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Annual Giving Update

HAPPY NEW YEAR & THANK YOU FOR A GREAT 2012!

Welcome 2013! We closed out the calendar year with a flurry of generosity from over 440 alumni who made December gifts to the 2012-2013 Annual Giving effort. To them, and to all who have so generously pledged and given their support this year, thank you!

December’s momentum carries us forward along our path to the School’s fiscal year end (June 30). For the statistically oriented, here are a few mid-year numbers on this year’s Annual Giving:

- 27% of alumni (1,099) have participated (since July 1, 2012)
- $561 is the average alumni gift
- Top 5 classes with the highest participation (to date):
  - 1946 (88%)
  - 1948 (69%)
  - 2008 (64%)
  - 1964 (54%)
  - 1955 (48%)
- If 787 more alumni give by June 30, STA will set a participation record with 46%

Gifts of every size make an immediate difference in the lives of students and those who teach them. If you have not already, please consider making your gift today: www.stalbansschool.org/OnlineGiving, or visit www.stalbansschool.org/waystogive to learn other ways that you can support Annual Giving. Thank you!

HELP SET A NEW RECORD FOR ALUMNI PARTICIPATION: Volunteers needed for the Annual Giving Winter Phonathon

If we’re going to achieve 46% participation this year, we’re going to need the help of every alumni. This past fall, Phonathon Volunteers helped to raise over $129,000 for the School’s most pressing needs—the equivalent of 3 and a half full-time scholarships.

Phonathon volunteers make a real difference for STA; we could not succeed without them. With this in mind, please plan to join us in the Cafritz Refectory for one or more nights February:

- Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 6pm
- Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 6pm
- Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 6pm

First-timer? Seasoned veteran? ALL are welcome. With this in mind, please plan to join us in the Cafritz Refectory for one or more nights February:

If you wish to sign-up or have any questions, please contact Rebecca Morris in the Annual Giving Office at rmorris@cathedral.org or 202-537-6409.

For the Alumni of St. Albans School

Important Alumni Dates
February 13, 2013
Ash Wednesday Service

February 20, 26, 27, 2013
Alumni Phonathons

March 6, 2013
Annual Alumni Dinner and Meeting

STA Alumni Office
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Director of Alumni Relations and Assistant Director of Development
202-537-5289
Click here to e-mail Don

Robin Boswell
Asst. Dir. of Alumni Relations
202-537-5593
Click here to e-mail Robin

Follow Us On Twitter
For the latest news and information about St. Albans, be sure to follow us on Twitter at http://twitter.com/StAlbans_STA.

The St. Albans Community on LinkedIn
Post your business news, advice, and job openings on the St. Albans School LinkedIn Page! With approximately 365 members, the St. Albans LinkedIn page works to connect St. Albans Bulldog alumni with each other, and the School, in mutually beneficial ways. Sign up today. (www.linkedin.com)

Join St. Albans School on Facebook

STA Facebook page is the place to get the latest news and information on what is happening on the Blue and White corner of the Cathedral Close. Check it out, and become a fan or "like" us!

Want to show your school pride on Facebook? The following steps will help ensure that you are choosing the correct St. Albans School to update your profile. On your FB page, go to the "About" section and to "Work and Education." Type in "stalbansschool" (no spaces) in the "Where did you go to high school?" text box, and the correct St. Albans School option. Click on "Add School" to save your selection and "Done Editing" to finalize your choice. Don't delay, update your FB profile page today.
Class Secretaries
Class notes for the winter 2012 issue of the St. Albans Bulletin are due March 8, 2013. Please submit your class notes and photographs (with captions) by March 8, 2013, to Robin Boswell. Please submit them in electronic format. We prefer high resolution images (300 dpi to print 4 inches wide). The St. Albans Bulletin cannot guarantee inclusion in the magazine of any information which arrives later than the due date. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep Your Classmates Up-to-Date
To submit news to your class notes, please contact your class secretary by writing to the address listed at www.stalbansschool.org and clicking on the class secretary link on the Alumni page. If you are sending a photo, please send a high resolution images (300 dpi to print 4 inches wide). If you have any questions or comments on the notes printed here, please contact your class secretary. St. Albans School is not responsible for the accuracy or the authenticity of the class notes.

Create Extraordinary Memories by Holding Your Special Event at St. Albans!
St. Albans School is the perfect place for your special occasion. St. Albans beautiful facilities include indoor and outdoor banquet space, meeting and conference rooms, and small, intimate gathering areas in our historic and very familiar location. In addition, Alumni Bulldogs may reserve the Little Sanctuary for spiritual services. Click here for details. and welcome back to the Close.

Alumni Portal Access
Individual Alumni Logins are Now Available for the School's Website. Detailed instructions on how to login are in the how to video on the Alumni Page of the website.

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St. Albans School Alumni Survey
Recently, alumni received an e-mail invitation to complete an online alumni survey. If you have not already done so, we hope you will take some time to complete it. Your candid feedback will help STA stay in better touch with you and improve our understanding of why alumni support the School. As added incentive, survey participants have an opportunity (optional) to enter a drawing for a St. Albans sweatshirt (10 winners will be selected).

You may begin the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/STAAlumniSurvey

Should you have any questions, or if you would prefer to complete a printed version of the survey, please call 202-549-6409. Thank you very much for your time, assistance, and commitment.

Ruge Rules – Now Available For Your E-Reader
Ruge Rules—the collection of grammar rules favored by longtime STA English teacher Ferdinand Ruge—is now available for your e-reader. To purchase a copy for just $9.99, visit Amazon.com with your Kindle, iPad, or other e-reader, and search for Ruge Rules. Concise and vivid, Mr. Ruge's grammar rules convey, in the words of novelist John Casey '57, much of "the snap and the style" of the man who taught them.

Download Ruge Rules now so that you will always know where to place a comma, when to use a hyphen, and how to avoid the passive voice. As Mr. Ruge told generations of boys: "Every sentence gotta make sense!"

Alumni in the News
Jonathan Ogden '92 Named Pro Football Hall of Fame Finalist
The Pro Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee announced that St. Albans alum Jonathan Ogden '92 was selected as a finalist to the 2013 Hall of Fame class.

This is the first year that Ogden, a legendary offensive tackle for the Baltimore Ravens, became eligible for selection. He joins 15 other finalists whittled down from a list of 127 nominees. To be elected, a finalist must receive at least 80 percent of the final vote.

The 2013 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees will be determined – and announced – one day before Super Bowl XLVII, on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Selection Committee's annual meeting in New Orleans, La.

Congratulations!
The Headmaster’s Lecture Series: The Civil War and Civil Rights

STA students have long benefited from insightful guest speakers at chapel, in assembly, and after school. Headmaster Vance Wilson is introducing an evening lecture series that will allow our entire community to benefit from the same speakers who are addressing our boys.

The inaugural Headmaster’s Lecture Series will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, with a focus on the history of civil rights from emancipation to the mid-20th century. We hope you will join us for an evening with this final lecture:

Professor Julian Bond, Civil Rights Leader, Distinguished Professor in Residence at American University, retired professor of history at the University of Virginia, and former chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Thursday, April 4, 7 pm, Trapier Theater

Please let us know if you are able to come: rsvp@cathedral.org. Click here to watch past lectures in this series.

Save the Date ~ Annual Alumni Meeting and Dinner

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Featured Speaker
Mr. Dominic “Nick” G. Lowery ’74
Former Kansas City Chiefs Placekicker and NFL Hall of Fame Nominee

Mr. Walter D. Haynes ’57 will receive
The Gilchrist-Holleman Alumni Service Award

Mr. Paul R. Barrett will be named an Honorary Alumnus of the School

Reception in the Ellison Library at 6:00 p.m. ~ featuring a special presentation of “The Kick”!
Dinner and Program in the Cafritz Refectory at 7:00 p.m.

Formal invitations will be mailed in early February.

Attention STA Classes ending in ’3s and ’8s ~ Save the date!

Reunion Weekend 2013
May 3-4, 2013

The Class of 1958 will hold their 55th Reunion during (tentative date) Homecoming 2013
November 1-2, 2013

The 50th Reunion Class of 1963
June 7-9, 2013

(please click here to fill out your robe information)

More information will be available on the School’s website: www.stalbinsschool.org.