

ST. ALBANS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL



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**NEWSLETTER**



Fall 2022



### First Day of School

Hooray! The 2022-23 school year began on August 17, 2022. Many families recall the annual first day of school flag raising ceremony as a favorite St. Albans memory.



### Student Council Elections

Mr. Bobo was extremely proud of the **sixteen** Student Council candidates who confidently presented their individual speeches to the upper grades in an early September morning assembly before Student Council elections.

Alumni News



**Christopher Tan, St. Albans Class of 2018, was a Co-Valedictorian at Granite Bay High School** and also awarded the Science Department Excellence award. Christopher shared what really shaped his high school experience was competitive robotics. He became president of Placer Advanced Robotics and Technology, a student-run non-profit organization. He encourages any students going to a school in Placer County to get more details and apply here: <https://www.placerrobotics.org/>. Christopher and fellow St. Albans alum, **Brayden Rudisill**, are freshmen at UC Irvine and were both accepted into the Campuswide Honors Collegium. Christopher is studying Biomedical Engineering: Premed.



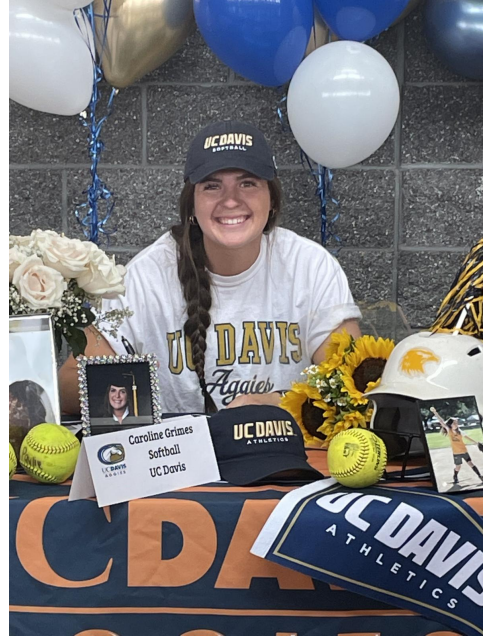
**Jake Shiro, St. Albans Class of 2018, was named a Valedictorian at Del Oro High School** and also awarded the Math Department Excellence Award. Jake excelled in the classroom and as a four-year athlete in the pool and on the pitch. He was an integral team member on the water polo, soccer, and swim teams. He is currently studying microbiology at UC Santa Barbara.





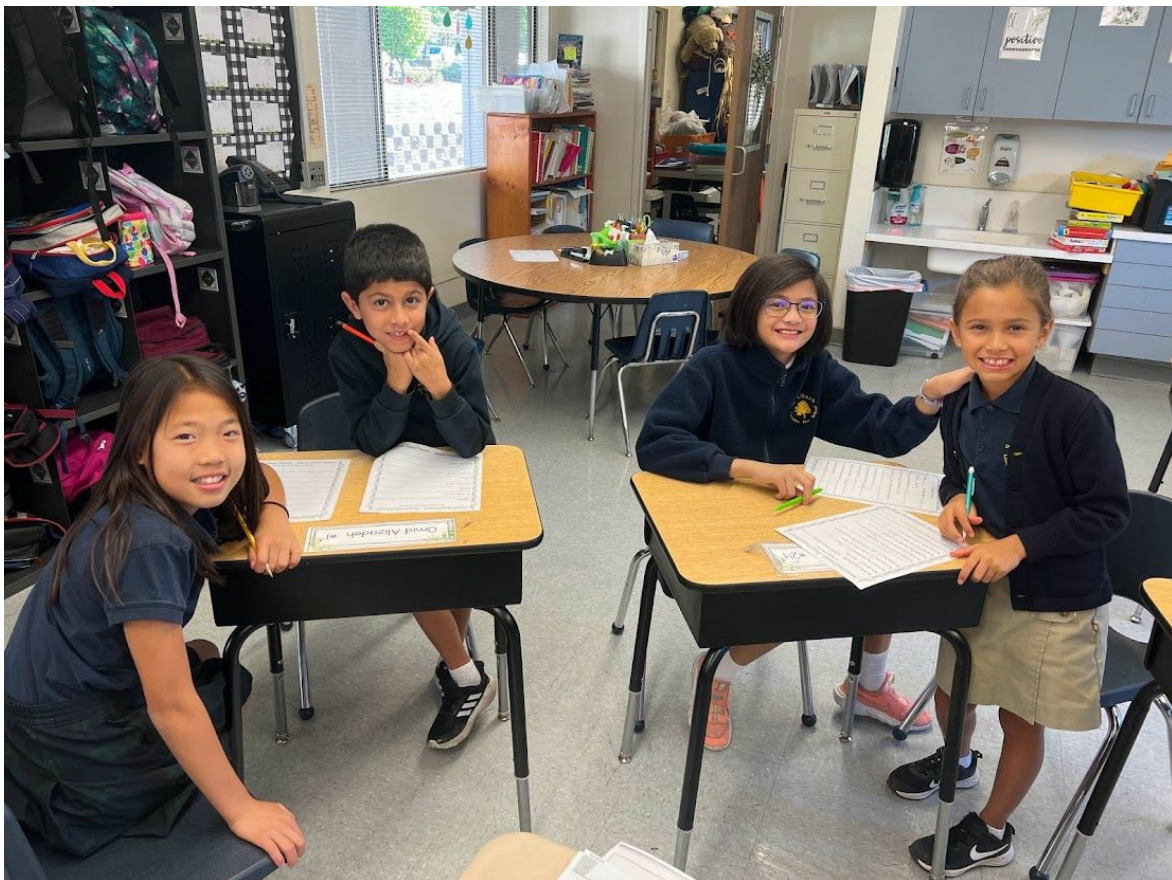


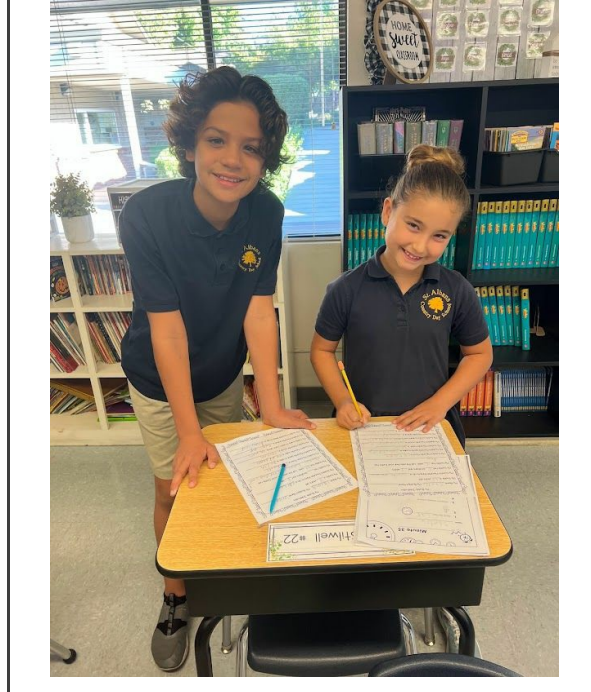
**Kate Killer, Class of 2018**, graduated from St. Francis High School in 2022 and continues her soccer career as a scholarship Division I student-athlete at UC Santa Barbara. Kate is majoring in Economics.



**Caroline Grimes, Class of 2018**, graduated from Del Oro High and was named Placer County Female Athlete of the Year in 2022, among many other accolades. She continues her career as a Division I student-athlete at UC Davis where she is studying Managerial Economics.

## Classroom Buddies





Our upper grade classes are paired with a lower grade class as part of the Buddy Program. Buddies meet several times a year to complete simple projects, play games, work on fun activities, create art projects, and make holiday gifts. It is often a favorite activity for our younger and older students.

## Chess Club



We are thrilled that the students are happy Chess Club is back!

Thank you to **all** our parent volunteers who make our after school clubs, drama performances, and sports teams a reality for our students--we could not do it without you!

## Fall Fun in October

**Fall Family Festival is always a great event for our entire community!**





One of our favorite fall events is the fall family carnival! At this early October event, our little ones enjoyed the games and prizes, and everyone always looks forward to the cake walk! The photo booth was especially popular this year.



## Halloween fun happens on campus and at the after school daycare party!







## 7th and 8th grade Powder Puff



Each fall, the 7th and 8th grade classes look forward to the rally that takes place in Taber Center and then the flag football game known as Powder Puff out on the front field. The younger grades make signs and cheer on their classroom buddies and schoolmates.

## Fall Field Trips

PreK and Kindergarten enjoyed Bishop's Pumpkin Farm; first and second grades traveled to Apple Hill; third grade visited the Bernhard Museum in Auburn and participated in the Living History Program. Fourth grade visited the Maidu Museum and Historic Site in Roseville.







## Fun In the Classroom



### Annual 8th Grade Egg Car Races

If you had Mr. Gast for 8th grade Science, you remember the egg car assignment. According to Mr. Gast, "Not only is this applying physics concepts from the start of the year, it is also an engineering challenge that even requires CAD design and the 3D printers. It all culminates with the egg car races. This is a true scientific effort where hypothesizing, testing and application of science lessons make for a true real world lesson into how science is used in the real

world."



Each year, there are usually a few teams who get this close without having their egg touch the wall. Mr. Gast measures to determine the winner!



## Jerry the Snake

Jerry is a ball python who belongs to sixth grade teacher, Ms. Michelle Maher. When he visits her classroom, the upper grade students have the opportunity to learn about ball pythons and how to handle and hold Jerry.





In Mrs. Sordi's first grade Computer class, students took a balloon they decorated and coded a robot in a re-creation based on the book "Balloons over Broadway". The book is a story about the puppeteer of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. First grade had their own coded robot Thanksgiving Day Parade!

## Fall Sports



5th/6th Grade Volleyball

5th/6th grade girls volleyball team enjoyed an exciting final match win!



7th/8th Grade Volleyball





The 7th/8th grade girls team has enjoyed improving their skills and having a great time for a few years now.

## Cross Country

This season, eighteen students in grades five, six, seven, and eight competed on the cross country team. All student athletes showed tremendous dedication to improving their times and giving their best effort to the team.

Several students, some seen in the bottom left photo, even participated in an additional weekly crossover conditioning opportunity offered to the volleyball and cross country team members.

**THANK YOU** again to all of our amazing volunteer coaches!



Fall Play - Disney's Beauty and the Beast





A talented cast of fifteen students from sixth, seventh, and eighth grades were animated, articulate and fun to watch perform. Music/Drama teacher Mr. Cook, many parent volunteers, and the students always pour hours and hours of hard work and enthusiasm into all the details that are required to coordinate such a production. **"The cast did an amazing job! What a wonderful show, we just loved it!,"** shared one new St. Albans parent of a PreK student.



Costumes are reused from show to show, however hours before opening night our old Gaston shirt completely disintegrated! The multi-talented Mr. Cook whipped up a new one on the old pattern, so when Gaston took the stage opening night, he sported a fancy new top and delighted audiences as one of Disney's favorite villains.



## Young Alumni Day



One of our favorite days of the year is Alumni Day when we welcome our youngest group of alum back to campus for a quick lunchtime visit.

## Kids Can Food Drive



Our families donated 8,231 food items in the KCRA 3 Kids Can food drive. Representatives from the Roseville Salvation Army were amazed by and grateful for the generosity of our families. Thank you to all our families for your helping ensure many local children and their parents will have food on their tables throughout this holiday season.



### Keep in Touch

We would love to feature your update too! Let us know what is new in your life. Send updates to: [angelal@stalbans.org](mailto:angelal@stalbans.org)

## 2022-23 Annual Giving



Our school families reached 100% annual giving participation for the 14th time in 15 years! We believe it is important to demonstrate strong commitment from current families before reaching out to our alumni families and extended members of our school community for support.

**If you would like to support St. Albans students, please make your Annual Fund gift by using our [secure giving link](#).**

Best Private School





St. Albans has been voted the best private school in Roseville, Granite Bay, & Rocklin for TWELVE YEARS! Thank you for voting for us again! This type of recognition attracts new families to our great school, and helps build an even stronger community.

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