile will then donate 0.5% of your purchase price to St. Albans. It's a win win win situation!



[Support St. Albans thru Amazon Smile](#)

And finally, we give thanks for you this season!



~ From all of us at St. Albans Country Day School

St. Albans Country Day School | 916-782-3557

