



The Inside Scoop

Seton Happenings and Activities

2019-2020 Edition

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dances

Usually once a 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
- ✦ Only currently enrolled Seton students are eligible to attend Seton dances.

Exams- Mid terms and Finals

1 exam given each day for 7 days. In 2019-2020 there will be a different mid-term schedule. Details will be in the Sentinel.

- ✦ Religion mid-terms are before Christmas
- ✦ Typically, 9:30-11:30 but some may run over
- ✦ Best to have student call
- ✦ Sometimes teachers offer Review/Study sessions after an exam in prep for next day's exam

Haiti Fund Raisers

We have a sister school in Haiti

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

Jupiter Ed

Jupiter Ed is our Student Information System. Every registered family will be given access to Jupiter Ed for correspondence with our school, teachers and to view your child's assignments and grades. A few weeks before school starts, you will receive an email that will have a link to your child's schedule and Jupiter Ed account. The email will list specific instructions on how to access the account. Each family will also be added to our school messenger system which will be used to email our weekly newsletter, the Sentinel, and for any emergency phone messages. The email(s) and phone number(s) you put on your Family Information Update Form will be used for all correspondence with us. Please ensure we have correct email(s) and phone number(s) since this will be our primary means of communication with you.

Live Calendar

The school calendar is presently managed using a live, Google-Docs file, found at <https://setonschool.net/news/events-calendar/>. Please

note, the calendar is subject to change at any time without advance warning, so please be sure to check back often to confirm your event.

Mercy Hours

Grades 7-11 need 5 hours/semester

Grade 12, 10 hours/semester

- ✦ Includes- Altar Serving, singing in Choir, babysitting free for religious events, Nursing Home visits, St. Nick's opportunities
- ✦ May be found in Sentinel
- ✦ Feeding Homeless Super Bowl Sunday- Jan.

PRO Points

All families are responsible for earning 100 PRO points. The PRO point system offers ample opportunities to volunteer in highly visible or low profile ways so that families can easily meet their 100 annual point requirement. You can find information about this on the support page of our website.

Snow Policy

If inclement weather is pending the next day, Seton School will make an announcement by Jupiter Ed by 8 pm. If the weather becomes worse overnight, an updated announcement will be made by Jupiter Ed by 6 am that day. For any delayed opening Seton classes begin at 9:30 a.m. If a Late opening occurs on a Monday Mass day, Seton's classes will still begin at 9:30 a.m. Students are not required to attend Mass on such days. If Seton School is in Session and weather gets inclement, Seton School will never close early. Parents are welcome to come pick up their child OR call the school to say their child may drive home.

Soap

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

Spirit Ad Campaign

Seton's annual fundraiser and takes place in the January/February timeframe. ALL Seton families are required to participate and raise \$350. The fundraiser is done in conjunction with the spring musical, and Seton families sell ads to be placed in the playbook. Families that choose not to sell ads will be required to pay the \$350. Information about the fundraiser including deadline dates will come out in the fall.

Sports Try Outs, Game Days, Practice times, Meetings

All information regarding sports, including game schedules are on the sports board outside Mr. Vander Woude's office and on the following websites:

- ✦ The Seton school website at <https://setonschool.net/athletics-schedule/> and the sports website at <https://setonsports.com/>. The swimteam has its own website at <http://www.teampages.com/teams/1308834>.
- ✦ Families can call the AD's office at (703) 367-7871 for questions about practice or game cancellation. Please check our live calendar to get all updates. The live calendar can be found at <https://setonschool.net/news/events-calendar/>.
- ✦ 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.

Sports Awards held Fall, Winter and Spring

For Varsity teams

- ✦ JHS, JV and Varsity athletes are encouraged to attend
- ✦ Awards given only to Varsity student athletes

Mass at Seton

Held every Friday usually at 11:15. If time is changed for priest's convenience an announcement will be made. Families are welcome to attend. No jeans, shorts or t-shirts, please, except on very small children.

Morning Announcements

Made every morning to students during their homeroom (1st period class)

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

Uniforms

Seton School has two options for ordering uniforms: Flynn and O'Hara and Lands' End. The student life page of our website has specific instructions on how to order uniforms. We also offer a uniform closet which sells gently used uniforms at a greatly reduced price and all the money goes to our sister school in Haiti. You are welcome to call the office and come by when we are open to view our closet.

Website

Please visit our website at www.setonschool.net to learn more about our school and important information. The School News section of the home page has the latest happenings at Seton, please check it out often.

SEPTEMBER

Opening Mass

Held the first Friday of the school year at 11:15.

- ✦ Celebrated by the Pastor of All Saints.
- ✦ All students attend.
- ✦ Teachers take the Oath of Allegiance to the Magisterium of the Church.
- ✦ Families are welcome

JHS Scavenger Hunt

Fun for the JHS students!

- ✦ Held on a Saturday early in the school year for junior high students.
- ✦ Scavenger hunt on school grounds, games and food are shared and enjoyed.

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

OCTOBER

Fall Play

In the fall, students in all grades have the opportunity to participate in the fall play.

Oktoberfest

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

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

NOVEMBER

All Souls Day Pilgrimage to Cemetery

Walk to the cemetery across from All Saints after Monday morning Mass during the All Saints Day octave (Nov. 2-9)

- ✦ 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

Spirit Week

Be on look out for a flyer

- ✦ Begins the Friday prior with banner painting
- ✦ Encourage participation as much as possible, points are given for participation, classes are competing against one another
- ✦ Different theme each day – watch the Sentinel for details.
- ✦ One morning during the week is pot-luck breakfast ask your students what they're signed up for
- ✦ Christ the King Procession (see below).
- ✦ Concludes with spirit assembly. Families welcome to attend.

Christ The King Procession

Begins with Mass. After Mass the whole school will process around the school with the Blessed Sacrament under a canopy in honor of Christ the King. Families are welcome to attend.

Enthronement Dance

HS only; Held the Saturday after Spirit Week.

- ✦ Girls wear nice semi-formal dresses. Must be approved. Guidelines will be in the Sentinel.
- ✦ Boys wear nice slacks, jackets and tie

Thanksgiving Baskets

NHS organizes thru Religion Classes

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

DECEMBER

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)

Saint Nick's Carnival

Seton parent works with the NHS

- ✦ Notice goes in the Sentinel – occurs near Feast day
- ✦ Each grade (thru Religion class) runs a game/craft booth
- ✦ Come and encourage others with young families to come
- ✦ St. Nicholas appears
- ✦ Adult help is also needed
- ✦ Counts as Mercy Hours

Christmas Baskets

Flyer is sent home around Thanksgiving

- ✦ Collection is divided among faculty and staff
- ✦ Families participate with monetary donations and can also provide baked goods.
- ✦ 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 assemblies
 - ✦ 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 usually in the winter- please try to attend, it's always enjoyable

JANUARY

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. 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

FEBRUARY

Valentine/Carnation

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

MARCH

Retreats

Starting in 2018-2019 both retreats are held on the same day. Girls in John Paul II Center and boys in Faustina.

- ✦ 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

APRIL

Seton Musical

The musical is a major time commitment. Students need to know how to manage their time so that they can keep up with their schoolwork.

- ✦ Rehearsals the week before ("tech week") are mandatory
- ✦ Ad Campaign will have big kick off in January (see Spirit Ad Campaign)
- ✦ 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.

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.

MAY

Prom

For Seton Juniors and Seniors only and their guests. Guests may be non-Seton students but must fill out a permission slip and be approved.

- ✦ Girl's dresses must be approved. Guidelines will be in the Sentinel.

Seton Pilgrimage

To Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD

- ✦ 1st Sunday in May
- ✦ All families are encouraged to attend
- ✦ Mass, Picnic and Rosary
- ✦ Details will be in the Sentinel

May Crowning

Monday after Mothers Day after 8:30 Mass

- ✦ May Crowning Court selected by student body
- ✦ Everyone is welcome to attend

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

Senior Banquet

Seniors and their parents are guests. Juniors and their parents work the banquet. Held at the All Saints Parish Activities Center (PAC).

JUNE

Junior High Awards and 8th 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
- ✦ 8th Grade Graduation follows **Classroom Dress Code is required for graduation**

7th graders have an opportunity to leave if desired

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

HS Graduation

Held at All Saints on the first Monday in June. Begins with Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend

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