

## The Hawk Newsletter Fall / Winter 2019

Dear Parents, Alumni & Friends,

*Happy Holidays from St. Albans!*

I'm always honored to share highlights from our amazing students, faculty and staff at St. Albans. This fall, we were once again voted the top private school in Roseville by readers of Style Magazine; our students continue to average in the 90th percentile nationally on SAT10 Stanford Achievement Testing (grades 1 - 8); and last month, St. Albans students and families collected the largest donation of food items that our school has ever donated to the KCRA 3 Kids Can Food Drive (see the article below)!



I marvel at the many ways our students gracefully meet academic challenges, pursue their own personal interests, and show compassion and empathy for others.

Please enjoy highlights from the year so far... and thank you for being a part of the St. Albans family.

Happy Holidays!

**Mrs. Laura Bernauer**

Head of School

## Longtime St. Albans Staff Members Honored



Last summer, treasured St. Albans employees Mike and Lucy Hurley retired after working an incredible 38 years on our school campus.

In their honor, the drop-off circle was named "Hurley Way" for the year by one grateful alumni family.

Lucy Hurley's mother, Barbara DeNike, taught at St. Albans from 1967-1983. Lucy graduated from St. Albans in

1969 and returned to campus in 1981 to begin working as a noon yard duty employee. Her husband Mike followed the next year as St. Albans' maintenance custodian and yard duty employee.

For the next 37 plus years, the Hurleys were a near-constant presence on campus, and well-known by all our alumni and their families.

Former student (and current St. Albans parent) Bert Lefty often joked that Mr. Hurley was the school's earliest form of Day Care. "When I had to wait for a ride after school, I would follow Mr. Hurley around school, helping him clean classrooms."



So when Bert's family made the winning bid on *Name The Circle* in last year's Pleasures of the Palate auction, the Lefty family decided to honor the Hurleys by naming it *Hurley Way*.

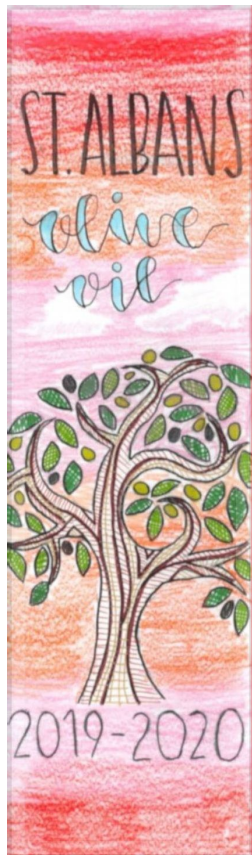
Bert's wife, Deirdre Lefty, says the decision was made easy with the help of their three daughters, who also happen to be students at St. Albans.

"Generations of families have been blessed by the humble kindness of the Hurleys. They were always another special aspect of the St. Albans community," she said.

Mike and Lucy were touched by the commemorative gesture. "I loved working and helping out at St. Albans for 37 years - though the years went by too fast," says Mike. "We feel really honored by the Lefty family and the street sign."

We wish Mike and Lucy all the best in their retirement!

## Student Artwork Featured on Local Olive Oil

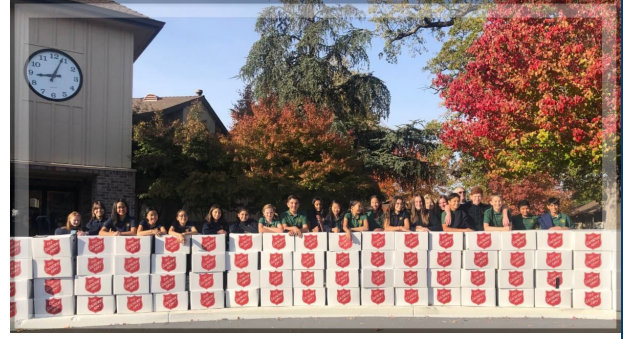


This year's SAPA Fall Fundraiser featured original art by two St. Albans students

This year's SAPA Fall Fundraiser was the sale of olive oil, grown and manufactured by locally owned Ternero Olive Oil. A school-wide art contest identified two winning pieces of original art which were featured on bottles of the oil. Congratulations to KARLY OKAMOTO, Grade 7 (left) and STERLING STILWELL, Grade 3 (right) for their beautiful creations.



# New Food Donation Record!



On November 12, the St. Albans community donated an astounding **10,672 items** of food items for local families through the Salvation Army, Roseville and KCRA 3 KIDS CAN Annual Food Drive. Our First Grade class set a new school record, donating 2,863 items.

We are so grateful for the amazing generosity shown by our families, and for the local families who were blessed through these benevolent organizations this season!

## Speech and Debate Club

This year's Speech and Debate Club was filled to the brim with 25 students. Club leader and Social Studies teacher Mr. Greg Bobo was thrilled and shared that their primary focus this year was impromptu speeches and oral presentations.

"Public speaking is an invaluable skill, and our alumni share that they are asked to give a lot of formal presentations in their first year of high school," shares Mr. Bobo. "So we want our students to feel more than prepared."

When students were asked why they joined the club, they gave a variety of answers: They were excited to learn how to organize their thoughts; express their opinions effectively; and disagree



respectfully. They wanted to hear other opinions, learn to gather their thoughts quickly, and even prepare for future careers in politics - including as President of the United States.

## Please Support St. Albans this Season

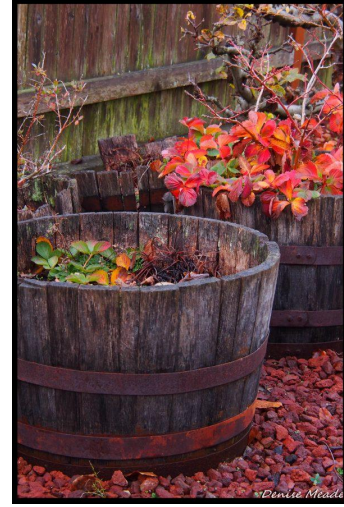
### Annual Giving Essential to Students

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!**



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## Alumni Day Photos

This year, 60 young alumni returned to St. Albans for Alumni Day! It's always wonderful to see these bright young students warmly reconnect with each other. Here are just a few shots from the day.



## Around Campus



To complete the newly refurbished library



In September, 8th Graders headed off to

interior, a local artist and friend of St. Albans created our mighty Giant Oak as a mural and focal point.



The Fall Musical featured a great cast in a delightful and family-friendly production of "Zombie Prom."

the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR.



2019 Powder Puff Games were enlivened by cheer and good-natured competition!

A "Save the Date" poster for "Pleasures of the Palate 2020". The poster has a red and white striped background. At the top, a banner reads "SAVE THE DATE". Below that, a shield-shaped frame contains the text "PLEASURES Of The PALATE 2020" and "Saturday, February 29th". A paragraph of text describes the event: "This year's event is themed Under the Big Top and will feature fabulous signature cocktails, exciting live and silent auctions, a wonderful dinner, and many additional chances to win while supporting the extraordinary educational experiences provided by St. Albans." At the bottom of the shield, there is an illustration of a red and white striped circus tent. A banner at the very bottom reads "COME ONE COME ALL".

Invitations coming soon!

**Thank you for all of your support!**



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

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