

ST. ALBANS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL



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**NEWSLETTER**



**Fall 2023**

This academic year signifies a remarkable 60-year journey of fostering and enriching young minds. Throughout the last 60 years, an unwavering dedication to delivering an exceptional education has stood as an enduring constant. A heartfelt thank you extends to our exceptional teachers, dedicated staff members, committed board members, supportive families, enthusiastic students, and esteemed alumni. Your collective contributions have been instrumental in making the past six decades a resounding success. As we reflect on this milestone, we eagerly anticipate the boundless possibilities that the next 60 years hold in store!

## Alumni News

In honor of our past and our present we are highlighting two very special alumni. Not only did they attend St. Alban's, but now they are sending their children to St. Albans!

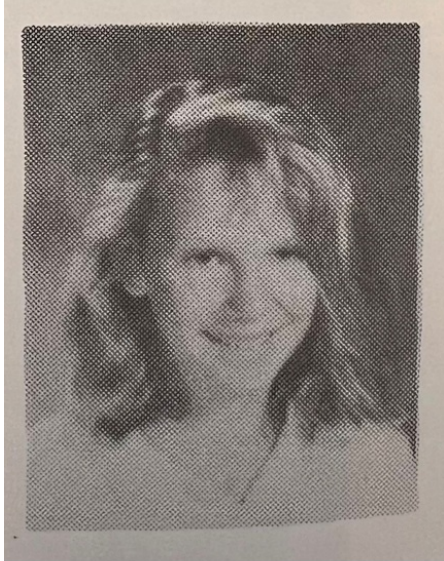
### **Ashlee George- Class of 1996**

Ashlee and her husband, John, spent two decades calling Los Angeles home before making the decision to return to Northern California in 2020. With over 14 years dedicated to the philanthropic realm, Ashlee serves as the Executive Director of the Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project. The Georges are proud parents of two children, Codi (4th grade) and Austin (1st grade), both thriving at St. Albans. John has seamlessly integrated into the St. Albans community, not only as a parent, but also as a cherished staff member over the past two years.



When asked what has changed and what has stayed the same, Ashlee said, "The focus around academic rigor still remains, as well as the charm of a small school. The facilities and extracurricular offerings have definitely improved and expanded." Ashlee's favorite memory was all of the interesting and fun field trips! As for the children, Codi loves all of the nice teachers and Austin loves being with all of his friends.

The Georges made the choice to send Codi and Austin to St. Albans because of the quality of education that their children would receive here and they really liked the tight-knit community feeling of a small school.



*Photo from St. Albans' 1991 School Yearbook*

### **Vanessa Montague- Class of 1991**

Vanessa is now the proud parent of two daughters enrolled at St. Albans: Vivienne, currently shining in 8th grade, and Vendela, thriving in 4th grade. Fondly reminiscing about her own academic journey, Vanessa highlights Mr. Carpenter as one of her most impactful teachers. She's delighted that Vivienne has had the privilege of learning from him over the past few years.

Reflecting on cherished moments, Vanessa recalls the exhilarating experiences of participating in the school musicals "Give My Regards to Broadway" and "Tied to the Tracks," both expertly directed by the talented Mrs. Janet Kaye.

The decision to entrust St. Albans with her children's education stems from Vanessa's conviction that the school provides a foundation that will not only prepare them for high school, but also for the challenges of college and beyond.

In expressing her sentiments, Vanessa, alongside her husband Geoff, emphasizes their deep affection for the St. Albans community, both in its current vibrancy and its rich history. The couple wholeheartedly echoes, "We love the St. Albans community, past and present!"

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## **Happening Around the School**

### **New SAPA Events!**

At the heart of the St. Albans experience lies the distinctive bond within our close-knit community. Diligently dedicated, our St. Albans Parent Association has been actively fostering a sense of togetherness by crafting fresh and engaging opportunities for our families to unite and thrive as a cohesive community.

#### **Muffins with Mom & Donuts with Dad**

SAPA unveiled a delightful duo of new events this year: 'Muffins with Moms' and 'Donuts with Dads'! The venue sparkled with enchanting decorations, the culinary offerings were



scrumptiously delightful, and the joyous smiles on everyone's faces were absolutely priceless.



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### Parents Night Out

Our parents have also begun enjoying SAPA hosted “parents night out” events. These evenings are exclusively designed for parents to enjoy each other's company and foster strong connections with fellow St. Albans parents. SAPA has curated memorable experiences at charming venues such as Hillenbrand Farmhaus Brewery and Moksa Barrel House, providing the perfect backdrop for shared laughter and meaningful connections.





## A Touch of Understanding

A Touch of Understanding (ATOU) recently visited our campus, aiming to foster disability awareness and educate our 5th graders. Captured below are moments that encapsulate our students' immersive experiences—donning braces, navigating life in a wheelchair, simulating vision impairments, and grappling with the challenges of learning disabilities. Additionally, three insightful students graciously shared their reflections on the profound impact of this transformative program.



"I liked many things about ATOU. My favorite part was using the canes as if we were blind. I also liked using the wheelchairs and hearing the volunteer's stories. I think that I learned a lot from ATOU." - Elin



"I loved listening to everyone speak about their injuries and how they were able to overcome them." - Oscar



"ATOU is a great organization that helps



children learn about people with disabilities so we can respect them. When I participated in ATOU I used wheelchairs, white-tip canes, wrote in brail, and mirror writing. We learned about being blind, wheelchairs, and having Autism. We learned a lot in ATOU." - Laurel



## Photos from Around Campus

As we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> school year, we love to see our cherished school traditions continuing. As autumn approaches, anticipation builds among our students, each eagerly awaiting their turn to partake in a series of exciting events. From the spirited annual powder puff game, the annual Halloween Parade and Songfest, to the heartwarming class buddies program, to the exhilarating egg car races, the melodious performances of our band, and enlightening field trips – our 60th year promises to be a celebration of enduring traditions and unforgettable moments!



Our 8th & 7th grade Powder Puff teams.

1st grade using pumpkins as a learning tool in Math





Kindergarten and 7th Grade Buddies



The band playing before a rally



Annual 8th Grade Egg Car Races in Science Class



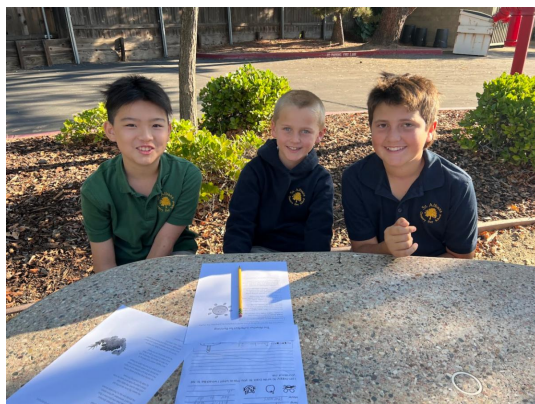
Mrs. Sordi's first-grade Computer class decorated a balloon and coded a robot





A local FBI agent holds a seminar with our 6th - 8th graders on online safety

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2nd graders with their 6th grade buddy



Pre-K takes a fieldtrip to Bishop's Pumpkin Patch

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## Fall Sports

We proudly participate in the Parochial Athletic League (P.A.L.) and take immense joy in supporting our Hawks. As our students actively take part in sports, they not only build and showcase their athletic prowess but also cultivate essential values such as teamwork, diligence, and resilience. A heartfelt congratulations is extended to all our fall athletes for their outstanding efforts and achievements.

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

### Volleyball





### Cross Country







## Fall Play- Shrek

Taber Center was transformed into a faraway kingdom filled with ogres, a princess, a crew of banished fairy tale characters, a love-struck dragon, and the tiny terror, Lord Farquard during our production of Shrek the Musical, JR. A talented cast of students from fifth through eighth grades were animated, articulate, and fun to watch perform.







## Kids Can Food Drive



This marks our 30th consecutive year participating in the Kids Can food drive initiative – a tradition we proudly began in 1993 and have faithfully upheld ever since. A modest calculation reveals that, averaging 5,500 food items annually, our cumulative donations have reached an impressive 165,000 items to date! In this year's KCRA 3 Kids Can food drive alone, our dedicated families contributed an outstanding 8,231 food items. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our current families for their generous donations and



express appreciation to all our past families who played a pivotal role in establishing and sustaining this meaningful tradition of giving back to our local community!

## Annual Giving



As we end 2023, we reflect on the many hands and generous hearts that help make an education at St. Albans Country Day School possible for our bright, talented, and deserving students.

Generous contributions to the Annual Giving Fund by alumni, friends, parents, businesses, and corporations help to bridge the gap in our budget each year, covering the costs of daily operations (including teacher salaries, technology, and supplies).



In the Annual Report linked below, we acknowledge donors for their gifts to the 2022-23 Annual Fund.

This report does not include gifts to the St. Albans Parent Association. SAPA donations, though equally important and valued, are typically acknowledged via parent communications, event promotion, or in exchange for goods or services.



Thank you each for the many ways you support St. Albans Country Day School and our students yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

Please find the **[2022-23 Annual Giving Report here](#)**. Honoring generous supporters who gave July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

This year our school families reached 100% annual giving participation for the 15th time in 16 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](#)**.

*Photos from the first day of school!!*

## Other News...



## Voted Best Private School

St. Albans has been voted the best private school in Roseville, Granite Bay, & Rocklin for THIRTEEN 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.



## Alumni, Please Keep in Touch

St. Albans has always been a family. We appreciate you more than you know.

Please keep in touch by clicking the box below!

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# Upcoming Events

<b>FEB</b> <b>23</b> 7 PM <i>Spring Play</i>	<b>MAR</b> <b>1</b> <i>SAPA Spring Fundraiser</i>	<b>APR</b> <b>11</b> <i>Hawk Walk</i>
<b>APR</b> <b>19</b> <i>Grandparent &amp; Special Friends Day</i>	<b>MAY</b> <b>2</b> 6:30 PM - 8 PM <i>Open House</i>	<b>MAY</b> <b>17</b> 7 PM <i>Storybook Theater</i>
<b>MAY</b> <b>22</b> 7 PM <i>Band Concert</i>	<b>MAY</b> <b>31</b> <i>Field Day &amp; Picnic</i>	<b>JUN</b> <b>5</b> <i>Last Day of School &amp; Graduation</i>

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