



Seton Catholic School

January 2012

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

Where faith meets excellence



The Seton faculty and staff wish each of our families a very happy and healthy New Year!

Financial News...

For many months now the Diocese of Peoria and, locally, your four Catholic schools have been researching and analyzing school budgets and the traditional funding of our schools. The goal is to find the best funding model to ensure that our Catholic schools will remain financially secure far into the future. It has been a long process, culminating in a report, "Funding the Mission of Catholic Education," presented to administrators and representative school trustees on December 13, 2011. On the way to this report it became clear to our school trustees that we need to place more information about our school revenues and expenses before our school families.



With this January newsletter we will begin doing just that. Each month for the next several months you can look forward to learning a little bit more about school finances. Every school family makes financial sacrifices to meet the cost of tuition in Catholic schools. We think you

Calendar at a Glance...

- Jan. 4Classes Resume/Feast of Mother Seton
- Jan. 132nd Quarter Ends
- Jan. 13Noon Dismissal School Improvement
- Jan. 16No School Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 20Report Cards Go Home
- Jan. 29Catholic Schools Week Begins

will appreciate knowing where the tuition dollars go and how much development, fundraising and parish support are parts of the mix. Along the way we will also share a few fun facts about some of the good stuff going on in and around our schools.

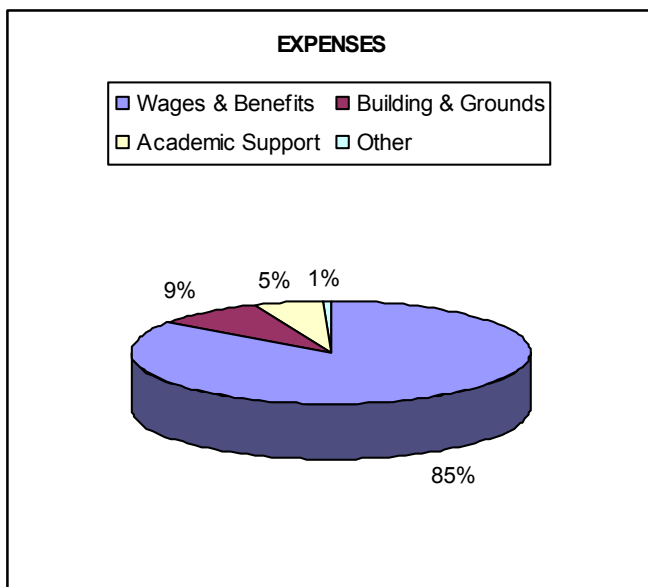
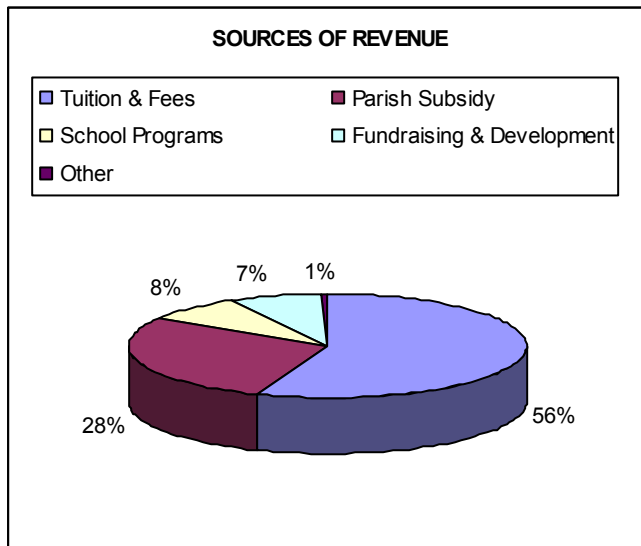
Seton Catholic School Income (2010-2011)

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%
TOTAL	\$2,364,100	100%

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%
TOTAL	\$2,354,300	100%

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



lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The week will conclude with two very special events on Friday, February 3rd. We will celebrate an All-School Mass at 1:45 in the afternoon. Then everyone is invited to the Spaghetti Supper and Basket Raffle on Friday evening in Culemans Hall from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Additional information will come home later in January.

Asbestos Notice...

On file in the Seton School Office is the Seton School Hazard Assessment Report and Management Plan for asbestos. The Illinois Department of Public Health has approved this plan. Any interested parent who wishes to review the plan may do so at anytime.

2011 Tax Credit Information...

The 2011 tax credit information will be mailed home the week of January 23rd.

Morning Drop-Off on 16th Avenue

On school mornings between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. please do not park in or block the access to sidewalks or the crosswalk. This practice is illegal because it creates a very dangerous situation for children and parents trying to cross 16th Avenue.

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

The Knights are sponsoring their annual substance abuse awareness contest. Details and instructions are available upon request in either school office. Entries must be turned in to the school office on or before 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 6th.

Announcements / Reminders...

Catholic Schools Week 2012...

We look forward to the celebration of Catholic Schools Weeks beginning on Sunday, January 29th. Seton is part of the proud tradition of Catholic Schools and we look forward to seeing you all that week. Our theme this year is, "**Catholic Schools: Faith-Academics-Service.**" Seton's annual Open House will be held on Tuesday, January 31st, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Plan to spend the morning at school and then take your child/children out to

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. Families must be 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 at 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 24th, 2012. (Please note: You may send in

your most recent tax forms with copies of 2011 W-2 forms).

Attention Parents...

Hair feathers and dyed streaks in hair are not part of the school dress code. Please be sure your student is in compliance with this rule.

Upcoming Events...



Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle. Friday, February 3rd from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Culemans Hall.

Booster Club Trivia Night will be Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Believers Together Center at Christ the King Church.



Used Uniform Sale.

Seton will be holding a used uniform sale on January 10th, from 3-5 in Culemans Hall. Drop donated clothing off at the Middle School January 4th-8th. Help is needed with set up, sale, and clean up. Contact Pam Thompson 781-0311.

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 or c/o Alexis DeFrieze 5H.



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, 2010 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...

Thank you to everyone who used Seton Scrip this holiday season. This year's December sales were \$23,600 with rebates earned of \$1500.00. Because of you, we are well on our way to reaching our goal of making \$10,000.00 for Seton.



Congratulations to Mr. Herbert's classroom for winning the participation award and to Shannon Richmiller, Stephanie Noe, and Theresa Carton for each winning a \$10.00 gift card!

<u>Order</u>	<u>Receive</u>
Jan 10	Jan 12
Jan 24	Jan 26

P.R.I.D.E. Program...

P.R.I.D.E. stands for **P**eople, **R**espect, **I**nvolved, **D**edication and **E**xcellence. This program serves to help students set personal goals in line with the Christian

values Seton teaches. It's meant to encourage a sense of accomplishment and pride in achieving those goals. See the attached sheet for all the students that have earned all five P.R.I.D.E. letters during the 1st quarter of the year. Congratulations to all!

Athletics...

7th & 8th grade girl's basketball is approaching. If your daughter is planning to participate please make sure all the appropriate paperwork is completed and returned to Athletic Director, Jack Pagett, prior to the first practice.



A big thank you to our Seton 7th & 8th grade boy's basketball coaches and cheerleading coaches for their time and dedication.

7th Grade Basketball: Ricky Hoyt, Joe Boland, Tom Noe, and John Tracey

8th Grade Basketball: Steve Sottos

7th Grade Cheerleaders: Shelley Volk and Allison Dusliere

8th Grade Cheerleaders: Judy Scarpinato, Tori Scarpinato, and Luz Upegui

Library...

Attention Seton Parents and Students

Do you have any NEW or GENTLY USED books that you no longer use at home? Please consider making a donation to our beautiful Seton library.



Thank you to all who

have already done so.

Scout News...

Boy Scouts:

Gentlemen, start your engines!

Pack 109 is revving up for its annual Pinewood Derby. This year's event will be on a new day and time. Scouts will race their cars from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 15 at Culemans Hall. If you did not receive your pinewood car at the December Pack meeting, contact your leader.



Another new tradition also is around the corner. As another reward for making our popcorn fundraising goal, we will be tubing at SnowStar in Andalusia. Mark your calendars for 6-8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 6.

The Pack would like to congratulate Christopher Reyes, who earned his Bobcat badge -- the first badge of rank in scouting.

Thank you to all our scout families who donated baby items for our Baby Shower for Jesus service project. The Crisis Pregnancy Center will benefit from all your nice gifts.

Alleman News...

Alleman High School will administer the EXPLORE test to all current 8th graders for entrance into



High School the fall of 2012. All 8th graders from both parish schools and public schools are encouraged to take this placement test. The test will be Saturday, January 28, 2012 - 7:45 am - 11:45 am. The cost of the test will be \$15.00. More information will be sent to parents of 8th graders in January.

Also, Alleman will have an Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2012 from Noon - 2:00 pm. (Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 in the Morris Gym). All current 7th and 8th graders are welcome to tour Alleman High School. Teachers will be giving tours of the building and answering any questions you may have about Alleman.