



# The Inside Scoop

## Seton Happenings and Activities

2011-2012 Edition

### **Valentine/Carnation**

Again done by NHS, very similar to Boo Bags

- ✦ Students and parents can purchase and write notes
- ✦ Encourage your children to send to their siblings
- ✦ Watch Sentinel for details

### **Retreats**

2 days devoted

- ✦ Boys have retreat and girls have day off
- ✦ Girls have retreat and boys have day off
- ✦ Encourage children to prepare mentally and spiritually
- ✦ Beautiful day of encountering Christ during Lent
- ✦ Great need for chaperones and parental involvement
- ✦ Watch Sentinel

### **Lenten Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper**

A Friday during Lent

- ✦ Held at Seton
- ✦ All families are invited
- ✦ Watch the Sentinel for details

### **Seton Musical**

This year the performances are in early April

- ✦ Rehearsals the week before are mandatory
- ✦ Ad Campaign will have big kick off in January
- ✦ Stage Crew and Set Design are in Morning announcements and occasionally the Sentinel

### **Foreign Language Skits**

These are skits prepared in the foreign language classes by the students. They are performed in the various languages, that Seton offers, and are performed for the entire student body at an assembly which parents may attend. The skits have included such classics as Goldilocks and the Three Bears performed in French, German, Spanish or Latin.

### **Soap**

Each family is asked to bring a bottle of hand soap twice a year (in both September and January).

### **Opening Mass**

Held on a Saturday close to the beginning of the school year

- ✦ Way for the Seton community to come together at the beginning of school to ask God's Blessing on the year
- ✦ Followed by small reception with cookies and finger foods

### **JHS Polaroid Pizza Party**

Fun for the JHS students!

- ✦ Teams are formed, each needing a parent driver and Polaroid or digital camera
- ✦ Meet at Seton to learn rules and get list- photos of items to obtain
- ✦ Points given for obtaining most pictures and creativity used
- ✦ Students enjoy pizza and soda while judges review photos and vote for awards

### **Back To School Nights**

For parents to come and meet their children's teachers by following their child's schedule

- ✦ For parents only- nursing infants are welcome
- ✦ One evening for JHS and one for HS

### **Spiritual Teen Night**

Began nine years ago by and for the students.

- ✦ An evening of fun, games and spiritual activities. Includes Mass, confession, Eucharistic Holy Hour and prayer and praise through music

### **Life Chain**

Held Pro-Life Sunday First Sunday in October

- ✦ Gather along Route 234 (Sudley Road) for peaceful witness
- ✦ Watch Sentinel for details

### **JHS All Saints Party**

All JHS students are invited to attend

- ✦ Sponsored by SSC
- ✦ Student must dress as saint, bible character or historical figure
- ✦ Those who do not dress up will have a study hall
- ✦ Watch the Sentinel for complete information

### **Boo Bags**

Done by the NHS

- ✦ Students and parents can purchase- bags filled with candy
- ✦ Encourage your children to send to their siblings
- ✦ Watch Sentinel for details

### **HS Halloween Dance**

For HS students only

- ✦ Held Saturday closest to Halloween
- ✦ Students must dress in costume
- ✦ Needs to be modest- no witches or gruesome costumes
- ✦ Prizes given for costumes

### **All Souls Day Pilgrimage to Cemetery**

Walk to the cemetery across from All Saints after Monday morning Mass

- ✦ Each homeroom class joins at a different assigned grave and prays a decade of the rosary for the faithful departed
- ✦ Students return to All Saints and meet their rides to Seton

### **PRO Report Card Meeting**

Held 4 times a year lasting ~ 1 hr

- ✦ Program includes updates on information from the PRO Board and Mrs. Carroll
- ✦ A quest speaker (10-15 min)
- ✦ On time drawings
- ✦ Pick up report cards and socialize

### **Sports Try Outs, Game Days, Practice times, Meetings**

All information regarding sports is on the sports Board outside Mr. Vander Woude's office

- ✦ Game schedules are on the school web site. Call the AD's office at (703) 367-7871 for questions about practice or game cancellation.
- ✦ Parents are asked to assist in transporting teams for practices and games.
- ✦ Imperative that student has a cell phone or knows someone who has a cell phone to notify parents after the game to be picked up promptly
- ✦ OFFICE is LOCKED

### **Morning Announcements**

Made every morning to students

- ✦ Posted outside office on bulletin board
- ✦ We try to post what we think you need to know in the Sentinel

### **Exams- Mid terms and Finals**

1 given each day for 7 days

- ✦ 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> on same day as lunch/ Religion
- ✦ Typically 9:30-12 but rarely out on time
- ✦ Best to have student call
- ✦ Sometimes teachers offer Review/Study sessions after an exam in prep for next day's exam

### **CF Dance**

This dance is a major fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Organization sponsored by the NHS (National Honor Society). It includes, dancing, games, activities, prizes and fun for approximately 4 hours. This is open to JHS and HS students.

### **Pro Life March**

Day off from school so you can attend

- ✦ Seton has place to meet- announced in Sentinel
- ✦ Can go on All Saints Buses or with own parish and meet up

### **Kris Kringle better known as KK**

Chosen in Religion Classes

- ✦ Some are simple and some extravagant- encourage simple
- ✦ Purpose to get them to think about someone else
- ✦ Do secret acts of kindness
- ✦ Encourage them to participate more than the last/final gift
- ✦ Don't have to do daily but don't just do last day
- ✦ Encourage spiritual acts- stop in chapel, offer Mass on Mon or Fri
- ✦ Send small note: praying for, hope did well on test/ project
- ✦ Small gifts should be inexpensive
- ✦ Candy, lip balm, socks, Dollar store /5 and Below
- ✦ Total cost of small gifts should not exceed cost of final gift (\$5-\$10)

### **Seton Dances**

Usually 1/ month, HS only

- ✦ Asking to escort is only for Enthronement and Prom
- ✦ Different themes and different groups sponsor.
- ✦ Chaperoned, and strict times for drop off and pick up

### **Mardi Gras**

Sponsored by the Foreign Language Club (FLC).

### **Haiti Fund Raisers**

We have a sister school in Haiti

- ✦ Several fund Raisers during the year (e.g. Run/Walk for Haiti and a Dance)
- ✦ Class competitions for item donations (3-on-3 Tournament)
- ✦ Watch Sentinel

### **Sports Awards held Fall, Winter and Spring**

For Varsity teams

- ✦ JHS, JV and Varsity athletes are encouraged to attend
- ✦ Speaker comes- usually gives an inspiring talk
- ✦ Awards given only to Varsity student athletes

### **Enthronement Dance**

HS only

- ✦ Basic standards for this dance is same as classroom dress code except girls may wear any shoes they choose to dance
- ✦ Girls wear nice skirt and blouse outfits or dresses (good guideline- what you'd wear to a wedding)
- ✦ Boys wear nice slacks, jackets and tie
- ✦ Watch Sentinel for more information

### **Oktoberfest**

Sponsored by the FLC (Foreign Language Club). Food, Fun, and Friends is the motto for the club and this event!

### **Spirit Week**

Be on look out for a flyer

- ✦ Begins Sunday evening with class room decorating -each choosing a different theme
- ✦ Encourage participation as much as possible, points are given for participation, classes are competing against one another
- ✦ Mostly centered around Student Council
- ✦ One morning during the week is pot luck breakfast ask your students what they're signed up for
- ✦ Concludes with Christ the King Procession

### **Christ The King Procession**

This is a procession in honor of Christ the King. The whole school will process around the block with the Blessed Sacrament under a canopy. Families are welcome to attend.

- ✦ Watch the Sentinel for more info.

### **Thanksgiving Baskets**

NHS organizes thru Religion Classes

- ✦ Your children should know what they need to bring in about two weeks before Thanksgiving
- ✦ Talk to them so you're not surprised the night before

### **Saint Nick's Carnival**

Seton parent works with the NHS

- ✦ Notice goes in the Sentinel – occurs near Feast day
- ✦ Raises money for a charity
- ✦ Each grade (thru Religion class) runs a game/craft booth
- ✦ Come and encourage others with young families to come
- ✦ St. Nicholas appears
- ✦ Short play that has an Advent teaching aspect
- ✦ Adult help is also needed
- ✦ Counts as Mercy Hours

### **Mercy Hours**

Each student needs them each semester:

Grades 7-11 need 5 hours/semester,

Grade 12, 10 hours/semester

- ✦ Need to bring in a signed paper stating what done
- ✦ Includes- Altar Serving, singing in Choir, babysitting free for religious class- (NFP,RCIA, Fr. Hudgins Talks) Nursing Home visits, St. Nick's opportunities
- ✦ May be found in Sentinel, ex.Operation Care Package
- ✦ Feeding Homeless Super Bowl Sunday- Jan.

### **Christmas Baskets**

Flyer is sent home around Thanksgiving

- ✦ Collection is divided among ~35 faculty and staff
- ✦ 2 ways to help
  1. Monetary donation
  2. Baked items
- ✦ See your flyer for more info or to volunteer to help

### **Good Neighbor Baskets**

A few years ago one of our parents began this to keep good rapport with neighbors.

- ✦ A newsletter is sent out letting them know about
  1. Big events that are coming – affect parking
  2. Traffic patterns
  3. Seton play so that they can attend
- ✦ Hospitality Committee assembles
- ✦ Plants, baked goods, ornaments made in art classes
- ✦ Plea will be in Sentinel for bakers, baskets, and helpers

**Be aware these two baskets (Christmas and Good Neighbor) are separate - pay attention to dates and respond accordingly**

### **Senior Play**

Seniors organize a Senior play in the winter- please try to attend, it's always enjoyable

### **Snow Policy**

We follow PWC School system with the exception that we always start at 9:30 despite how long the delay and we never, ever close early. You are more than welcome to pickup your student or call to give permission to let them drive home. (We do this because families come from such far distances and some rural areas.)

- ✦ If there are any other snow changes you may be notified via the Seton phone tree
- ✦ One year this happened –we had too many days that weren't really needed. The phone tree took precedence in that instance.
- ✦ If in doubt- call another family

“Let His will of the present moment be the first rule of our daily life and work.”

### NHS (National Honor Society) Inductions

This is usually held the week between the two weekend performances of the Spring Musical. Requirements: GPA cum of 93, no more than 8 demerits the year before and no more than 6 demerits the year of induction. The students are invited by invitation to apply and undergo an interview process approximately 1 month before inductions.

### Rent A Senior

Students bid for the senior of their choice to have them dress them up crazy or funny, make them sing or do something simple for them.

- ✦ Students can bid individually or in groups
- ✦ The money raised goes to the Senior Class who in turn gives a gift to Seton upon graduation

### Seton Pilgrimage

To Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD

- ✦ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May
- ✦ All families are encouraged to attend
- ✦ Mass, Picnic and Rosary

### May Crowning

Monday after Mothers Day after 8:30 Mass

- ✦ May Crowning Court selected by student body

### Junior High Awards and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

All students are encouraged to attend

- ✦ There is no notification that your student will receive an award but you may call teacher to ask
- ✦ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation follows **Classroom Dress Code is required for graduation**
- ✦ 7<sup>th</sup> graders have an opportunity to leave if desired
- ✦ The 7<sup>th</sup> grade hosts the refreshments for graduation

### HS Awards Night

All students are encouraged to attend

- ✦ There's usually no notification that your student will receive an award
- ✦ Scholarships are awarded- all Seniors are strongly encouraged to attend