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Seton Dance Philosophy

Dances at Seton are designed to foster friendships among students based in charity and respect while providing social and educational opportunities for growth among our students. Although dances have their benefits they can also create an environment of tension, stress and false expectations. Seton has 2 big dances, one semi-formal (Enthronement dance) and one formal (Junior- Senior Prom).

Seton's culture is one of love: Looking out for one another in love, as brother and sister and wanting what's best for each other. This culture of love is promoted at and during all Seton activities, including dances. At Seton our dance environment should be one where students can see the beauty and integrity that exist in each other. It's not an opportunity where we promote "pairing up," exclusivity and steady dating. Instead we encourage the formation of strong and lasting friendships, group activities and environments that help students build confidence in who they are as sons and daughters of God. We encourage students to use this time in their life, filled with physical and emotional changes, to recognize that their value and worth is not tied up in their relationship status.

Every year Seton students participate in Spirit Week, which concludes with the Christ the King procession and the Enthronement dance. The semi-formal dance was designed to be the concluding celebration to the Feast of Christ the King, a day we're invited to commemorate Our Lord's sovereignty over all creation. The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life that leaves God out of man's life as if He didn't exist.

The Enthronement dance is our way of honoring and paying tribute to the King of Kings in a wholesome and recreational event as his beloved adopted children, recognizing that He is a part of all our Seton activities, including dances.

The Junior-Senior prom is included in Seton activities as a means to give the upper classman opportunities to participate in a formal affair. Casual dating allows juniors and seniors to spend more time with another person without the high level of commitment typically found in steady dating. Asking a person to the prom, arranging before and after prom activities, deciding on an outfit to wear are all part of the exciting experiences of a prom. However, it's not to assume that if one is asked to a prom, you instantaneously become someone's "boyfriend or girlfriend." At all Seton dances, students are encouraged to dance with many people, not simply the person they arrive with. This is the beauty of Seton. We love, we give for the good of others, and we put others before ourselves, attributes that are essential to forming long and lasting relationships.