

SETON HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

“In the tradition of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and through the charism of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Seton High School develops young women of faith, service and leadership within a Catholic Christian community and provides academic excellence to a diverse student population”.



APRIL 2010

LET US PRAY...

Christ now sits at the right hand of the Father and calls us into God's future.
Jesus, your going ahead of us assures us about what is new.
May the Lord who lies ahead of us and who beckons us forward
teach us to trust the unknown and to embrace new life,
both now and every day. Amen.

Adapted from:

Prayer For Parish Groups, Harrington and Kavanagh

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

This month brings to all of us the continuation, and conclusion of the Lenten Season as well as the resurrection and celebration of Easter. At Seton, we made time in our daily routine through our annual Lenten series to stop, think, reflect and pray. It is our hope that these presentations helped the Seton community take the Lenten season to heart in order to appreciate and celebrate a glorious Easter. From all of us at Seton High School, Happy Easter!

Celebrate Seton!

Thanks to all who supported, volunteered and helped in any way to make Celebrate Seton so successful. The Chance Drive raised \$39,000, which was \$9,000 over our school goal. It was a wonderful event for Seton and for the community.

Setonsation, April 17

Please join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year, *Setonsation, A Storybook Evening*, on Saturday, April 17. Visit www.setoncincinnati.org for reservation and raffle ticket information, or call Cathy Cionni at 471-2600 ext.108.

Hazard yet Forward!

Susan M. Gibbons
Principal

CAMPUS MINISTRY/COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS...

Kairos Team #47 has begun their formation process for the May Retreat. Please keep all students, alumnae and staff who are on the team in your prayers this month. This month seniors will also be planning for their day of reflection scheduled for Friday, May 14.

Congratulations to junior Sarah Ritter for receiving the 2010 Players Trust Volunteers of America Action Team scholarship! She will receive \$1,500 towards the college of her choice.

Our students continue to be active in the community and this month they are involved with ESPY, Adopt-A-Class, SC Motherhouse, The Women's Connection and a death penalty vigil at Lucasville.

Dining to Donate will once again be held at Applebee's on Wednesday, April 7. Please pick up your flyer in the Main Office or from our website. Proceeds benefit the Seton High School Community Service Program. Thanks for your support.

Grub for Justice will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at McAuley High School from 6:45-8:45 p.m. The topic is our environment and this is a great opportunity to come together for a speaker and discussion with other area high school students. Food is provided and this is free of charge.

On Saturday, April 24 here at Seton there is a National Conference on Violence Against Women from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact S. Sandy at howes@setoncincinnati.org.

ACADEMICS...

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

Testing begins on Monday, May 3 through Thursday, May 13. All tests will be given in the morning from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

AP courses demand skills that can lead to success in college. Students have the opportunity to develop the writing skills, problem-solving techniques and study habits that are expected of college students. Plus, taking rigorous **AP** courses demonstrates a student's maturity and commitment to academic excellence which can help a student stand out in the college admissions process. **AP** Exam grades (if sufficiently high) could earn a student credit, placement or both at thousands of colleges and universities in the United States. Taking an **AP** Exam also lets you experience a college-level exam. Student work will be evaluated by college and university professors and **AP** teachers using college-level standards. Fortunately, Seton High School offers 11 **AP** courses to choose from during your daughter's four years at Seton.

Guidance Department

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

Test results (Grade 10 and re-test) will be available around May 27. Summer re-tests will be given the week of June 14-18. Ten hours of tutoring will be required for students who have to retake one or more of the tests. (Five tests make up the OGT test battery.)

Summer school information for those students who will need to make up classes is now available. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your daughter's counselor.

Students interested in participating in some kind of summer program, many of which are available on university campuses, should see their counselor as soon as possible. Classes and workshops are offered in a variety of subjects ranging from medicine and law, to business and leadership, to writing and fine arts. These programs provide opportunities to explore career options, various college settings, and to interact with peers interested in similar topics. Information is posted regularly on Seton's website under Guidance, Summer Programs.

A college fair will be held at the Cintas Center, Xavier University, on Sunday, April 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. More than 150 nationally recognized universities from throughout the country will be represented. The fair is free and open to any students or parents who are interested in the college process. If your daughter needs some help coming up with a list of colleges to explore, please encourage her to meet with her counselor before the fair. Although this fair may be of particular interest to juniors, both sophomore and freshman parents should know that it is never too early to start the exploration process.

Seniors – The Guidance Department continues to notify seniors through the Senior Bulletin of scholarship opportunities. Parents can also check out these announcements on the Guidance page of Seton's website. When seniors finalize their choice of college, they should be sure to notify their counselor. Also, it is very important for seniors to bring to their counselor a copy of any scholarships they receive, regardless of whether or not they choose to accept them. We want to be sure that all seniors are recognized for their achievements.

Juniors – If you were unable to attend Seton's College Information Night last month, your daughter should stop by the guidance office to pick up a packet of information. In our last group guidance of the year, students will be given information about how to create a resume for college or a job, and they will have an opportunity to update their activity sheets. Students will be given a Junior Reflections sheet that they are to fill out and return to their counselor. We also ask all junior parents to fill out the Parent Reflections form that was distributed at the College Information Night. These two reflections sheets will be invaluable to your daughter's counselor as she writes letters of recommendation for scholarships and/or college admissions. Please help your daughter register for the SAT and ACT college entrance examinations this spring if she has not already done so. Registration packets and practice tests are available from your daughter's counselor. This is the time for juniors to become serious about their college and career planning. Juniors are encouraged to begin making college visits, touring colleges and visiting with admissions officers in order to gather information that will enable them to narrow their list of college options. If you have any questions, please contact your daughter's counselor.

Sophomores – Sophomores will be concentrating on career exploration this spring. We will begin by discussing the importance of career planning. We will use the students' PLAN or PSAT career reports to help personalize their search. Students searching for additional input will also be given the opportunity to take an additional career inventory through the Ohio Career Information System (IDEA). We will then utilize the Occupational Outlook Handbook, a resource developed by the U.S. Department of Labor, as well as various internet sources to help

students learn more about the many career opportunities available to them. Students will follow up this research with a paper or project in their English 2 classes.

Freshmen – Parents are reminded to continue to monitor their daughter’s academic progress on Edline. Feel free to contact your daughter’s counselor about any concerns you may have.

Latin Department

Congratulations to Sister Mary Dolores Schneider, SC who has been named the Dr. Elizabeth Watkins National Latin Teacher of the Year by the American Classical League!!

The Latin Club will celebrate Latin Week April 11-16. Latin day will have a Latin Mass presided by Fr. Dennis Dettenwanger, induction into the National Latin Honor Society, and the presentation of results of the National Latin Exam.

Foreign Language Department

We welcome three German Exchange Students to Seton High School who are visiting the U.S. for one month.

Library Information Center

The Library Advisory Board has been busy with a theme challenge throughout Women’s History month. Winners of each week’s contest correctly identified the theme connecting quotations and history facts announced throughout the week. April is both Poetry month and School Library month. Plans include a poetry/coffeehouse event on Friday, April 23 and daily poems.

Art Department

Congratulations to senior Kelsey Pace for having her print titled “Zebra” included in the Summerfair Scholastics exhibit at Anderson Center this month. Congratulations also to senior Laura McGowan who won 1st place and \$100 for her photo in the Middletown Arts Center High School art show. Also included in the show were Cassy Woelfel, Kaitlyn Cappel, Sydney Vollmer, Andrea Book, Jennifer Vogel and Emily Gardner.

Academic Team

Congratulations to junior Taylor Hensley who was named to the Greater Cincinnati Academic League All Academic 2nd team. Taylor, the team’s captain, led the Saints for a significantly improved season over previous years.

Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Present “The Music Man”

Tickets are still available for the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series production of **The Music Man**, April 21, 23, 24 and 25 in the Seton Auditorium. The entire family will enjoy this wonderful production. Get your tickets today. This popular show is sure to be a sellout. Performance times are Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 23 at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, April 24 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m. All tickets are \$10 and reserved seating, except the Wednesday, April 21 performance, which is \$7.00, and the seats are general admission. An order form is available on Seton’s website. For more information, contact Mrs. Mary Sunderhaus at 251-3324 or sunderhausm@setoncincinnati.org.

Spring Concerts

Join us for our spring concerts. The Freshman Spring Concert is on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. (this is a free concert; no tickets necessary). New for 2010: The Spring Choral & Instrumental Concert is on Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m. This is now a combined concert. Tickets are \$6.00. For ticket information, please call (513) 251-3324 or check the front page of Seton's website for an order form. There is no concert on May 2.

TechOlympics

Four Seton students were among the nearly 400 students from 39 regional high schools who converged on the Millennium Hotel March 5-7 for TechOlympics Expo 2010, a bonanza of video game competitions, high-tech demonstrations (from the likes of the U.S. Air Force), breakout sessions about careers in IT in the local business community and 3-D graphics and new search engines. Kroger, P&G, Atos Origin, the Cincinnati CIO Roundtable and 23 more companies joined forces with UC, Miami University and NKU to host the event, under the leadership of the INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati. According to Jim Scott, Chief Technology Officer for the Kroger Co., "The goal of the TechOlympics Expo was quite simply to get regional high school students jazzed about high-tech jobs in the Greater Cincinnati region and the career pathways that can lead them to these careers." Sophomores Jaynee Goines, Rachel Gregory and Emily Doll and junior Anna Marsala competed in various events. Rachel took the Bronze medal in the Dance Dance Revolution competition, and our newspaper staff took a Gold medal in the newspaper design competition. For more information about INTERalliance, contact librarian Mrs. Monica Williams-Mitchell at wmitchellm@setoncincinnati.org.

Science/Environmental Club

Seton is going green! Environmentally green! Please help us fill our yellow and green dumpsters behind the school. Please bring Seton all your paper for recycling. We accept all paper, shredded paper can be bagged, junk mail, colored paper, paper with staples, newspapers, old notebooks, magazines, catalogs, office papers, toilet paper tubes, paper towel tubes, non-corrugated cardboard, corrugated cardboard, packing paper, packaging boxes from food products as long as they are NOT soiled by the food. NO pizza boxes. The funds earned will be used for more Seton environmentally friendly projects and beautifying the grounds. Thank You for your support.

STUDENT LIFE...

From the School Nurse, Mrs. Jennifer Boles

The Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati is gearing up for the important "Parents Who Host" campaign. Therefore, our school nurse, Mrs. Jenny Boles, has posted information on the website. You can locate the flier on the Academics link under the Health Services tab then click on Parent Mutual Pledge heading. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Boles with any health related questions or concerns at 471-2600 ext. 115 or bolesj@setoncincinnati.org.

Student Council

The 2010-2011 Student Council members are going to be elected this month. Please encourage your daughter to get involved. The 2010-2011 Executive Board members are:

President – Jenna Stenger
Vice President – Jordan Burch
Secretary – Andrea Book

Treasurer – Liza Hartke
Pep President – Lizzie Konerman

Junior-Senior Prom

The Junior-Senior Prom will be held this year on Friday, April 30 at Paul Brown Stadium. This is one of the premier events for our Seton students. Parent chaperones are needed in order to ensure a safe, enjoyable dance for all students. If you would be able to chaperone this event, please contact Mrs. Sue Bien at biens@setoncincinnati.org or 471-2600 ext. 140.

Athletics Department

- Incoming Freshman Meeting for Parents of Potential Athletes will be Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. All varsity head coaches will be in attendance to answer questions, give dates for tryouts, conditioning and open gyms, and all summer activity. This is an informational meeting and **is not mandatory**.
- Varsity Highlighter and Junior Highlighter Dance Team Tryouts will be held at Seton the weeks of April 25 and May 2. For more information go to Seton's dance team website at <http://shsdance.org>.
- Softball, Lacrosse and Track schedules can be found on Seton's website. Click on Athletics.
- Current Athletes should contact coaches regarding spring and summer activities.
- Summer Camp Information and registration form are available on Seton's website www.setoncincinnati.org. Click on Athletics.

MISCELLANEOUS...

Setonsation, April 17, 2010

You are invited to *Setonsation, A Storybook Evening*, on Saturday, April 17 beginning at 4:45 p.m. with Mass, followed by Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the live auction at 7:45 p.m. Be sure to get your chances in now for the Grand Prize Raffle, \$10,000 Cash and the main award, a 42" Plasma TV. Visit www.setoncincinnati.org for reservation and raffle ticket information, or call Cathy Cionni at 471-2600 ext.108. Thank you for supporting our largest fundraiser of the year. We are grateful to all the volunteers and donors of the event.

Honors Algebra 1 Enrichment Program for Grade 8 Students

An informational meeting for any current 7th grade student who has been recommended for the 2010-2011 Honors Algebra 1 Enrichment Program will be held at Seton High School on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in room 229. Both the recommended student and their parents are encouraged to attend this meeting in order to fully understand the scope and commitment to the program.

From the Main Office

In the third quarter report card mailing was an Information Form for the 2010-2011 school year. Please make sure your updated form is returned to the Main Office by Monday, April 12.

Spirit Shop

It's getting close to the end of the school year, so you know what that means....SALE! Visit the spiritwear shop during the month of April and receive 30% off all items (uniform shirts not included).

Parking Garage Reservations for 2010-2011

We are currently in the process of reserving parking spots in the garage for next school year. Mr. Jerry Kennedy is coordinating this and has the necessary form. Please make sure that the form is completed and turned in as soon as possible to reserve your garage spot. The cost is still \$100 for the entire school year so we encourage carpooling. The money is due by August 1. The parking placards will be mailed to your homes along with the school schedules in August.