

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”.



FEBRUARY 2010

LET US PRAY...

*If anyone would come after me,
they must deny themselves and
take up their cross and follow me.
For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,
but whoever loses their life for me and
for the gospel will save it.
Make us a model of justice and honor to the world*

Mark 8:34-35

Lord Jesus, your commitment to my salvation is extreme.

It took you all the way to Calvary.

Increase my love for you as I consider your Extreme love for me.

Adapted from:

Extreme Love Yours For Life

Dr. J. L. Fryar

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Catholic Schools Week is February 2-5! THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SACRIFICE TO MAKE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT SETON HIGH SCHOOL POSSIBLE FOR OUR STUDENTS. THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING AND TRUSTING THE STAFF OF SETON WHO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. WE APPRECIATE AND THANK YOU!

Congratulations to our Staff/Faculty who were recognized by the Archdiocese for their service to Seton High School:

Mr. Jim Pharo – 40 years

S. Teresa Dutcher, S.C. – 30 years

Ms. Susie Gibbons – 30 years

Mrs. Mary Ritter – 30 years

Ms. Mary Agricola – 20 years

Mrs. Suzanne Rechenberg – 20 years

Mr. Gary Collins – 10 years

We will begin the season of Lent on February 17. Please join with the Seton student body as we pray weekly during our Lenten series in preparation for Easter. Please see the Campus Ministry section in this newsletter or visit our website for further information. (See the Campus Ministry section of this newsletter for further information on Catholic Schools Week and all our activities.)

Incoming Freshman Scholarships

Congratulations to the following eighth graders who were awarded scholarships based on the Seton High School entrance test given in November 2009. Sixteen renewable scholarships were offered to students who represented 12 elementary schools. Congratulations to these students, their parents and their grade school teachers and principals who have provided an outstanding Catholic elementary education. An *Evening of Distinction* was held in January to honor these students and welcome them to the Class of 2014!

Scholarships have been awarded to the following students:

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Molly Brauch – St. Aloysius on-the-Ohio – four years full tuition
Christine Anneken – St. Antoninus - \$4,500 per year – four years
Kirby Sullivan – St. Jude - \$4,500 per year – four years
Allie Mohan – Our Lady of the Visitation - \$3,000 per year – four years
Christine Oswald – St. Dominic - \$3,000 per year – four years
Diana Bolton – Our Lady of Victory - \$2,500 per year – two years
Kendall Cappel – Our Lady of Victory - \$2,500 per year – two years
Molly Kraisinger – St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, IN - \$2,500 per year – two years
Sarah Kammer – Holy Family - \$2,000 per year – two years
Alicia Menke – St. Dominic - \$2,000 per year – two years
Kelley Kraemer – St. William - \$2,000 per year – two years
Quinn Scheiner – St. Catharine - \$2,000 per year – two years
Samantha Smith – St. Ignatius - \$2,000 per year – two years
Sarah Specker – St. Dominic - \$2,000 per year – two years
Olivia Wall – Our Lady of Lourdes - \$2,000 per year – two years
Christa Woelfel – Our Lady of Lourdes - \$2,000 per year – two years

Admission with Merit Scholarships

Students were awarded Admission with Merit based on the essays they submitted explaining their involvement in leadership roles, community service and co-curricular activities along with outstanding test scores on the High School Entrance Exam. We had over 150 applicants for these scholarships.

Allison Bailey - Our Lady of the Visitation
Sami Bedel – St. Dominic
Taylor Beiersdorfer – St. Jude
Allie Budde – Our Lady of Victory
Tricia Cavanaugh – St. Teresa
Corrine Deutenberg – St. Jude

Ellie Hahn – St. Teresa
Jenny Healey – St. Antoninus
Megan Huber – Our Lady of the Visitation
Hannah Kern – St. Jude
Catherine Kneip – Our Lady of the Visitation
Katie Lehan – Our Lady of Victory
Olivia Lutz – Our Lady of the Visitation
Morgan Masminster – Our Lady of Lourdes
Samantha Monahan – Our Lady of Lourdes
Lexi Neltner – Our Lady of the Visitation
Rachel Richter – Our Lady of the Visitation
Tori Scholl – Our Lady of the Visitation
Maddy Schulcz – St. Antoninus
Maddie Sheridan – Our Lady of the Visitation
Erica Stowe – St. Jude
Halie Sunderman – St. Dominic
Abby Woche – Our Lady of the Visitation

Seminar for Juniors, Seniors and Parents on February 11!

What do you know about personal finance? What do you know about obtaining your first credit card? What do you know about building your credit score? This is a new concept at Seton High School. Accounting firm, Ernst & Young, has graciously offered their expertise to Seton for current juniors, seniors and their parents. The first seminar will be offered on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00-7:40 a.m. Please mark your calendars. Further information along with an invitation to juniors, seniors and their parents will be communicated through Edline.

Hazard yet Forward!

Susan M. Gibbons
Principal

CAMPUS MINISTRY/COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS...

February marks the beginning of the Season of Lent and the return of our Lenten series. Fr. Jim Walsh will join us for our Ash Wednesday liturgy on February 17 at 10:00 a.m. May God guide each one of us to a deeper relationship with Him this Lenten Season. As we begin this holy journey, the sacrament of reconciliation will be offered during all religion classes on Friday, March 5. Seton will cover a variety of topics as we continue our Lenten Series in March. Please check Seton's website for specific dates, times and topics of the series. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Special thanks to Kairos Team #46 who provided a very spiritual and growth-filled retreat for 29 seniors. Please continue to pray for the team and the retreatants as they strive to live the message of the retreat in their everyday lives. Your prayers are also needed for those seniors and adults who are beginning formation for the May Kairos and for the 44 juniors who will leave for an overnight retreat on Thursday, February 25. They will be traveling to the Bergamo Spiritual Center in Dayton.

Monday, February 1 marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is “Dividends for Life”. On Monday afternoon a Christian mini-concert with Bill Tonnis and Bobby Fisher will be held in Seton’s Performance Hall followed by a living rosary that the staff and students will pray together. Each morning we will play Christian music over the PA system before the start of homeroom. Catholic Faith Facts will also be shared daily, and throughout the week during the lunch bells Bible Trivia will be played. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Campus Ministry students will be traveling to the Cathedral on Wednesday, February 3 for the archdiocesan liturgy. Seton and Elder students will also be singing for the liturgy. On Thursday, February 4 Seton will participate in the videoconference with the archbishop and other area high schools. Senior students will be interviewing the archbishop. Students will be invited to pay \$1 and wear their grade school uniforms to raise money for Seton’s adopted daughters Rosa and Violet. Thanks to everyone who bought a water bottle or t-shirt in support of Rosa and Violet.

During Catholic Schools Week the students will be invited to share the dividends of their faith through stories, poetry, artwork, etc. The “dividends” will be displayed in the school showcases. Special thanks to the Moms and Dads Club for their lunchtime Catholic Schools Week treats. Their thoughtfulness is appreciated by staff and students.

Dining to Donate is Wednesday, February 3 at Applebee’s from 11:00 a.m. to close. Please be sure to take a flyer with you to support Seton High School. Grub for Justice will be held on Thursday, February 18 at St. Xavier High School from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. The topic will be “Where Are Your Clothes Made? By Whom? How?” The Habitat for Humanity Dedication will be held on Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. for the Kane family at 3651 Fyffe Avenue in Westwood.

ACADEMICS...

Art Department

Congratulations to sophomore Maria Tepe for winning a Silver Key for the Scholastic Art Awards for her shoe sculptures. Congratulations also to senior Emily Lockwood for winning 3rd place for her Tristate Futbol Alliance Tournament t-shirt design.

Good News in the Fine Arts Department

Congratulations also to Mrs. Laura Klein of our Fine Arts Department who will be presenting a session at the National Conference of the American String Teachers’ Association (ASTA) in Santa Clara, CA in February. The session, titled “I Got a Violin for Christmas! Teaching Strategies for Adult Beginners,” will discuss the differences between the traditional (child) learner and the adult (andragogy) and strategies for working with the adult student. For more information about ASTA and the conference visit their website www.astaweb.com or contact Mrs. Laura Klein at www.kleinl@setoncincinnati.org or 471-2600 ext. 140.

Guidance Department

Attention **Junior** Parents: Do you have questions or concerns about your daughter’s future? Are you overwhelmed by the college application process? Do you have questions about the ACT and SAT? Do you wonder how to arrange college visits? If so, we invite you to attend Seton’s **Junior College Information Night** on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose

room. It is important for your daughters to attend as well. In addition to presentations by Seton's counselors, Seton parents and alums who have been through this process before will be present to offer their comments and answer your questions from a personal perspective. To RSVP, please have your daughter return the registration form that they will receive in group guidance this month, or email Mrs. Mary Sies at siesm@setoncincinnati.org; include your daughter's name and the total number of people who will be attending. Please RSVP no later than March 10.

Thanks to those junior and senior parents who attended the Financial Aid Workshop last month. We would like to give one last reminder to those **senior** parents who have not already done so to file the **FAFSA** as soon as possible. Money based on need, generally called grants, is usually awarded on a first come, first served basis. All seniors were given a green pamphlet entitled, "Money for College"; this booklet has a wealth of information, as well as the step by step process by which students and parents apply for financial aid. If your daughter has won any **scholarships**, please be sure you send a copy of the award letter to your daughter's counselor so that we may include her name when we make these announcements in the spring.

2010-2011 Scheduling

The new Seton Curriculum Guides for the 2010-2011 school year will be distributed in group guidance to the freshmen, sophomores and juniors during the month of February. Students also will be given a Four-Year Course Planning sheet, as well as a sample Course Selection Form. Also at this time, teachers are making recommendations for classes for next year. Parents too play an important role in the selection of courses for their daughters. Please discuss with your daughter the plan that she has for a career; ask her to share the information in the Curriculum Guide with you. Look over the courses she wishes to take to see if there is a sequence and a definite program in her selection. Choosing courses is important and young people need assistance in making appropriate choices. In a couple of weeks, each student will meet individually with her counselor to register for next year's classes; she then should return her course selection form with a parent's signature to her counselor within two days of her scheduling interview. Please feel free to contact your daughter's counselor with any scheduling questions or concerns that you may have.

Latin Club

The Latin Club 26th annual Classics Fair will be held Wednesday, February 3. Ribbons and certificates will be awarded based on judges' scores. Judges will consist of Seton faculty and staff. Names and awards will be posted in the March newsletter.

Library News

All English classes will gather in the Library to celebrate this year's African-American Read-In on Monday, February 22. Students and teachers will share their enthusiasm for works by African-American authors. Poetry, fiction, oratory and song will be highlighted. Copies of the featured books will be available for checkout. The Read-In is a national event in its 21st year, meant to make literature a significant part of Black History Month.

STUDENT LIFE...

Athletics Department

- Information regarding tournament action for winter sports can be found on the OHSAA Southwest District Athletic Board website. Click on the sport for information.
- The Winter Sports Banquet is Sunday, March 14, 2010, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Woodlands. Winter Sport athletes will receive invitations at school.
- Tryouts for softball pitchers and catchers begin Monday, February 22, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Tryouts for lacrosse begin Monday, February 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at Western Hills High School athletic field. Outdoor track practices begin Monday, March 8, 2010.
- Incoming freshmen should look for information about camps, tryouts, open gyms, etc. in the packet with registration material which will be mailed in late February. All information will also be posted on the athletic website for upper-class athletes and incoming freshmen.

Father/Daughter Dance

The Father/Daughter Dance is Sunday, February 21, at Music Hall from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold the week prior to the dance during lunches. Tickets are \$20 per father. A father can bring as many daughters as he wants.

From the School Nurse

Attention: Senior Parents

As you plan for college, I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about the immunization requirements for Ohio colleges. Ohio law, ORC 1713.55, requires students who are going to reside in on-campus housing to disclose whether the student has been vaccinated against meningococcal disease and hepatitis B to the university. Please note that this law does not require vaccination, only disclosure of vaccine status of the student.

Resource: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/5DE60A58A7794729A6119D65C40BDC8B/colgimmu.pdf>

Sophomore Dance

The Sophomore Dance is Saturday, February 27. Chaperones are needed for this dance. Parents of sophomores are encouraged to contact Ms. Ruprich at rupricht@setoncincinnati.org or 471-2600 ext. 342 if they are interested in chaperoning the dance.

Student Council

Student Council is very busy this month with our annual chance drive. Seton's biggest student fundraiser of the year starts Friday, February 5. All proceeds go to tuition assistance for our students. All students are asked to sell their \$60.00 quota. Chances are only \$1.00 each. Prizes are \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Winners will be chosen at the conclusion of Celebrate Seton on Sunday, March 7, 2010. Students who sell \$100 will be rewarded with a Free Day of their choice and a chance to have a Spa Day with two of their friends. In addition, the top homerooms will be treated to a Bagel Breakfast. Please help us by supporting this worthy cause.

Executive Board Elections

Signups for the 2010-2011 Student Council Executive Board will be March 9-11. Please encourage your daughter to run.

MISCELLANEOUS...

Celebrate Seton/Mini Festival

The annual Celebrate Seton/Mini Festival will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the Seton High School Commons and Multipurpose Room. The event will be held from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. with the Chance Drive drawing at 5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy food, games and fantastic entertainment. Singers, dancers and all ages of the dance team will be performing all day. All entertainment will be held in the gym. Come and support Seton High School on Sunday, March 7!

Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Present—The Miami Men’s Glee Club

The series guest concert this season is the Miami Men’s Glee Club on Saturday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Seton Auditorium. Tickets are general admission seating and cost \$6.00. An order form is available on Seton’s website and tickets will also be available for purchase at the box office ticket window beginning at 6:30 p.m. the night of the concert.

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

Tickets are now 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, call 251-3324.

Setonsation (April 17, 2010)

Setonsation 2010: *A Storybook Evening* is just three months away. Many committees are busy in preparation for this special evening. Raffle tickets will be in the mail in the next week. The Main Prize Raffle will be for a 42” 1080p Panasonic HDTV. Our Grand Prize raffle will be for \$10,000 CASH! New this year for the Grand Prize raffle will be an early bird drawing for \$1,000 which will be held on Wednesday, March 17.

Old uniforms are needed for a Setonsation project. If you have any you can donate, please send to Mrs. Cathy Cionni in the Setonsation Office. For questions or further information, please contact Mrs. Cathy Cionni at cionnic@setoncincinnati.org or 471-2600 ext. 108.

Spirit Shop News

February Sale—help us make room for new spring items. We have 30% off selected items, \$9.00 short-sleeve tees and buckets of bargain items available. The shop will be open Thursday, February 4 and Thursday, February 11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

West Side FREE Tax Preparation Site

Have your tax return prepared and e-filed for FREE. Taxes prepared only for those of low to moderate income. The free tax preparation dates for 2009 returns at the Elder High School site will occur on the following Saturdays in 2010: January 30; February 6 & 13; March 6 & 20; April 10—appointments accepted 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; walk-ins accepted from 11:00 a.m. until

12:00; February 27; March 13 & 27-appointments accepted 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; no walk-ins accepted on these dates. Call the International Welcome Center at 363-4693 to learn if you qualify and make an appointment.