

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”.



JANUARY 2010

LET US PRAY...

Leading the Way

Lord, inspire us today with the qualities of good leadership.

*Give us insight to make wise decisions, integrity to face the truth,
courage to make difficult choices and compassion for the needs of others.*

Make us a model of justice and honor to the world

and let us never forget that our job is to serve both You and others. Amen.

My Daily Prayer Book (International Masters Publishers)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Happy New Year!

I wish each of you and your families a blessed and healthy new year. I want to thank everyone for the volunteer hours and service you have personally provided to your daughter and Seton. We could not keep our doors open without you.

I pray for each one of you daily.

God's Blessings,
Sister Tricia Cruise, SC
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

First Semester Exams: January 13, 14, 15

As the second quarter concludes, cumulative first semester exams will be administered to students. All students received exam information in early December including all pertinent directives regarding times, exemption policy, etc. Please refer to this letter. If you misplaced it, please refer to our website (www.setoncincinnati.org). Good luck to all students on their exams!

New Curriculum Guide and Courses for 2010-2011

In mid-January, students will begin discussing their academic schedules for the 2010-2011 school year. All students will receive Seton's new Curriculum Guide. The Curriculum Guide contains additional academic information as well as course descriptions for the 2010-2011 school year. (It will also be posted on the Seton website.) Students will meet in group Guidance sessions and one-on-one with their counselor. See the Guidance section of this newsletter for more information.

Class of 2014—Incoming Ninth Graders

STS Placement Test results will be mailed on January 8, 2010. (This placement test was administered at Seton High School on November 21, 2009 to interested eighth graders.)

Scholarship winners will also be notified at this time. Look for your results in the mail! Further information regarding registration and financial information is also included within this newsletter. Welcome Future Saints!

Tuition and Financial Aid 2010-2011 Important Dates

- Please remember that all tuition accounts must be current in order for your daughter to begin school the second semester on January 19, 2010.
- Tuition for the 2010-2011 school year will be set by Seton's Board of Trustees at their January meeting.
- Financial Aid Application Forms (Private School Aid Service-PSAS) for the 2010-2011 school year were due December 1. Financial aid awards will be made by January 15, 2010.

Hazard yet Forward!

Susan M. Gibbons
Principal

CAMPUS MINISTRY/COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS...

As we return from the Christmas break and make preparations for exams and the beginning a new semester, we ask God's blessings on all those who are part of the Seton community. Happy New Year!

January is also the month when we focus our prayers for Vocations. We pray for openness to all who are called to religious vocations in the Church and for all who currently minister. May the Spirit open our hearts to support all those who are called.

Kairos Team #46 staff and students have been preparing throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons for the retreat in January. Thirty-two seniors will experience God's Time at the Moyer Spiritual Life Center January 19-22, 2010. Please keep them in your prayers as they take time to grow spiritually.

The Right to Life March in Washington, D.C. will take place on Friday, January 22. The bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21 and return on Saturday, January 23 at 5:00 a.m. Please keep the 32 participants from Seton who will attend the March in your prayers.

Campus Ministry students are preparing for Catholic Schools Week which will be celebrated the first week of February. This year the focus is on celebrating Catholic Education which provides “dividends for life”. Students will attend the archdiocesan liturgy at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on Wednesday, February 3. Plans are underway as we prepare for a week of prayer, service and celebration of our Catholic identity.

Thanks to all of the Seton students and staff members who participated in Adopt-A-Class at Roberts Academy in December. The Christmas Party was a huge success and the 4th and 5th graders at Roberts were thrilled to spend some time with their pen pals. Seton Saints will begin a new Adopt-A-Class program starting this month with Holy Family students K-4th grades. Eighty-eight Seton students will go to Holy Family on Friday, January 29 to spend time with the children at Holy Family. We look forward to participating in this new endeavor.

ACADEMICS...

Guidance Department

Last month, all of the freshmen, sophomores and juniors received the results of the tests they took last October. The freshmen received Explore results, the sophomores received the PLAN, and the juniors received the PSAT. All of these tests prepare students to take the important ACT and SAT. Please ask your daughter to share with you the information she received in group guidance.

The next step in the college process for **juniors** is registration for the **ACT** and **SAT**. These tests are not given at Seton, so all eleventh graders were given information about how to register. Students are strongly encouraged to take both ACT and SAT sometime during the spring of their junior year. Students can test and re-test as often as they like. If they do well on the tests in their junior year, they do not have to test again. Students who feel they can improve their scores can re-take the tests in the fall of their senior year. The ACT will be offered in April and June; the SAT in March, May (the day after prom!) and June. Students must register for the tests at least five weeks in advance. Juniors were also given free, full-length sample tests, as well as web sites at which they can review free practice questions.

Special ACT Test Prep Opportunity for Juniors: Seton and Elder High Schools have entered a partnership with Kaplan, a company known for its test preparation programs. All juniors are invited to take a full-length ACT test on Saturday, February 27 at Elder from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The test will then be scored, and results will be returned to all students on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Seton. Students will then learn strategies to improve their scores. The best news: this program is offered FREE of charge. One parent must be present at the strategies session. Kaplan will also offer a 10-week course for interested Seton and Elder students at a reduced price of \$499 this spring (beginning in March).

Both junior and senior parents are reminded that the guidance department will host a Financial Aid Workshop on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Kathy Kelly, the Director of Financial Aid at the College of Mount St. Joseph, will talk about the financial aid process as well as how to fill out the FAFSA. All juniors and seniors were given an RSVP form during our December group guidance. You can also rsvp by emailing

counselor Mary Sies at siesm@setoncincinnati.org no later than January 7. Simply indicate your name, that you are attending the Financial Aid Program, and how many in your family will be attending. The FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, must be used to apply for financial aid offered by the U.S. Department of Education as well as the State of Ohio. Financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership** program recognizes outstanding sophomores throughout the country, and provides an opportunity for them to participate in a conference that will be held next June. Seton is proud to announce that Lexi Cranley, Emma Lindle and Lauren Ulmer have been selected as our representatives to attend this conference. These students were chosen by a faculty committee on the basis of an essay and their resume of activities.

Looking ahead....After students have completed their January exams, counselors will begin the **scheduling** process for next year. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will meet in groups to review the new Curriculum Guide and to talk about options for their schedule for next year.

Also, this spring, counselors will sponsor a **College Information Program** for juniors and their parents. We will discuss the college admissions process in detail at that time. More information will be given in the February Newsletter.

As always, please contact your daughter's counselor if you have questions or concerns about any topic.

Latin Club

Beginning Saturday, January 9, 2010 Latin students Katherine McClanahan (IV) and Anne Pace (II) will be teaching MAKING LATIN FUN for the PAGE Super Saturday program. We will determine a date for the class to be taught on six Saturdays here at Seton. Congratulations to our Latin students for earning this invitation.

Library News

The Student Library Advisory Board will be hosting an exam preparation event, including subject specific study help, general study and planning tips, a relaxation and wellness station and student exam tips to help with end of semester exams. This year's event will take place after school on Monday, January 11. *Perk on the Pike* will be in the Commons on the mornings of exams with hot chocolate and coffees for a small fee. Stop by and check them out.

A feature of our research databases is PowerSearch Plus—a searching tool that returns results from nearly all of our databases with just one click. It's a great way to search quality resources and explore all of the library's offerings. You can access it through the "More Results" tab in InfoTrac. Stop by the library for a 30-second demonstration. Remember that passwords for all of our databases can be found on the library's Edline page or on the back of your student picture id.

Academic Team

Seton's Academic Team continues their season into February. Each Tuesday at 3:30 at Cincinnati State, the team competes against schools from around the Archdiocese. 2010 matches include Roger Bacon, Elder, Alter and Ursuline.

STUDENT LIFE...

Pay It Forward

The senior class will once again be selling food items from Club Choice to raise money for the *Pay It Forward* Scholarship. The *Pay It Forward* Scholarship has become a tradition at Seton. Seniors earn monies for this scholarship and donate the proceeds toward scholarships for incoming freshmen. Orders will be taken from January 26 to February 11 and items will be available for pickup March 4. To place an order or see a brochure, ask a senior or email Mrs. Rechenberg at rechenbergs@setoncincinnati.org.

InterAlliance TechOlympics

More than 50 area high schools will participate in the first TechOlympics Expo at the Millenium Hotel March 5-7, 2010. This area-wide event will feature competition in events such as Wii sports, speed texting, disaster recovery, one-minute video and other tech-related fun. The winning school will take home a big trophy and bragging rights for the coming year. Students interested in representing Seton at this event are asked to contact our student coordinators, Anna Marsala, Katie Grote or Emily Richardson, or the adult coordinator, Ms. Monica Williams-Mitchell.

Athletics Department

Good luck to the Basketball, Bowling and Swimming/Diving teams. For schedules and results for all sports, please go to Seton's website (www.setoncincinnati.org) and click on Athletics.

2010 Yearbook

The 2010 yearbook is on sale now. Letters were mailed in December to the parents of all Seton students. Cost of this year's yearbook is \$70. Yearbooks must be ordered through Smart Pay at Taylor Publishing. If there is a question, please go to www.smart-pay.com or call customer service at (800) 853-1337.

Student Council

The student council will be having a "First Semester is Over" pizza party on January 15, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. at the LaRosa's party room on Boudinot Avenue. We will celebrate the completion of semester exams. Congratulations to all of our student council members on a job well done during the Christmas season. Thanks for all of your hard work!

MISCELLANEOUS...

Girls' Night Out

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars now for a fun-filled night for women at Seton's Girls' Night Out being held Wednesday, January 14, 2010. The evening will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music by Excalibur, and all new exciting silent and oral PURSE auctions. If you like purse shopping you'll be in purse heaven! (Must be 21 to attend.)

Setonsation

Seton's annual charity auction, Setonsation, is only three months away, and we need your help! We will be mailing out business ad information for the catalog in January. If you know a business that might be interested, please contact Cathy Cionni in the Setonsation Office at 471-2600 ext. 108.

You can support Setonsation by volunteering your time or contributing a gift (no gift is too small!). Many gift fathering parties will be held in January and February. Please plan on attending. They are a great way to meet other Seton parents!

We are in need of old Seton uniforms for an auction item. If you have any, please drop them off at the Setonsation Office or contact Cathy Cionni to arrange pickup.

We hope you will plan on attending Setonsation "A Storybook Evening" on April 17, 2010.