

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”.



MARCH 2010

LET US PRAY...

Prayer of St. Patrick

May the strength of God pilot us,

May the power of God preserve us,

May the wisdom of God instruct us,

May the hand of God protect us,

May the way of God direct us,

May the shield of God defend us,

May the host of God guard us,

Against the snares of any evil and the temptations of the world.

Adapted from:

Prayer For Parish Groups, Harrington and Kavanagh

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Lenten Series

As we begin the month of March, we continue the season of Lent. Everyone at Seton will once again be attending our Lenten Series. This program provides the entire Seton student body and staff the opportunity to *stop, think, reflect and pray during this holy season*. You are cordially invited to attend any or all of Seton's Lenten Series. All presentations are held in the Seton Performance Hall. Please see the Campus Ministry section of this publication for further information.

Celebrate Seton/Mini Festival is Sunday, March 7 from 12:00-5:00 p.m.!

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this Seton family tradition! **Celebrate Seton** will be held in the Commons and the multi-purpose areas. Many activities have been planned as part of the afternoon. Join us!

Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. We will be on a regular schedule on this day with dismissal at the usual 2:34 p.m. time. If you have not already scheduled a conference and wish to do so, please contact

Mrs. Debby Doll at 471-2600 ext. 101 or email her at dolld@setoncincinnati.org. You are encouraged to schedule conferences if your daughter is in danger of failing a course or is having difficulty in a particular class.

2010-2011 School Year

Plans are well underway for the 2010-2011 school year. Students are currently working with their counselors on their academic schedules for the upcoming year. All students have had a general group overview of the new curriculum guide and most students have met with their counselors on an individual basis. Please take a moment to look over the new curriculum guide. Information is being disseminated to students by their counselors.

Tuition for 2010-2011

A tuition information packet was recently sent to all families. The packet included the tuition amounts for the 2010-2011 school year, a description of the payment options, instructions for FACTS enrollment or re-enrollment, and tuition Pay in Full sheet. Please note the due dates; Pay in Full sheets are due to Seton by March 19, 2010, new FACTS tuition accounts must be set up by March 26, 2010 and re-enrollment forms should be returned to Seton by March 13, 2010. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Terri Sorrell at 471-2600 ext 105.

Payments on the 2010-2011 tuition accounts begin in June and accounts must be current before a student will receive a class schedule and be admitted to classes in August. This means we must receive a June, July, and August tuition payment if you are on a 12-month payment plan.

Hazard yet Forward!

Susan M. Gibbons
Principal

CAMPUS MINISTRY/COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS...

The fifth annual Lenten Series continues this season throughout the month of March. Our first presentation is from the Lighthouse Ministries on Wednesday, March 3 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their religion classes on Friday, March 5. Cammy Dierking from Channel 12 News will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, March 24 also beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Seton's auditorium. To conclude the Lenten Series, on March 31 we will have a Holy Week prayer service, "The Son Rises". Parents and family members are welcome to attend all sessions of the Lenten Series.

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. We continue to pray for the juniors who returned from their two-day retreat on February 26.

The junior day of reflection is scheduled for Friday, March 12. Junior students will be serving the community in some capacity in the Cincinnati area and returning to school to process the day and celebrate their class liturgy together. Thanks in advance for the many staff members who help make this day a meaningful one for the juniors.

This month our student Eucharistic Prayer Services are scheduled for Thursdays, March 11 and March 25. We will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome to attend.

Please support our Dining to Donate at Applebee's on Wednesday, March 3. You can pick up a flyer in the main office or print one from our website.

On Saturday, March 6 a group of staff members and students who went on the New Orleans mission trip last summer will be doing a presentation on their mission trip at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood.

The Habitat for Humanity dedication for the Kane family will be held on Saturday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. If you worked on the house, would like to see the finished product and show your support for the family, please feel free to join us.

Seton staff and students will be participating in a death penalty prayer vigil at Lucasville on Tuesday, March 9.

On Wednesday, March 17 a large group of Seton Students will once again participate in the Adopt-A-Class Program at Robert's Academy. We will go green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our pen pals at Roberts.

Seton's ESPY big/little sister program continues. Big and little sisters are enjoying many different activities with each other including arts and crafts, bowling, game night and just taking time to talk with each other.

"*Math Discovery*" for grade school children continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:00-4:30 p.m. or 4:00-5:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact S. Sandy.

"*Grub for Justice*" will be held at Elder on Wednesday, March 25 from 6:45-8:45 p.m. The Council on Child Abuse will be presenting "Can Teens Be Tolerant". Come join us for an interesting presentation and discussion on this social justice topic.

ACADEMICS...

Class of 2014 Incoming Freshmen

Our staff has been reviewing grade school records. Registration materials and information regarding course recommendations have been sent to all incoming freshmen who are registered. Freshman Schedule Nights are Monday and Tuesday, March 15 and 16, 2010. Information regarding this night was included in the packet of registration materials you received. If your daughter is registered and did not receive a packet, please call Mrs. Pat Roos at 471-2600 ext. 100 or email roosp@setoncincinnati.org as soon as possible.

Academic Team

The 2009-2010 Academic Team has made great strides this season. The varsity team has won five matches against Alter, Oldenberg, McAuley, St. Ursula and Ursuline Academy.

Congratulations to the varsity team: Taylor Hensley, Cara Mitchell, Natalie Lindsey and Kaitlyn Melvin.

Guidance Department

During the month of March, counselors will finish scheduling all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors for their classes next year. Please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's counselor if you have any questions or concerns about her schedule.

A reminder to Junior Parents: don't forget to RSVP if you are coming to Seton's College Information Night on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. More information was given in the February newsletter, and all juniors have been given a purple RSVP sheet to return. If you prefer, you can email Mrs. Mary Sies at siesm@setoncincinnati.org. Include your daughter's name, College Information Night, and the number of those attending.

All sophomores and juniors were given information about the Summer TriHealth Employment Program. This is an opportunity for students who need a summer job and who are interested in a health career to work at a TriHealth facility for eight weeks this summer. The pay is \$7.75 an hour, an excellent rate for students! Students need to return their form, signed by a parent, as soon as possible. Positions may be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Seniors interested in working through this program should see their counselor for more information.

Seton will sponsor a mini-college fair for all juniors on Friday, March 19. This will occur the last period of the day. The Greater Cincinnati Area Jesuit Excellence Tour has selected Seton as one of the schools that these Jesuit colleges will visit. Representatives from 12 schools will be present: Xavier, John Carroll, Loyola University Chicago, Loyola University New Orleans, Marquette, Regis, St. Louis University, St. Peter's College, Spring Hill College, St. Joseph's in Philadelphia, University of Scranton, and Wheeling Jesuit University. Juniors will have an opportunity to meet one on one with these college reps, and pick up information that will be helpful to them in their college search.

This is a final reminder to juniors who have not yet registered for the spring ACT or SAT. Final deadlines are quickly approaching. Please know that your counselor is happy to help your daughter with this process. Most of the junior class chose to participate in the Kaplan Free ACT Test and Strategies Session on February 27/March 2. We hope this was a helpful practice test for your daughters. More information about test prep programs is available from your daughter's counselor.

Health and PE Department

The Health and PE Department wish to congratulate freshmen Shelby Ashcraft and Ashley Doyle for winning first place in the Southwestern Ohio Instructional Technology Association (SOITA) documentary Nutrition Contest. Ashley, Shelby and their teacher, Ms. Lu Gorczyk will be attending a ceremony at SOITA's offices in Franklin, Ohio on March 16. Each of them will receive a plaque and Seton High School will be the recipient of a Canon Digital Camcorder for winning first place. Ashley and Shelby were required to create a video highlighting the benefits of eating well, the role nutrients play in the body, or chemicals found within our foods.

Latin Department

A big thank you to Katherine McClanahan and Anne Pace for teaching the Super Saturday class this winter. They were excellent and received many compliments from parents.

The Latin Department of Seton High School held its 26th Annual **Classics Fair** on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 in the Seton High School Library. Members of the Seton staff judged 26 projects: Roman food/commissato/cena, Roman clothing, Roman holidays and amusements, state mottos and flowers, Mount Vesuvius, the fates, the muses and Roman funerals. The following certificates of merit for participation in the Classics Fair have been awarded:

Summa Cum Laude (Gold Ribbon):

Julie Corbett – Latin IV

Jaclyn Hyde – Latin IV

Carly Hartman – Latin IV

Nicole Kettler – Latin IV

Katherine McClanahan – Latin IV

Amy Brauch – Latin III

Katie Fisher – Latin III

Katie Phillips – Latin III

Sarah Ritter – Latin III

Melissa Alexander – Latin II

Jessica Bailey – Latin II

Nicole Bell – Latin II

Lauren Bihl – Latin II

Rebecca Meyer – Latin II

Stacey Radziwon – Latin II

Danielle Drinkuth – Latin I

Allison Roell – Latin I

Maura Flanigan – Latin I

Emily Heine – Latin I

Taylor Kuhl – Latin I

Maggie Sollmann – Latin I

Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Ribbon):

Emily Hornback – Latin IV

Kelsey Pace – Latin IV

Anne Pace – Latin II

Katie McCarthy – Latin I

Marisa Meyer – Latin I

Kara Rattermann – Latin I

Kara Ridder – Latin I

Anna Stagge – Latin I

Ashley Tettenhorst – Latin I

Andrea Toth – Latin I

Magna Cum Laude (Green Ribbon):

Hannah Lanzillotta – Latin I

Science Department

Students in our Biology classes are entering the America's Greenest School contest which is a national competition. Students are creating videos, songs, art work, photos, collages and essays to tell how Seton is becoming eco-friendly. All students will be submitting their projects on line where they will compete with submissions from all over the country to be a top-10 finalist. All of America will then be invited to vote online for the ultimate champion.

This project allows us to bring an awareness about the importance of environment to our school community and fits right into our curriculum. Our involvement in this contest will continue our efforts to "Go Green" and the \$20,000 prize dedicated to a green makeover will allow us to do bigger projects that will make our building eco-friendly.

We are also asking for everyone in the Seton Community to place all of their paper waste into our yellow and green Abitibi dumpsters by the parking structure. We accept ALL collapsed cardboard (corrugated and non-corrugated), all paper products and packaging, cereal boxes, junk mail, shredded paper, paper and cardboard tubes, newspaper magazines, catalogues. We Really Need Everyone to Contribute.

STUDENT LIFE...

Student Council

Students will be electing the new members of the student council for the 2010-2011 school year. Students will be campaigning for executive board positions in mid-March. Encourage your daughter to consider running for one of the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer of Student Council 2010-2011.

Athletics Department

Dance Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2010-2011 Varsity Dance Team will be held Sunday and Monday, April 25 & 26 6:00-9:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 28 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 29 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Seton's dance studio. Tryouts for the Junior High Dance Team will be held Sunday-Tuesday, May 2-4 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Friday, May 7 6:00-8:00 in Seton's dance studio. Mini Highlighter tryouts will be held Tuesday, May 4 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 6 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room (old gym). Please refer to www.shsdance.org for dates, times and locations specific to each team.

Spring Sports

Softball tryouts will be held on Monday, March 8 for position players.

Winter Sports

The winter sports banquet will be held at The Woodlands on Sunday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the following winter sport GGCL All Stars:

Basketball

Senior Elyse Brown--1st All League

Senior Bailey Arnold--Honorable Mention

Junior Katie Phillips--2nd Team All League

Swimming

Senior Kelley Hayhow--Honorable Mention All League

Senior Lauren Hayhow--Honorable Mention All League

Bowling

Senior Nicole Kettler--Player of the Year
Senior Nicole Kettler--1st team All League
Senior Pam Kettler--1st team All League
Senior Courtney Smith--2nd team All League
Senior Maggie Welch--2nd team All League
Junior Alyssa Merz--2nd team All League

Congratulations to Coach Jim Robb who was named Coach of the Year for Bowling!

Incoming freshman information is posted on Seton's website. There will be a parent/student informational meeting for incoming freshmen on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. This meeting is not mandatory.

Camp information for all grades can be found on Seton's website.

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 p.m. 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!

Setonsation (April 17, 2010)

We are about seven weeks away from Setonsation 2010 - *A Storybook Evening*. Raffle tickets have been mailed and hopefully you have received yours. Don't delay in sending them back! Get in on the early bird drawing! The *luck of the Irish* will be with one lucky winner on March 17. That person will win \$1,000 and their name will be re-entered into the drawing for the Grand Prize of \$10,000 to be drawn at the conclusion of Setonsation on April 17. The Main Prize Raffle will be for a Panasonic 1080p HDTV. Keep a look out for your invitation in the mail in the next couple of weeks. Gather your friends together and plan to come this year. Check out the Setonsation link on the website. Coming soon will be a sneak peek at some of the Oral Auction items for this year!

Please send any old uniforms to the Setonsation Office. We need them for an auction item. Questions? Contact Cathy Cionni in the Setonsation Office at 471-2600 ext.108.

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 performance hall. 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.

Spirit Shop

The Seton Spirit Shop will be open Monday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 16 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. during Incoming Freshman Schedule Nights. Uniform skirt representatives will be here those evenings to measure you for your skirt and the skirts will also be available for purchase. The Spirit Shop carries the required uniform shirts. Polo shirts and the banded bottom shirts will be available for purchase. Stop in and see some of the new spring items. The Spirit Shop will also be open during Celebrate Seton on March 7 from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Parking Garage Reservations for 2010-2011

Beginning this month, we will start the process of reserving parking spaces for the garage for next school year. Beginning with the current junior class, we will hand out parking garage forms in which the girls can request specific spaces and/or levels in the garage. Two weeks later, we will do the same with the current sophomore class and then with the current freshman class. The spaces will be assigned on a first-come basis so the sooner the girls fill out the forms and turn them back in to Mr. Kennedy or Mr. Daum, the better chance of getting the garage space requested. The cost for the spaces will once again be \$100 for the school year; however, the money is not due until August 1. The parking placards will be mailed to your homes along with the school schedules in August.