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# Seton Catholic School

## February 2012

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

### Welcome to the following new family...

Brian and Angela Laufenberg and their son, Andrew who is in 7M, daughter, Hannah who is in 6K and son, Jacob in 3S.



### Announcements / Reminders...

#### Catholic Schools Week

##### ***Faith-Academics-Service***

Please refer to the schedule for Catholic Schools Week that was sent home with your child two weeks ago to see all the information regarding events planned for this week. It is also posted on the Seton website and Ren Web.

#### Memory Book

##### **Photos Needed Now**

The **memory book** is in need of pictures from basketball games. We need shots of the players, cheerleaders and the poms. Please send any pictures via email to [memorybook@setonschool.com](mailto:memorybook@setonschool.com) or c/o Alexis DeFrieze 5H.

#### 2011 Tax Credit Information

The 2011 tax credit information has been mailed. If you have not received your copy, please contact the Business Manager, Karla Larsen, Monday through

### Calendar at a Glance...

- Jan. 31..... Open House - 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 3..... All School Mass 2:00  
Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle 5-8 p.m.
- Feb. 16..... Safe Environment Presentation  
Middle School 6 - 7 p.m.
- Feb. 20..... No School - President's Day
- Feb. 22..... Ash Wednesday All School Mass  
10:15

Thursday at 764-5418.

#### Traffic Courtesy and Safety

Please be courteous to our neighbors and do not park in front of residential or commercial driveways.

The barricades on 17th Avenue are up to block all vehicles from entering during school hours. Please do not drive around them when you are picking up or dropping off at the Middle School during the school day. Use the parking lot on the west end of the building or the cut-in on the east end of the building. We know it is an inconvenience, but it is for the safety of our children.

#### Attention Volunteers

Individuals wishing to volunteer their time at Seton School are required to complete the following procedures...



If your child is going to be absent, please call the office no later than 9:00 a.m.  
 Elementary Build ..... 757-5500  
 Middle School ..... 764-5418

- ◇ Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) background check.
- ◇ Fingerprint background check through the State of Illinois
- ◇ Attend a Safe Environment Presentation

Please contact the principal if you have any questions.

### ***Safe Environment Presentation***

Thursday, February 16th

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Middle School

Call Kelly Clark at 764-5418 if you plan to attend.

### **Student Council...**

Our Candy Cane Sale raised \$1,100 for needy Seton families. The money was given out to help several families just before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who purchased candy canes and to the members of the Student Council who worked very hard to make the sale a success!



### **Spalding Scholarship Fund Grants...**

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established by the Diocese of Peoria will be available for the 2012-2013 school year. This scholarship is for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need and objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website; [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org): Click on **EDUCATION** then on **OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** and then on **SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS**. Applications are available in either school office. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only and anyone seeking to renew a grant for 2012-2013 must reapply. **The application deadline is February 15, 2012.** Notification of grant awards will be made by mid-April.

**We encourage families to apply for the Spalding Scholarship.**

### **Tuition Assistance Packets...**

Financial Aid Packets for the 2012-2013 school year are now available in either school office. The packet needs to be filled out **COMPLETELY** and **returned directly to the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment.**

**The final deadline for the Spalding Grant is Wednesday, February 15th, 2012 and the deadline for the Tuition Assistance is Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. (Please note: You may send in your most recent tax forms with copies of 2011 W-2 forms).**

### **Registration for 2012-13 School Year...**

#### **Pre-Registration**

Soon you will be receiving pre-registration forms for grades 1 through 8, kindergarten, 3 and 4-year-old preschool, as well as high school transfer forms. Remember to return the completed forms by Friday, March 2nd. We want to give current Seton families priority and pre-

registration will open to the general public on Monday, March 5th.

### **Registration Reminder**

Last April, each Seton family received a registration packet to complete and return for this school year. This registration process worked well so we will be following the same procedure this upcoming school year. Please watch in April for your registration packet to complete and return for the 2012-2013 school year.

### **Upcoming Events...**

**Parents Club-Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle**, Friday, February 3rd from 5 to 8 p.m. in Culemans Hall.



**Booster Club Trivia Night** - It will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Believers Together Center at Christ the King Church. Doors open at 6:00pm and trivia will start about 6:30pm.



**Dad's Club baseball and softball signup** - will be in early February. Look for a flyer to come home with your child for dates and times.

**Walk-a-thon** - Friday, May 4th



### **Mark Your Calendars...**

#### ***IMPORTANT DATES***

**\*\*\*The Children's Place Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten**

**Open House\*\*\***

Thursday, March 8, 2012

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten  
Classrooms

For prospective parents and students

**\*\*\*Kindergarten Round Up\*\*\***

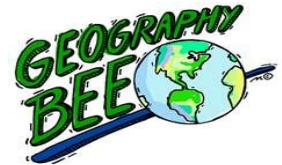
Thursday, March 22, 2012

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Culemans Hall/Kindergarten Rooms  
Children must be 5 years of age by  
September 1, 2012

### **Three Cheers for Our Students...**

#### **National Geographic Geography Bee**



This year the finalists in each grade for the Geography Bee were:

**4th grade** - Brennen O'Keefe  
Chase Carruthers

Alternate Paul Rouse

**5th grade** - Jackson Parker  
Sam Mattecheck

Alternate Sydney Heller

**6th grade** - Mason Slater  
Mikey Scarpinato

Alternate Nate Musal

**7th grade** - Corey DeLathower  
Peter Mills

Alternate Ryan Hodge

**8th grade** - Molly Fox  
Noah Zimmerman

Alternate Ryan Hodge

Our school winner was **Sam Mattecheck**.

Congratulations Sam and all our winners for your efforts and accomplishments!

## Spelling Bee

This year's winner for the Spelling Bee is **Gannon Ethington**. Cristian Perez is the runner up.

Congratulations to both of you!



## Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

In this year's Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest **Michelle Rosas** won 1st place in the Drug Awareness and Abuse, Age 12-14 division and

**Madison Duling** won 1st place in the Alcohol Awareness and Abuse, age 12-14 division. Great job ladies!



## Honor Roll

The Honor Roll and Honorable Mention are attached to the newsletter.

Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work and dedication to their school work.



## Thank You To Our Many Helpers...

### Appeal Letters

Each year a group of faithful helpers gathers to stuff the nearly 4000 Catholic Schools Week appeal letters into envelopes to be sent out to supporters of Seton. We are so grateful for their help each year. If you know any of these wonderful volunteers please thank them for their help:



Beverly Buckley, Irene Carton, Barb Curry, Joan DeClerck, Ann Dufour, Elaine Hendrickx, Janis McGuire, Diana Neihaus, Sally Neubauer, Jan Robinson, JoAnn Spears, Rosemarie VanAcker, and Marlen Woitte. Thank you ladies!

## Used Uniform Sale

Thank you Pam Thompson and all those that helped with the used uniform sale. The sale raised \$225.00 which will be used by the Seton Parents Club to assist Seton families.



## Can Recycling

Thank you to Rebecca Baldwin's family for volunteering to help Seton with our can recycling. Your help with this Seton fundraiser is much appreciated.



## From the School Nurse...

### Dental exams

**All students in kindergarten, second and sixth grades** are required to have an oral health examination performed by a licensed dentist. For the 2011-2012 school year the exam must be performed sometime after **November 15, 2011 and before May 15, 2012**. Following your child's exam, **please have your dentist fill out the form** required by the state and **return it to the office no later than May 15, 2012**.



## SCRIP...



SCRIP stands for "School Cash Rebate Incentive Program" and it means making purchases with gift cards instead of cash. Schools enroll in the program and buy gift cards at a discount and sell them at face value. The percentage earned by the school is used to lower tuition cost, so everyone benefits. Remember that you can pay your Kohl's bill with Scrip cards, as well as use Walmart Scrip at Sams. Please continue to think of, and use Scrip in the up coming months. They are great gifts or you can use them for your everyday shopping all while helping every child attending Seton school.

Congratulations to Lisa Forgie. She was the winner of a \$25.00 gift card to Buffalo Wild Wings.

### **Order**

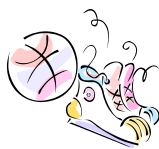
Feb 7th  
Feb 21st

### **Receive**

Feb 9th  
Feb 23rd

## Athletics...

### **Volunteer Assistant Coach Needed**



We have a head coach for our track team but we are in need of several volunteers willing to be assistant coaches. If you are interested in being an assistant track coach please call Jack Pagett, Athletic Director at 764-5418.

**Reminder** Any student planning to participate in track this spring must have a physical and appropriate paper work turned in. If you have any questions regarding the paperwork or the track program please check with Mr. Pagett.

## Scout News...



Cub scout news – Pack 109 was off to the races in January with its annual Pinewood Derby. Nearly 50 scouts brought in their pinewood cars to compete in front of a huge crowd of family and friends. While they all had fun, a few scouts earned special honors during the day. Placing first, second and third overall were: Desmond Zanders, Brenden Gusse, and Sam Verschuere. Sam Maynard won Best of Show with his car.

In February, the pack will keep busy with a night at Snowstar on Feb. 6 as a reward for all the popcorn the scouts sold. The pack also will hold its annual Blue and Gold Banquet on Feb. 27 at Culeman's Hall. Come join the scouts as they celebrate their achievements throughout the year. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m.

And mark the date – Pack 109 will be assisting Troop 109 with an annual Food Drive on March 17 and 24.

## Alleman News...

### **Alleman Post Prom Fundraiser**

Come and enjoy an evening of FUN at SkiSnowstar located at 9500-126th Street West, Andalusia! Join us Thursday, February 9th from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Mention "Alleman" upon check in. Open to all families and friends. Prices: Lift only \$15. Lift/Rent \$30. Tube hill 2hrs \$12. All night \$15.



## Financial News...

Seton depends on three main sources for operating: revenue (tuition), parish subsidy and fundraising/development. The largest expenditure for the school is the wages and benefits of the teachers, administration and support staff. The total cost per student for the 2010-2011 school year was \$4,220.00 which was fully funded by our revenue sources.



### Seton Catholic School Income (2010-2011)

Revenue Sources	Amount	Percent
Tuition & Fees	\$1,322,100	56%
Parish Subsidy	\$ 660,700	28%
School Programs	\$ 191,400	8%
Fundraising/Dev.	\$ 178,100	7%
Other	\$ 11,800	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,364,100</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Seton Catholic School Income (2009-2010)

Revenue Sources	Amount	Percent
Tuition & Fees	\$1,263,300	55%
Parish Subsidy	\$ 660,700	29%
School Programs	\$ 176,300	8%
Fundraising/Dev.	\$ 163,600	7%
Other	\$ 12,800	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,276,700</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Seton Catholic School Income (2008-2009)

Revenue Sources	Amount	Percent
Tuition & Fees	\$1,193,400	53%
Parish Subsidy	\$ 660,700	30%
School Programs	\$ 202,400	9%
Fundraising/Dev.	\$ 150,400	7%
Other	\$ 21,200	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,228,100</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Seton Catholic School Expenses (2010-2011)

Expenses	Amount	Percent
Wages & Benefits	\$1,993,000	85%
Building & Grounds	\$ 225,100	9%
Academic Support	\$ 126,400	5%
Other	\$ 9,800	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,354,300</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Seton Catholic School Expenses (2009-2010)

Expenses	Amount	Percent
Wages & Benefits	\$1,902,300	84%
Building & Grounds	\$ 214,200	9%
Academic Support	\$ 134,600	6%
Other	\$ 7,900	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,259,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Seton Catholic School Expenses (2008-2009)

Expenses	Amount	Percent
Wages & Benefits	\$1,822,600	83%
Building & Grounds	\$ 243,000	10%
Academic Support	\$ 135,400	6%
Other	\$ 8,000	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,209,000</b>	<b>100%</b>