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Seton August Newsletter

Happy August to all!

We hope your summer has gone well and you are ready for school to begin!

As we start the year we need to say *good-bye* to two Seton teachers:

Mrs. Chris Anderson, middle school computer teacher, is retiring after 18 years. Thank you, Mrs. Anderson, for your many years of service and dedication. We will continue to see Mrs. Anderson as she plans to substitute teach for Seton regularly.

Mrs. Tiffany Colon, 7th and 8th grader religion teacher, will be teaching 4th grade in Colona this year. We wish her all the best in her new position and thank her for ten years of service to Seton.

We also want to announce:

Miranda Millman, a Seton parent, will be our school nurse three days a week.

Rachael Frutiger, second grade teacher, will be our 3rd kindergarten teacher!

Anna DeMuelenaere will be our 3-year-old preschool aide in the morning and teach the elementary computer classes in the afternoon.

Tammy VanHoe, a Seton parent, will be our new 3-year-old preschool aide in the afternoon.



Important Dates

August 23	1 st Day Gr. K-8 Noon Dismissal
August 24	1 st Day PS & PK
August 29	Parents' Night Elementary PS-5
August 30	Parents' Night Middle School 6-8
August 31	School Pictures Gr PS-8



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Seton Catholic School is the religious and academic formation of students in preparation for their lives as productive Catholic adults.

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Thank You to...

Steve Meirsonne, Evan Nache, Tony Kerker, and Refugio Nache, our “fab four” maintenance crew, for all the hard work and long hours this summer! Not only did they clean all our buildings to help us get a fresh start, they transformed the middle school offices to a new, more efficient, and professional-looking arrangement to serve our Seton families even better than before. Come and see our new suite of offices!

Jill Green and Green Chevrolet, for the donation of beautiful office furniture that made the middle school office transformations possible. We cannot thank Jill enough! The donated furniture is now being used in the middle school main office, the business office, and several classrooms on the first floor of the middle school. We are sure you will agree that it all looks fabulous!

Beth Behrends and all those who helped with the *Seton Golf Outing*, especially John Barrett, Jill & Jeff Zmuda, Cary David, Chris Schram, Mary DeWitte, and Gina Miller. We are also grateful to our numerous sponsors and golfers! It was a successful and fun event!

Connie Morris and the National Catholic Society of Foresters for sponsoring our backpack and school supplies program. **Christ the King Social Concerns, Sacred Heart Church, and St Mary's Altar and Rosary Society** for supporting those efforts to ensure that all our students begin the year with the supplies they need.

Beth Behrends and all the new **Parent Ambassadors** for their help in welcoming our new families to Seton.

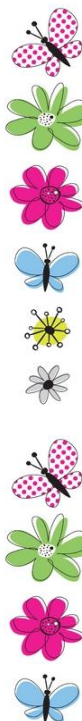
Cliff Zerull and all the **Sacred Heart Grounds Committee** members for maintaining our beautiful campus grounds.

Joe and Gina Boland for heading the volunteers for the John Deere Classic, as well as all the **parents and students** who helped park cars.

Angela Dennis-Raymond, Beth Behrends and Katie Holmes and all their helpers for their work with Spirit Wear, the Used Uniform Sale, and our Box Top Program.

Seton Parents' Club Meetings:

If you are a Seton parent, you are a member of the Seton Parents' Club! But busy lives and hectic schedules caused the Seton Parents' Club meetings to fade away several years ago due to lack of participation. The main responsibilities of the Parents' Club include fundraising, sponsoring specific special events, communication about these projects, and providing helpful information regarding current parenting issues. Much of our communication now takes place through email and social media, but we would like to resurrect the idea of actual in-person meetings just a few times a year. ***If you would be interested in being a Parents' Club officer/meeting organizer, please contact Jane Barrett, Principal at 757-5500. WE NEED PARENTS TO TAKE THIS ON AND ORGANIZE IT!***



Seton's Commission on Education

Fr. Jim DeBisschop
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Volunteering at Seton

Before being able to volunteer, join your child for lunch, help in a classroom, chaperone or drive for field trips you **must** first complete the following diocesan requirements:

- ✓ Attend a Safe Environment Class
- ✓ Complete a fingerprint background check through the State of Illinois
- ✓ Complete a CANTS check with the Department of Children and Family Services
- ✓ Complete the Volunteer Driver On-line Training Video

Please call either school office for details regarding all of these requirements.

There will be a Safe Environment Class held at the middle school on Thursday, September 14th.

Safe Environment Class

Sept 14th 2017

5:00

Middle School

Please contact Kelly Clark at 764-5418



Safe Driving Video - Parent Volunteer Requirement

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria has added a fourth requirement for anyone wishing to volunteer in our diocesan schools. It is required of all diocesan employees as well. It is an online safe driving video and quiz that takes about 45 minutes to view and complete. No one can drive on a school or church fieldtrip unless they have completed this requirement and turned in the certificate of proof. We ask that all parents who have done the Safe Environment Training, fingerprint check and CANTS check, also complete this last step and turn in the certificate of completion to either Seton office.

To complete the "Be Smart-Drive Safe" school volunteer requirement:

- Go on line to www.catholicmutual.org
- Click on the Online Training rectangular box and follow the instructions
- Parents need to complete the **Be Smart-Drive Safe** (available in English and Spanish) module - video and quiz.
- Print the certificate and bring it in to either school office



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Catholic Order of Foresters / Pathways Program

The **Catholic Order of Foresters** offers a starter \$10,000 term life insurance policy for children from birth to 21 years old. If you take advantage of this offer, the Foresters organization will contribute \$25 to Seton for every policy purchased by our families. Besides the reasonable insurance policy, membership in the Catholic Order of Foresters has many scholarship opportunities for your child toward Catholic school tuition in grade school and high school, as well as college. Please read the attached information for details. There is an application form attached as well. This is an opportunity that will benefit our families and Seton at the same time!

Labels for Education Ends in January, 2018

- For many years Campbell has offered *Labels for Education*® which has contributed millions of dollars in school supplies to schools across the U.S. Although Seton has continued to use this program, participation nationwide in *Labels for Education* has declined considerably, so Campbell has made the decision to discontinue the program.
- At this time **only UPCs with the *Labels for Education* logo** will be accepted and redeemed for points. Please continue to collect and send in these labels **through December of 2017**.
- **THANK YOU:** We would like to thank all who have collected and sent in these labels for many years. You have saved us a great deal of money for recess play equipment. We also want to thank Carol and Otto Denning, grandparents of the Dusslieres, who have trimmed and counted these labels for Seton for many years.



Welcome New Families

We would like to welcome the following new families to Seton...

Juan Alvarado and Vanessa Alvarado and their son, GioVanni in 2I

Alex Anthony and his son, Colton 8P

Claudia Arreguin and her daughter, Mayra PK

Eric and Lindsay Avila and their son, Dylan PS

Habraham and Amanda Bautista-Kernan and their daughter, Lila in 1F

Nicole Bernaix and her daughter, Kaylee Simpson KT

Joshua and Megan Cackley and their daughter, Bridget PS

Tyler Carter and her daughter, Josie PK

Jared Carver and Angela Kight and their daughter, Rylee 1R

Matthew and Michelle DeSmyter and their daughter, Marley PK

Nick and Angie DeVolder and their daughter, Vera in 1F

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Joseph and Stacy DeVoss and their children, Natalee 5M, Riley 6K and McCree 8H

Adam and Natalie Doyle and their son, Finnegan KT

Abigail Duyvejonck and her children, Blake Orsborn PS and Brooklyn Orsborn PS

Valentine and Guyla Ezugha and their daughter, Layton PK

Maria Gonzalez and her children, Amira Escobar KB, Anahia Escobar 2I and Almari Gonzalez 3B

Christine Greene and her son, Urijah PS

Austin and Michelle Greuel and their son, Reid PK

Daniel Guerra and his son, Sebastian KB

Marianne Guerra and her children, Mylan Reed KA and Marlo Reed 1F

Thomas and Kelly Hancock and their son, Connor PK

Rebecca Hawthorne and her son Jude Marckese 5M

Scott and Jennifer Hurd and their daughter, Kailee 8H

Maria Lezama and her children, Yarisleidi Arellano 1F and Yathzirly Arellano 5V

Richard Lofgren and Catelyn Cruz and their daughter, Juliana PS

Thomas and Jennifer McQuillan and their children, Caitlin PS and Alison 1P

Brandon and Ashley Mills and their son, Jacob PS

Timothy and Kelly Muehler and their son, Gavin PS

Ismael Ojeda and Molly Brown and their son, Leo PS

Bridget Otten and her son, Will Otten-Thoms 4T

Sean and Joi Ponder and their children, Kasen 2I, Irelyn 5V and Alec 8H

Alfred and Patricia Ramirez and their son, Robert 1P

Jose and Leticia Rosas and their children, Carlos 1P and Jorge 7D

Ashley Sandoval and her son, Cameron Morris KB

Scott Sarazin and Lauren VanOpdorp and their daughter, Alivia PS

Brad and Mary Schneider and their daughter, Isabel 4W

Josh and Amanda Sherrod and their son, Ethan KB

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Jaswinder Singh and Ramandeep Keur and their son, Gurman KT

Greg and Cherie Stohl and their children, Kiersten 5V and Kylie 8H

Abygale Swanson and her son, Gannen Gonzales PS

Bob and Dalia Tapia and their son, Miguel KT

Daniel and Stefanie Tubbs and their son, Noah PK

Gerardo and Valerie Vargas and their son Valeriano 6K

Carlos and Juliana Villalobos and their children, Anthony 1P, Jayden 4T, David 5M and Julian 7E

Salvador Villalobos and Yesenia Machuca and their children, Sevastian 1F, Salvador 6T and Brian 8P

Brad West and his son, Degan 6T

Kevin and Tracy Wilcox and their daughter, Brooklyn PS

Drew and Jen Wilson and their daughter, Mia PK