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Annual Giving Update

Thank you to those alumni who joined us for drinks, dinner and “dialing for dollars” at this fall’s Alumni Phonathon. Our exceptional team of volunteers worked their magic once again and helped encourage over 300 alumni to contribute to Annual Giving.

To date over 600 Bulldogs have generously committed to this year’s Campaign—thank you! If you haven’t yet participated, please consider making your gift today. With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, it’s a great time to give back to the places that matter most.

If you’re interested in making a gift of appreciated securities or if you have any questions, please contact Amelia Thompson, assistant director of annual giving by phone (202-537-6409) or email (athompson@cathedral.org).

Thank you for your continued support.

No Party Like a Bulldog Party!

The Nineteenth Annual STA/NCS Young Alumni Thanksgiving Party for all 1985-2009 Graduates

Friday, November 25, 2011

Come join us at Buffalo Billiards the day after Thanksgiving for good buddies, billiards, and beverages

Buffalo Billiards ~ 1330 19th Street, NW
8:30 p.m. until they ask us to go eat leftovers!

Attention STA Tennis Alumni!

On Friday, November 25, STA will be hosting a round-robin tennis tournament for St. Albans alumni. The event will take place at the St. Albans Tennis Club from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rain location to be determined). Please contact Angela at 202-363-2131 or tennisclub@cathedral.org to let us know whether you’re able to participate.

Let’s reunite and celebrate the Bulldog tennis legacy!
29th Annual
St. Albans Christmas House Tour

Featuring Six Spectacular Homes in Kalorama
Holiday Gift Boutiques and Holiday Luncheon
at St. Albans School
(Located on the National Cathedral Close in Washington, DC)

Tour Hours
Friday, December 2nd 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 3rd 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tickets $35
Complimentary shuttle buses to and from St. Albans School

Boutique Hours
Friday, December 2nd 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 3rd 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Admission to this area is FREE

Holiday Luncheon Hours
Friday, December 2nd and Saturday,
December 3rd 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Tickets: $15

Tickets available in advance with payment to St. Albans Christmas House Tour, PO Box 5687, Washington, DC 20016
or visit our website at http://www.stalbansschool.org/parents and click on Christmas House Tour
Tickets may also be purchased on the days of the event at St. Albans School
Special pricing for groups of 10 or more by email to theel90@hotmail.com
All proceeds of the Christmas House Tour benefit the faculty and staff of St. Albans School

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!”

Save The Date!

Reunion Weekend 2012
May 4-6, 2012

Alumni in classes ending in 2 and 7, this is your year! Reunion Weekend 2012 is right around the corner. In January, check the Alumni Reunion Weekend section of the STA web site frequently for updates on registration, events, lodging, activities and much more.

We look forward to seeing you back on the Close in May.
The 50th Reunion Class of 1962 will hold its Reunion June 6-8, 2012.

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! More than 1500 folks have already joined us on Facebook…you’re next!

Class Secretaries

Class notes for the spring 2012 issue of the St. Albans Bulletin are due March 9, 2012. Please submit your class notes and photographs (with captions) by March 9, 2012, 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.

Alumni Portal Access

The St. Albans Alumni Portal is being upgraded and is currently unavailable. If you have changes to your contact information, send your updates to Robin Boswell. Thank you.

New At The Student Exchange

New Vineyard Vine Ties are now available through the STA Student Exchange. The ties come in the Classic Navy as well as four new colors: Periwinkle Blue, Royal Blue, Raspberry & Yellow. The cost of the ties are $65 each plus shipping and handling. Please contact the student exchange at StudentExchangeShop@gmail.com or 202-537-6572 for further information.
Create Extraordinary Memories by Holding Your Special Event at St. Albans!

St. Albans 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.

Second Annual Bishop Walker Invitational Basketball Tournament

On behalf of St. Albans School, the Varsity Basketball Team would like to request your help in supporting the Second Annual Bishop Walker Invitational Basketball Tournament. St. Albans School will host three days of superb high school basketball and help subsidize a great cause.

Tournament Information:
When: December 8-10, 2011
Where: STA Martin Gymnasium
Participating Schools: St. Albans School (DC), Cardozo Senior High School (DC), Cesar Chavez (DC), Dwight School (NYC), Maret School (DC), McDonogh School (MD), St. Paul’s School (MD), Thurgood Marshall Academy (DC)

This annual tournament is in honor of Bishop John T. Walker who was the Bishop of Washington from 1977-1989, and the father of two STA alumni. Bishop Walker was a distinguished member of the St. Albans community who served as the Dean of the Washington National Cathedral. The 2011 tournament will raise much-needed funds to assist the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys in Southeast Washington, DC (http://www.bishopwalkerschool.org/bws/). St. Albans School has taken the lead in helping to provide the necessary financial means not only to establish the school but also to sustain the school’s future growth.

The St. Albans Alumni Association Board and Head Basketball Coach OJ Johnson are looking for interested alumni to volunteer and provide support for the Bishop Walker Invitational Basketball Tournament on December 8th-10th. The Tournament looks to be a top flight affair with 8 teams from both the DC area and as far away as New York City! In fact, come see fellow alums from the Class of ‘81, Tommy Walker and Matt Lewis, who are now coaching at the Dwight School from New York City. We’re looking for folks to volunteer during the tournament -- to work the doors and take tickets and/or provide general logistical support -- but to simply attend the event!

Additionally, on Thursday, December 8th at 5:30, the STA Alumni Association Board cordially invites you to attend a reception to kick-off the 2010/12 Varsity Basketball Season and the Second Annual Bishop Walker Invitational Basketball Tournament. Join other alumni in the Kellogg Room and re-connect with old friends before the Bulldogs take the court at 7pm. RSVP to Robin Boswell at robin_boswell@cathedral.org.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help make this event a huge success, please contact Don Swagart, the Director of Alumni Relations at 202.537.5289 or dswagart@cathedral.org.

Headmaster Vance Wilson cordially invites you to attend a lecture & discussion of The Persistence of the Color Line: Racial Politics and the Obama Presidency with the book’s author, Harvard University Law professor and St. Albans alumnus Randall L. Kennedy ’73
Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
Trapier Theater

Beginning at 7:00 p.m., please join Mr. Wilson and Mr. Kennedy for coffee and hors d’oeuvres in Marriott Hall’s Faculty Convocation Room.

Kindly R.S.V.P. by Monday, December 5 to: rsvp@cathedral.org