



# Seton Catholic School

## September 2011

*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*

### Welcome Students and Families ...

We are pleased to welcome both new and returning students and families to Seton. The faculty and staff are ready and anxious to make this another exceptional year for all our students. If you ever have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact a teacher or administrator.

### Welcome Staff...

This year we welcome Miss Megan Heller to the middle school building. She has been a first grade teacher for two years at Seton and is now our 6th grade science and social studies teacher. We also welcome our new middle school secretary, Mrs. Kelly Clark. Kelly was a Seton parent for many years and also was our pre-kindergarten aide for four years. We welcome her back!

### Announcements / Reminders...

#### Help Needed

As we welcome new and returning parents, we remind you that we are always in need of volunteers, as well as substitute teachers and playground and cafeteria monitors.

#### Volunteers...

If you would like to volunteer in a classroom, please call Jane Barrett, 757-5500.

If you indicated on your Volunteer

### Calendar at a Glance...

- Aug 30 ..... Parent Night - Middle School
- Sept 1 ..... Parent Night - Elementary
- Sept 1-15 .... Magazine Drive
- Sept 5 ..... **No School** - Labor Day
- Sept 6-9 ..... School Pictures
- Sept 12-23... Iowa Test of Basic Skills Testing
- Sept 23 ..... **Noon Dismissal** - School Improvement

Opportunities at Seton Form that you would like to help in our library, you will be receiving a call soon. If you would like to help, even for just an hour or two each week, please call Patty Scott at 762-2083.

We are specifically in need of someone who would like to take over our Scrip Program, be in charge of tracking our volunteers, and also head the Caring Committee. If you are interested call Jane Barrett.

If you would like to help with any of our Parent Club events or committees please call Rhonda Hogan at 786-4603 and she will refer you to the chairperson.

#### Paid Positions...

Cafeteria and playground monitors as well as substitute teachers are needed.

If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Jane Barrett, 757-5500 or Mary Cornelis, 764-5418.

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

## Attention Volunteers...

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

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

Please contact the principal if you have any questions.

### \*Safe Environment Presentation...

- Thursday, September 8th
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Middle School

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

## Parent Night...

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend:

**Middle School:**  
**Tuesday, August 30:**  
**6:30 to 8:00**



**6:30 to 7:00** – Presentation in youngest middle school child's homeroom

**7:00 to 8:00** – All classrooms open and all teachers available to greet and answer questions

**Elementary School:** (pre-school - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) **Thursday, September 1st**

**3-Year-Old Pre-School and 4-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten**

**6:00 to 6:30**- Presentation in both pre-school classrooms

If you also have older students, then move on to...

## **Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**6:30 to 7:00** – Presentation in your youngest K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade child's homeroom.

**7:00 to 8:00** – All classrooms open and all teachers available to greet and answer questions

## **Advanced Accreditation Process...**

Please see the attached sheet for an update.

## **Accelerated Reader (AR)...**

Last year we began using the Accelerated Reader (AR) program, as well as STAR Reading at Seton. See the attached sheet for more information about these programs.

## **Reminders...**

- **Iowa Tests of Basic Skills:** Please do not take your child out of school for appointments during this time—reschedule. Sept 12-23.
- **School Hours:** Doors open – 7:45 a.m., 1<sup>st</sup> bell – 8:10, tardy bell – 8:15, dismissal – 3:15.
- **Absence/Tardy:** Please call in all absences **and** send a note with your child *when they return* after an absence and *when they come to school* late.
- **Traffic Safety:** The parking lot behind the elementary building and the driveway at the north end of Culemans Hall should always be free of vehicles from 7:45 to 3:45.

- **After-school Supervision:**
- Students must be picked up by 3:30 p.m. After-school options:
  - T.A.S.K. – Quiet homework/ computer use from 3:15 to 4:15 for grades 4 through 8 in the music room at the middle school. Cost is \$3.00 per hour.
  - Before/After School Care Program – Supervision from the end of the student’s school day up to 5:30 p.m. for grades pre-K through 3. Call elementary building at 757-5500 for more information.
- **School Visitors:** All visitors must sign in and wear a visitor’s pass while in the building.
- **Tuition:** Monthly tuition is due the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Call Jane Barrett or Karla Larsen if there will be any delay in your payment.
- **Business Office hours: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. It is not open on Friday.**
- **Emergency and all other school forms:** Complete and return to school no later than Friday, September 2nd.
- **Step Up Bully Prevention T-Shirt :** See attached order form.
- **Sweatshirt Forms:** These were sent home the first week of school. Please be sure they are returned by Friday, September 2nd.
- **Parent/Student Handbook and Calendar:** All parents should read and keep these for easy reference. **Students in grades 5 through 8 should also read the handbook.**

- **School Reach/Contact Information:** Please call the school with any changes to your information throughout the school year.
- **Magazine Sale:** September 1st to 16th. Please see the attached flyer.
- **Fund Raising Buyout:** This is an optional way for families to contribute to our fund raising efforts without purchasing or having your children solicit from others during our various fund raisers. If you choose this option, please use the “buy out” coupon located in the front of your tuition payment coupon booklet to donate \$250 toward our fundraising efforts. Your volunteer time and talents are always needed and encouraged, as fundraising produces 8% of our annual budget.
- **Please Save:** Aluminum cans, old cell phones and empty ink cartridges, Swiss Valley milk caps, General Mills box tops, and Campbell’s UPCs and caps.
- **Good Search:** GoodShop.com is an online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy’s and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with Goodshop and every time you place an order, you’ll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Seton as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

## Thank You...

### Maintenance Staff...



Thank you for your hard work over the hot summer months! All four of our facilities; the elementary building, the middle school building, Culemans Hall, and our extended care areas and pre-school in the Lee Parish Center look fabulous. We are grateful to all our maintenance personnel: Steve Meiresonne, Mrs. Evan Nache, Mr. Refujio Nache, Mr. Steve Watkins, Kylie Sommers, as well as Dan Morris and his staff at Culemans Hall.

### Retirees...

Thank you to these fine gentlemen who help and support Seton with their time and talents even in the heat of the summer: Bob Hendricks, Jeff Roland, Joe VandeMoortel, and Don Warlop.

### Sacred Heart Building and Grounds Volunteers...

We are truly grateful to the Sacred Heart volunteers who work so hard to keep the entire campus looking so beautiful and well cared for. We especially want to thank Jim Vrombaut and John Pauwels.

### Used Uniform Sale...

Thank you Pam Thompson and volunteers! You raised \$512.00 for Seton!

### Unpack Your Back Pack/Hot Dog Social...

Thank you Eileen Wendt and Ann Hartley for organizing this welcome back event.



## From the School Nurse...

### Physical exams

A physical examination is required for entrance into pre-school, kindergarten, 6th grade and/or when transferring from an out of state school. The health history portion of the physical examination form must be completed and signed by the parent in order for the physical to be valid. The exam must be dated within one year prior to the date the student enters school.



### 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.

### Vision exams

As of January 1, 2008, the State of Illinois has required that all students entering kindergarten or entering school for the first time from out of state shall have an eye examination before October 15th of the school year.

### Student Medication/Medical Issues –

If your child must take medication during the school day, *either prescription or over-the-counter*, a completed Medication Form with a doctor's signature is required. These are available in either office. Please read the information regarding this in the Seton Handbook.

If your child has medical issues of any kind, please indicate this on the emergency form and also inform the office and your child's teacher. If your child's

medical condition changes at any time during the year, please keep us up to date.

## **Congratulations...**

Two Seton Middle School artists participated in the Brinton Art Competition at the Butterworth Center in June.

Pictured from left to right are Sam McGehee and Andy Evans.



Sam placed second in his age division and Andy placed third.

## **Welcome...**

Miss Adrianna Corby, a St. Ambrose art education major. Miss Corby will be student teaching the first quarter with Mrs. Burau and Mrs. Goodnight in grades K-5

## **Parents' Club...**

### **2011-2012 Officers & Chairpeople**

- President-** Rhonda Hogan  
**Vice President-** Ann Hartley  
**Treasurer-** Paul Schmitt  
**Secretary-** Allen & Erin DeFrieze  
**Booster Club-** Jim VanDe Heede  
**Fall Fundraiser-** Carmen Galvin  
**Wreath Sale-** Tim Adam  
**Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Raffle-**  
 Lara Hodge/Mindy Calloway  
 Sarah Woods/Theresa  
 Dykema/Teresa Fricke  
**Trivia Night -** Scott Ronnebeck  
**Walk-a-thon -** Cathy Caparula &  
 Julie Zimmerman  
**Memory Book-** Erin DeFrieze, Chris  
 Anderson & Jeanette Snider  
**Scrip-**  
**Volunteer Opportunities-**  
**Caring Committee-**

As you can see from the list above, we are in need of a volunteer to be charge of Scrip, Volunteer Opportunities, and Caring Committee. Please contact Jane Barrett, 757-5500.

### ***Mark Your Calendar-***

- Golf Outing at Pinnacle Country Club: Monday September 26, 2011 at 12:30. Any questions or need more information contact co-chairs Jim VanDeHeede (757-0667) or Jeff Zmuda (755-9966).
- First Parents Club/Booster Club Meeting, Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting Culemans Hall
- Fall Fundraiser is on Saturday, October 29th. More information will be forthcoming.

For the Parents' Club minutes, please check our Seton's website, [www.setonschool.com](http://www.setonschool.com) and click on news and events.

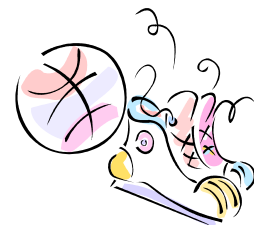
## **Wreath Sales Program...**

Sales will kick off at an all school assembly Thursday, Oct 6th and will conclude Tuesday, November 1st. If you know of any groups/organizations that might be interested in a wreath sales fund-raiser please contact Tim Adam, at [timadam10@hotmail.com](mailto:timadam10@hotmail.com) or 309-269-6594.

## **Athletics...**

Our fall sports season is starting for the following sports...

- Cross Country grades 6-8
- Girl's Tennis grades 6-8
- Girl's Volleyball grades 7 & 8



Before the first practice student athletes need to turn in...

- Athletic and Sporting Events Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver
- Seton Athletic Handbook sign-off\*
- Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment/Medical Information
- Sports Physical

\*The Athletic Handbook can be found in the Seton Parent/Student Handbook.

We are also in need of a 7th grade volleyball coach. If interested please contact Mr. Pagett.

## Scout News...

### **Boy Scouts:**

Cub Scouts blast off a new year!

After a busy summer of camping, swimming and other scout fun, Cub Scout Pack 109 is ready to start the new year. All Seton boys, grades 1-5 are invited to join Cub Scouts. To join, please contact one of Pack 109's leaders.

Den meetings will begin in early September. Once a month, all the boys meet together as a pack. Here's a look at some of the fun we have planned: **ROCKETS!** During the month of September we will be building and painting rockets (your den leader has them to hand out) and we will be launching them for our September Pack Meeting. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. sharp at Riverside Park in Moline - by the outfield of Field 3 (East of the ball fields). Boys should be in their full uniform. Popcorn sales: The scouts will begin their annual popcorn sales Sept. 17. This is our only fundraiser of the year. We will be selling at area stores and door to door, please consider helping our scouts.

For more information on scouting, call any of the Pack 109 leaders listed below:  
Committee Chair: Jennifer Dewitt 737-3235. Cub Master: Sam Moyer 912-4773, Webelos 2 Den Leader (5th grade): John Dewitt 737-6871, Webelos 1 Den Leader (4th grade): Nettie Fogel 737-9484, Bear Den Leader (3rd grade): Matt Sharer 736-1202. Bear Den Leader (2nd grade): Amy Gaghagen (563)370-3721, Tiger Den Leader (1st grade): Mike Walters 269-5899

### **Girl Scouts:**

Welcome Back!

Girl Scouts is already in full swing. If you are interested in getting your daughter started, please contact Mary Killian Meier at [meierppls@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meierppls@sbcglobal.net) or 309-236-4524.

If your daughter is already in a troop, you should be hearing from your leader soon about all of the fun things planned!

## News from Alleman...

### **Homecoming: Pioneer Pace**

On Wednesday, September 21, 2011 Alleman's Student Council will host their annual Pioneer Pace and Carnival. All students, Kindergarten through 8th grade are encouraged to participate. The race will be held at Alleman's Courtyard from 5:00-6:45, with the homecoming festivities to follow. The cost of the event will be \$15 per student which includes the Pioneer Pace Race, the Alleman Pace t-shirt, water bottle, and tickets to use in the carnival games. Additional tickets for the games will be available for \$.25 each or 5 for \$1 the night of the event. Registration forms will be passed out at

the partner schools and are also available on-line under *Counseling at [www.allemanhighschool.org](http://www.allemanhighschool.org)*. All registration forms must be turned into Alleman by Wednesday September 7th to ensure the participant in receiving a t-shirt. If not registered prior to the event, t-shirts will be on a first come, first serve basis. We hope to see you there!