

The Hawk Newsletter Spring 2018

Dear Parents, Alumni & Friends,

Each year is punctuated by so many special moments.... Last month, we held a very special **Grandparents and Special Friends Day** featuring awesome renditions of songs from the 60's British Invasion. Earlier this month, our **Open House** highlighted the best of student artwork, science projects, and class projects. I am so proud of how our students shine!



Another highlight this season was our accreditation visit by Western Association of Schools and Colleges. As we shared with many of you last week, **we received another full 6-year accreditation from WASC**. Part of their glowing 'exit report' is shared below.

And of course, we are looking forward to **8th grade graduation** on June 6. Always one of my favorite days, graduation is also *always* bittersweet. Yet I know how well-prepared our students are for the many educational experiences ahead. **They will go far!**

My best,
Mrs. Laura Bernauer
Head of School

Virtual Reality Arrives

Google Expeditions is here - and students *love it!*



Thanks to generous support from innovative and forward-thinking parents at this year's Pleasures of the Palate, our student curriculum is permanently enriched by the addition of a classroom set of Google Expeditions virtual reality.

This cutting-edge technology allows students to explore new concepts and places around the planet! Whether visiting an ancient ruin or the inside of the human body, the educational applications are endless.

In its inaugural week, Kindergarteners traveled to the deep sea; 2nd graders went on an ocean safari; and 8th graders explored Mt. Everest.



3rd graders, shown here, investigated simple machines. When asked, they sang out in chorus, "It's so cool!" "It's awesome!" "I liked everything!"

This year's Fund-A-Project also financed new computers in our computer lab to meet the needs of our coding and robotics programs.

Thank you to every supporter who gave so generously to make this possible!

Alumni Corner: Riley Glenn, '17 accepted into second West Point STEM program!

Shared with permission by Donna Glenn, Alumni Parent:

"Two years ago, [our daughter] Riley was selected to attend the West Point STEM program, and let me start by saying we only heard about this amazing opportunity because of St. Albans! Last year [West Point] implemented an Ambassador program where former attendees can apply to help mentor others. We are so excited that Riley was selected to be an Ambassador this year! They only selected 5 Ambassadors from across the United States to attend. We owe so much to St. Albans and the teachers who instilled her love of learning. [In high school], Riley is flourishing in Math, Science, English, History, Spanish, Programming, Robotics, Science Olympiad, and Mathletes. Thank you for all that you have done!"

Thank you for sharing!

WASC Accreditation Process

St. Albans receives high praise with six-year accreditation

Every six years, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) invites our school to assess our operations as part of an extensive accreditation process.

This spring, a visiting team evaluated all areas of our curriculum, instruction, teaching styles, use of technology, management and oversight.

We were recently notified that we have received a full six-year accreditation with no interim visitations required!

The WASC team gave us a glowing exit report before they left. Chairperson Greg Beale shared that in over 40 WASC visits, he had never before seen a school with such high student



achievement scores. Mr. Beale characterized St. Albans teachers as “superstars” and said the education students receive here is unmatched by anything he has seen at any other private, charter or public school throughout California. In fact, he relayed, they were hard-pressed to find any areas for improvement at our school at all.

[Here is a link](#) with more excerpts from the WASC exit report. Collectively, we have so much for which to be proud! **Thank you to everyone who participated in this process and everyone who makes up this amazing family.**

2017-18 St. Albans Video

Annual Fund Support

Our students are amazing! They are truly why we are here. **Thank you** for being part of the community that supports St. Albans students from all sides.

One meaningful way to help sustain the St. Albans tradition is through your donation to the Annual Fund. To make a gift today, you can [Click Here](#). Thank you!

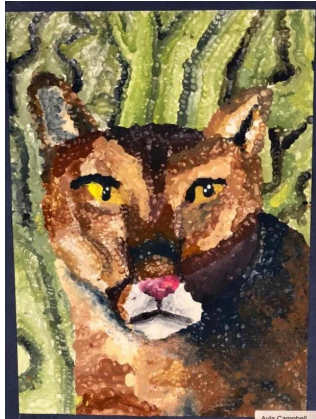


VIDEO - If you haven't seen this year's St. Albans video, [click here](#).

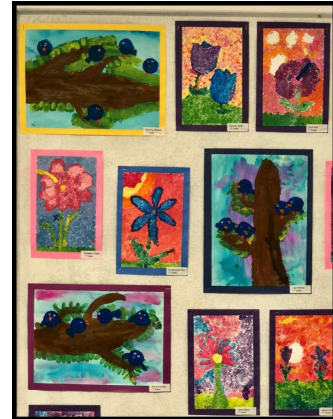
Photo Gallery - Open House 2018



Mrs. Sue Frank helped showcase student artwork in a beautiful gallery exhibit.



This lioness was created by 8th grader Ayla Campbell.



Mixed media by 1st graders graced one exhibit wall.



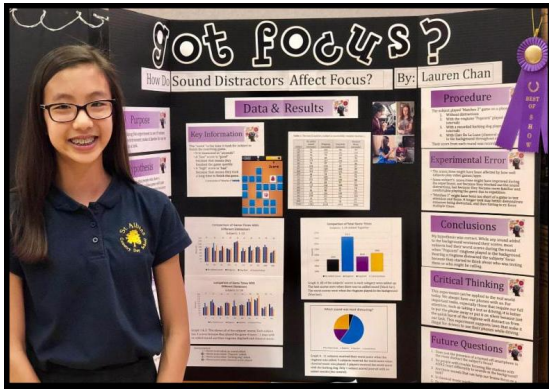
6th grader Della Lefty created a scaled model of the famous Hollywood sign in



7th graders Macey McGoldrick, Lauren Chan & Jackson Landry designed and

Mrs. Laura Doran's math class.

fabricated this roller coaster using 3D printing technology in Mrs. Ashley Gern's class.



7th grader Lauren Chan won Best in Show in the Upper Grade Science Fair with her study of how much sound distracts us.



Students enjoyed activities while parents chatted in the 4th grade classroom.

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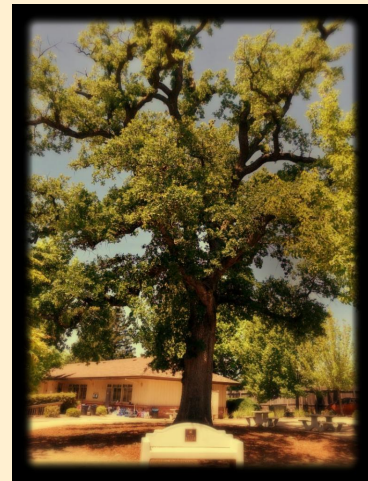
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And we appreciate you more than you know.

Please keep in touch by sending Alumni Updates, new contact information, or story suggestions to: brandyk@stalbens.org

Thank you.



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