

December 2011

Seton H.S. 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”.

A Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents,

Can you believe Christmas is here already?? It feels as if the school year only began yesterday. If you are like me, it can be easy to become overwhelmed with holiday preparations. This year, I invite you to prepare less for the Christmas day and more for the mystery of Christ’s birth while opening your heart to receive the gifts of others.

The greatest gift anyone can be given is spending quality time with one another. Just as God asks of us – to spend our time with Him! The Christmas season almost seems to work at odds with efforts to observe Advent. While we all know the true meaning of the season to being open to receive fully the gifts of others, actually putting that into practice can be challenging.

The Seton family is a generous group of people – not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. We can never express our gratitude for the gifts of time, talent and treasure you give to the Seton community. On behalf of everyone here, I would like to say “thank you” for your generous gifts! May you and your family enjoy the peace and joy of the Christmas Season!

Blessings,

Donna Brigger
Principal-CEO
Seton High School

Important Dates:

December

- 2: Holiday on the Hill “Light the Hill” Tree Lighting at Seton at 6 p.m.
- 3: Holiday on the Hill Children’s Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 3: Holiday on the Hill Vendor’s Event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 3: Holiday on the Hill Family Movie at 2 p.m.
- 4: CMO Free Christmas “Jingle Bells Forever” Concert at 3 p.m.
- 4: Chili and Spaghetti Dinner to follow Concert, \$7 per person
- 12-16: Feminine Hygiene Collection
- 12-13: Junior Retreat
- 14: Girl Power Holiday Reunion from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 17: Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Christmas Concert at 8 p.m.
- 18: Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Christmas Concert at 3 p.m.
- 19: Freshman Christmas Concert at 7p.m.

- 21: Late Start Canceled
- 22: Christmas Prayer Service, Christmas Activities, Early Dismissal
- 23-Jan. 2: Christmas Break

January

- 3: Classes Resume
- 4: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day
- **23: Staff In-Service Day, Seton will be closed**

February

- **6: Staff In-Service Day, Seton will be closed**

Good News at Seton:

- Congratulations to Katarina Gay for having her pencil drawing selected for the Thomas More High School Art Show. The show runs through December 9
- Brooke Moorhead, Anne Goettke, Grace Laiveling and Sam Riser participated in a math competition at Miami University on November 19. Brooke was a member of a team of three students from different schools that won first place in the group competition. Brooke was awarded \$25 for winning first place
- The Junior Achievement Personal Finance Program, in conjunction with Mrs. Rechenberg's Senior Economics class, presented a five-week program emphasizing the importance of making wise financial decisions. The program demonstrated the value of planning, goal setting and thoughtful decision making in the context of personal financial decisions
- Molly Arnold and Becca Meyer sign National Letters of Intent to participate in college athletics
- The Senior Office Technology students, in conjunction with the University of Cincinnati Economic Center, instructed students at Resurrection grade school about financial literacy. The students will continue their work with the grade school in December
- Seton will host American Idol winner Jordin Sparks on Thursday, December 8
- Don't miss This Week at Seton!

Academics:

Guidance Department

- **Freshmen** – During group guidance, freshmen will receive information about semester exams, exam schedules and study strategies. Also, students will receive the results of their Explore Test, with scores in math, English, reading and science. Each student will receive a copy of the test booklet and an answer sheet that indicates her responses. The Explore reports an interest inventory as well. Freshmen are strongly encouraged to look at interesting career paths on the Ohio Career Information System
- **Sophomores** – Sophomores received the results of their PLAN tests, including scores in English, math, reading, science and a projected ACT score. Each student received a booklet and an answer sheet that indicates her response. Students completed an interest inventory, the results of which were reported in the "World-of-Work Map". Please consider career paths with the Ohio Career Information System
- **Juniors** – Juniors will be reviewing their PSAT results. Scores range from 20 – 80 in critical reading, math and writing. All students receive the test booklet and their answer key. Students also receive access to My College QuickStart, an online personalized college and career planning

kit. With this service, they may receive an enhanced score report that shows the test question, their answers and the correct answers. Students will receive a customized SAT study plan and a starter list of colleges, based on home state and major, among other benefits

- **Seniors** – Please continue to read the Senior Bulletins posted in the Guidance area of the Seton website. All college applications with a January 1, 2012 deadline must be submitted to counselors no later than Wednesday, December 14. This allows time to process transcripts and recommendations
- **Financial Aid** – Please consider attending a parent program about the FAFSA, scholarships and student loans on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7 p.m. Kathryn Kelly, Director of Financial Aid at the College of Mount St. Joseph will lead the session. Please RSVP to Mary Sies (siesm@setoncincinnati.org) before Christmas break
- **Ohio Career Information System** – All Seton students have access to the [Ohio Career Information System](#) (OCIS). Students may search for career/occupational information, scholarship and financial aid tips and profiles of colleges/universities/post-secondary schools. Our username is SetonHS and the password is ohio03. Please contact your daughter's counselor if you need assistance

Staff In-Service Days

- Please note two staff in-service days have been added to the calendar. Seton High School will be closed on the following days:
 - **January 23**
 - **February 6**

Student Life:

Athletic Department

- Please join the Athletic Booster Club for a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Commons. Refreshments will be provided
- Congratulations to Molly Arnold and Becca Meyer who signed National Letters of Intent to participate in college athletics. Molly received a golf scholarship to Northern Kentucky University and Becca received a lacrosse scholarship to Saint Francis University. Congratulations!
- Come cheer on your Seton Saints Basketball team when they take on the Mercy Bobcats on Thursday, December 8 at 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Seton. Skyline Chili is the game sponsor and will be selling coney dogs at the game

Campus Ministry and Community Service

- Our December student Eucharistic prayer service was held on Thursday, December 1
- The Junior class will participate in community service for their Day of Reflection on Friday, December 2. Each student will give three hours of service to a nonprofit organization in Cincinnati. Fr. Chris Lack from St. Dominic's parish will preside at a liturgy that day
- Fr. Jim Walsh will join the Seton community for a celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All parents and alumnae are welcome to join us for the 9 a.m. liturgy
- Forty-four Juniors will attend a retreat at Bergamo Retreat Center on December 12-13. As they leave, the seniors continue to pray for Kairos #52 in January. Please keep all retreatants and leaders in your prayers
- Our Christmas Prayer Service will take place on Thursday, December 22. Campus Ministry students are working on a video reenacting one of the infancy narratives
- Our Christmas collection of feminine hygiene products will benefit St. Vincent DePaul Society

- St. Nick's Day will be celebrated with our Adopt-A-Class friends from Holy Family and Roberts Academy by sharing letters and a treat
- Our Christmas party for Roberts Academy Adopt-A-Class will be held on Thursday, December 15. Our students will serve breakfast at City Gospel Mission and brunch at the Ronald McDonald House during Christmas break

Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series

- Tickets for the Performing Arts Series Christmas Concert are on sale now. The concerts will be presented on Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 18 at 3 p.m. All tickets are \$7. An order form is available at www.setoncincinnati.org
- The Freshman Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m. Admission is free! Please contact Mary Sunderhaus at sunderhausm@setoncincinnati.org for more information

Spirit Shop

- New Spirit Shop Hours!
 - Saturday, December 3: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Tuesday, December 6: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Thursday, December 8: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Tuesday, December 13: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Wednesday, December 14: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Monday, December 19: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Thursday, December 22: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In the Seton Community:

Setonsation 2012

- **SAVE THE DATE!** Seton's annual charity auction is the school's largest fundraiser for tuition assistance and all Seton programs. Setonsation 2012, There's No Place Like Seton! will be held on March 31
- Please consider supporting the auction by volunteering, attending, contributing a gift, advertising in the catalogue or being a sponsor. We need leaders to help head our decorations and clean-up committees. If you have any ideas or are interested, please contact Christine Kemper in the Development Office at (513) 471-2600 ext. 108 or at kemperc@setoncincinnati.org