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## HOPE

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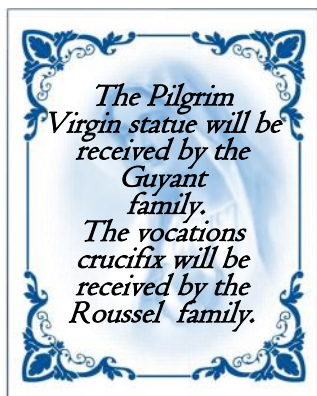
A Weekly Newsletter for Seton Parents & Students

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Aug-Dec Live Calendar](#)

[Jan-June Live Calendar](#)

- Dec 7 Senior Play 7:30
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception Feast  
St Nicks Carnival 2-4  
Senior Play 3:30
- Dec 9 NO SCHOOL  
Musical Auditions 12-6
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- Dec 11 Christmas Concert 7PM
- Dec 14 Improv Show 7PM
- Dec 16 Religion Mid-Term 9:30-11:30
- Dec 20 Last Full Day of School before  
Christmas Vacation
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan 4 VEX Competition
- Jan 6 Classes Resume
- Jan 8 1:20 Dismissal
- Jan 9-14 Mid-Term Exams
  - Jan 9 1st Period 9:30-11  
2nd Period 1-2:30
  - Jan 10 3rd Period 9:30-11:30
  - Jan 13 4h Period 9:30-11  
8h Period 1-2:30
  - Jan 14 7th Period 9:30-11
- Jan 11 Admission Test 10AM
- Jan 18 CF Dance
- Jan 22 HS Science Fair 9-12
- Jan 24 NO SCHOOL for March for Life
- Jan 29 JH Science Fair 9-12
- Jan 30 1:20 Dismissal, P/T Conferences



### FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CARROLL

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY:** We have asked our families for many generous donations this fall: care packages and winter supplies for the homeless in D.C., food for the Thanksgiving baskets, donations for the Good Neighbor baskets, and baby supplies for the crisis pregnancy center. You have been extremely generous as usual, and we know that God will reward you. It is so edifying to be in a community which displays such charitable concern for others. Our families are truly living out our virtue of the year: Charity.

**SENIOR PLAY:** The senior class is presenting their senior play this weekend in Faustina in the Corpus Christi Building: Saturday evening at 7:30 PM and Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. Christmas in Connecticut is a delightful 1940's comedy. The seniors have worked very hard to prepare this presentation for you, and I encourage all of our families to attend.

**ST. NICK'S CARNIVAL:** And before the play, the whole family can enjoy the St. Nick's carnival. Hope to see you there.



**CHRIST THE KING MASS AND EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION:** Many thanks to all those who joined us in honoring Christ the King. And above all, thanks be to Christ the King for ending the rain just in time.

**ATTENDANCE AT HOME BASKETBALL GAMES:** The teams are grateful for the tremendous support our fans give us. We are glad to have all of you there. It is important, however, that children and students remain in the gym during the games. They are not to wander around the school or outside. Parents, please keep your younger children nearby, and please make sure that your Seton students know that they need to stay in the gym. They are coming to support the teams. They can't support the teams if they are not in the gym. It is also a safety and security issue that the students are not in unsupervised locations. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ADVENT MEDITATION FROM JOE GREGORY:** I encourage you to read the post from Joe Gregory's blog click [here](#). As many of you know, Joe is suffering from ALS, and his family suffers with him. This blog entry is a beautiful meditation for Advent specifically and life in general. Please keep Joe and his family in your prayers.

### MASSSES AND

#### ROSARIES

*Monday Mass*

All Saints 8:30 AM

*Rosary*

Tues-Fri 8:00 AM

in the Chapel

### PRAYER

#### REQUESTS

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlotte Miller, grandmother of Gregory Miller ('22)*



## Thank You

Mrs. Rebecca Hall for the delicious Faculty/Staff lunch on Monday and for Mrs. Cunningham for providing the priest's lunch and dinner for Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Westhoff and Fr. Ramon for celebrating our Christ the King Mass and Eucharistic Procession.

**GROWING IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE:** During Advent, I will be sharing excerpts from the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis on the Christmas crèche. Installment one follows.

### ON THE MEANING AND THE VALUE OF THE CRIB



1. The admirable sign of the manger, so dear to the Christian people, always arouses astonishment and wonder. Representing the event of Jesus' birth is equivalent to announcing the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God with simplicity and joy. The crib, in fact, is like a living Gospel, which overflows from the pages of Sacred Scripture. While we contemplate the Christmas scene, we are invited to set out spiritually on the way, attracted by the humility of the One who became man to meet every man. And we discover that he loves us so much that he joins us, so that we too can unite with him.

With this letter I would like to support the beautiful tradition of our families, who prepare the crib in the days before Christmas. As well as the custom of setting it up in workplaces, schools, hospitals, prisons, squares ... It is really a creative fantasy exercise,

which uses the most disparate materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. One learns as a child: when father and mother, together with their grandparents, transmit this joyful habit, which embodies a rich popular spirituality. I hope that this practice never fails; indeed, I hope that, where it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revitalized.

2. The origin of the manger is reflected first of all in some evangelical details of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The Evangelist Luke simply says that Mary "gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the house" (2,7). . . .

Entering this world, the Son of God finds a place where animals go to eat. Hay becomes the first bed for Him who will reveal himself as "the bread which came down from heaven" (Jn 6:41). A symbolism that St. Augustine, together with other Fathers, had grasped when he wrote: "Lying in a manger, he became our food" (Serm . 189.4). In reality, the crib contains different mysteries of the life of Jesus and makes them feel close to our daily life.

But we immediately come to the origin of the crib as we understand it. We go with the mind to Greccio, in the Reatina Valley, where St. Francis stopped coming probably from Rome, where on November 29, 1223 he had received confirmation of his Rule from Pope Honorius III. After his trip to the Holy Land, those caves reminded him in a special way of the landscape of Bethlehem. And it is possible that the Poverello had been struck, in Rome, in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, by the mosaics with the representation of the birth of Jesus, right next to the place where, according to an ancient tradition, the tables of the manger were preserved.

The Franciscan Sources tell in detail what happened in Greccio. Fifteen days before Christmas, Francis called a local man, named John, and asked him to help him in making a wish: "I would like to represent the Child born in Bethlehem, and somehow see with the eyes of the body the hardships in which was found for the lack of things necessary for a newborn, as he was laid in a crib and as he lay on the hay between the ox and the donkey. As soon as he listened to it, his faithful friend immediately went to set up everything he needed in the place designated, according to the Saint's desire. On December 25, many friars came to Greccio from various parts and men and women also arrived from the farmhouses in the area, bringing flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francesco arrived, he found the crib with the hay, the ox and the donkey. The people who took notice showed an unspeakable joy, never savored before, in front of the Christmas scene. Then the priest, on the manger, solemnly celebrated the Eucharist, showing the link between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. On that occasion, in Greccio, there were no figurines: the crib was created and lived by those who were present.



#### Attention Seton Parents - NEW for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Registration will be done through FACTS, our new tuition management system. All families that have returning students **MUST sign up for FACTS to re-register by Friday, December 20th**. A letter was sent earlier this year with all the information. Please contact Mrs. Cooper if you still have questions; otherwise do it NOW! Click [FACTS](#) below to sign up:



A re-registration fee of \$150 for the 1st child and \$130 for subsequent children will be due on Jan 31st. This will be billed through FACTS after the Christmas. Financial Aid forms will be available through FACTS on Feb 1st.

*The Seton Class of 2020  
proudly presents*

### **Christmas in Connecticut**

*This weekend only!*

**Sat, Dec 7 at 7:30 pm &  
Sun, Dec 8 at 3:30 pm  
in Faustina!**

*Tickets are \$5 with a max  
of \$25 a family.*





## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OUR SETON TEACHERS

Each teacher receives a lovely baked goods and fruit basket along with a cash gift to show our appreciation for their dedication to our children. Please consider donating this year! Any contribution is appreciated; a family donation of \$25 is suggested. Cash and checks accepted, please make checks out to KRISTIN FORMAN or pay through paypal (select "Make a payment to friend" to formantutor@yahoo.com). Deadline to donate is December 13, 2019. Questions? Contact Kristin Forman, formantutor@yahoo.com



**GOOD NEIGHBOR BASKETS** Last day to donate money is tomorrow (checks payable to Mary Merrill). Donated items can be dropped off on Friday or by noon on Sat. Thank you!



## ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL

It's time for Faith and Fun at the annual Seton School St. Nicholas Festival! On **Sunday, Dec 8 from 2-3:30** we transform Seton into a Winter Wonderland. Free and fun for all ages. We need a lot of volunteers and materials to make it happen! Families can receive Pro Points. Click [here](#) to sign up and for more info.



**Spring Musical Auditions** Sign-ups are on the bulletin board outside Faustina. Auditions are one hour time slots on either Monday, December 9th from noon - 6 pm (we have no school) or Tuesday, December 10th from 3 to 5. Students must come with (1) [Audition Form](#) filled out, with parents signature and conflicts listed, (2) [Musical Parent Talent Form](#) filled out by the parents AND (3) two checks: participation fee for \$25 or \$50 per family and strike fee for \$50 (will not be deposited, returned upon participation in striking the set). See the [Seton Musical website](#) for all information about what will be required during auditions and [dance steps videos](#) are provided as well.

**Seton Spirit Ad Campaign** The Spirit Ad Campaign is Seton's only fundraiser done in conjunction with the spring musical. Seton families raise money for the fundraiser by selling ads for the spring musical program/ad book. All Seton families are required to participate and raise or donate \$375. Official Kick-Off is Jan. 13, but you can start selling ads now to take advantage of the holidays. Visit the Seton website for forms and additional information. Email [adcampaign@setonschool.net](mailto:adcampaign@setonschool.net).

**Ad Editor Needed for Musical Playbook** Want to earn 100 Pro Points? The Seton Spirit Ad Campaign is in need of an Ad Editor. Skills include familiarity with Adobe Creative Cloud suite, especially Photoshop and Acrobat DC. InDesign knowledge helpful, but not critical. It would be great if candidate has a copy of Creative Cloud. If not, we will supply the software for the length of the Ad Campaign. Duties include fairly high-end digital design of advertisements as well as photographic adjustment of client art. Some experience in working with a company that uses digital printing presses may be helpful. Please email Mr. Terreri at [vttereri@setonschool.net](mailto:vttereri@setonschool.net) if you have questions about the skills portion. Please email Mrs. Guyant at [adcampaign@setonschool.net](mailto:adcampaign@setonschool.net) if you have questions about the role or its duration.

**Cover Art Contest** Attention Students: The 2020 Art Cover Contest has begun! Entry forms can be picked up in the Computer Lab during 5th and 6th periods. Deadline for all entries is Wed, Jan 23rd. See Mrs. Tsukalas for details.

## 2019 PSAT AND PSAT 8/9 SCORE REPORT UPDATE

Beginning December 9, the online score reports will be available for the 9th, 10th, and 11th graders in Virginia who took the 2019 PSAT 8/9 or PSAT. Students who took one of these exams and have a College Board account should receive an email notification when his/her online score report is available. Information on how to interpret score results is available on the College Board website ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)).

College Board will send the students' paper score reports to Seton later in December or in January. Once they arrive, the paper score reports will be sent home in a sealed envelope with your oldest student who took the PSAT or PSAT 8/9. If, as a parent, you would prefer to pick up your child's score report at school (rather than have your child receive it), please contact Mrs. Reyes at (540) 683-1942 or [smreyes595@gmail.com](mailto:smreyes595@gmail.com).

## St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayers and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Click [here](#) for the October Issue of the Inquisitor.

**THE INQUISITOR**



### SETON'S IMPROV TEAM - Join Seton for the Comedy Event of the Year!

On **Sat, Dec 14th at 7:00 PM** the nationally-known Catholic Improv Comedy Troupe **Fools!** will be coming to Seton to perform and compete with Seton's team, **Semper Ridiculum**. Fools! has been running continually for 23 years and has been seen by thousands of audience members nation-wide. Seton's team has run for ten years and has provided joy and laughter in over 36 shows for the Seton community. Who will win? Together expect an unstoppable night of fun and entertainment. All seats only \$7 with a \$35 family max. All proceeds will go to support the new St. Don Bosco Comedy Scholarship for deserving seniors who wish to use comedy and improv to evangelize in college and the community. Seats are first come first serve at the door. Refreshments will be available to purchase. For more information email [m@ttmoore.com](mailto:m@ttmoore.com).



From **Dec 2 until Dec 13** Seton School will be collecting baby items for expectant mothers in need through the **Gabriel Project**. Please consider donating. Click [here](#) for what to bring for your grade. Thank you in advance for supporting the Gabriel Project!



### ATTENTION SENIORS!



**BABY PICTURES** (Infant-Age 5) will be due before Christmas Break on **Dec 20th**. Pictures can be scanned and sent electronically to [jpogue@setonschool.net](mailto:jpogue@setonschool.net) or through Jupiter Ed (only jpg format will be accepted). I also can scan baby pictures and return them to you. Just put the picture in an envelope and give it to me or the front office.

**SENIOR QUOTE** There is a yellow notebook in Mrs. Carroll's Room for quotes. Please, submit by Dec 20. Try to choose inspirational quotes.

**SENIOR PORTRAITS** are due on April 20. If you do not submit a picture by then, your Lifetouch picture is the one that will be used for the Yearbook. Boys should have a nice sweater or a dress shirt. Mrs. Carroll prefers the boys to wear a tie. Drape pictures are not used for the girls so any nice outfit will be accepted. The pictures are cropped so if you submit a full body shot, it is cropped to focus on the face.

## Class of 2020

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### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SETON COMMUNITY

New World Horizons will be hosting the **2nd annual Dance with Santa** for children with special needs and their families this **Sat, Dec 7th from 6-9pm at St. John's in Warrenton** and are looking for volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up, on the dance floor, some for Santa's elves and baked goods. If you can help, please email [newworldhorizons218@gmail.com](mailto:newworldhorizons218@gmail.com) or Call 703 498 7094. Thanks, Betsy Mooney

**Save the date: Jan 4, 2020 at 7pm. "Dr Bruchalski's Epiphany"**. Evening at St Andrew's Catholic Church. Please bring your spouse, and friends to hear about his conversion story, and more! For more info, email [BarbRemington6@gmail.com](mailto:BarbRemington6@gmail.com). Click here for the [flyer](#).

