



THE INQUISITOR

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Farewell to the Class of 2020

By: Jillian Riley

As the school year comes to a close, the Seton community has to say goodbye to another class of seniors. This year there are 68 seniors. And even though this year didn't exactly go as planned, it was certainly a year to remember.

Over the past year, the seniors have made many memories. Shane Koehr, the school president, said that his favorite memory was when Seton won the Division Two Invitational. Patrick Wood, the school publicist, commented that his favorite memory was going out to eat lunch with his friends. Some of our Seton teachers chimed in to say what they'd miss most about the seniors. Mrs. Jill Pogue, Latin I, Girls Religion 9 and World Culture, said that "your smiles in the hallway, and your cool Jeeps and Mustangs in the senior parking lot" are what she'll miss most about the seniors. Mr. Timothy Heisler, Dean of Discipline, said "their sincerity and candor whenever I had a question for them is what I'll miss most." He went on to say, "It isn't common to know that I can sit at Subway or Panera or even just at the picnic table in front of school, and ask for advice or opinions as Dean of Students from a senior class that will humbly and prudently think the matter over and then offer council that is both practical and profound."

Over the past year, the seniors have accumulated many tips and tricks that they'd like to pass on to the rest of the school, mainly the rising senior class. Diego Coreas says that the advice he wants to give to the rising seniors is, "To enjoy every moment, good or bad. Classes are more stressful and senioritis hits hard, but do not pay attention to that. Look at your friendships, enjoy the company of the people around you. Every laugh is a gift. Cherish that gift." Meg Ashton wants to remind everyone, "Don't take a second for granted. Even the hard months in the middle where it feels like all work and no play. Don't just focus on getting through to the fun part: live in the not-so-fun part

and enjoy the gifts you've been given." The teachers also wanted to give some advice to the graduating seniors. Mrs. Carroll says the advice she has is, "Stay close to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, develop a strong spiritual life including time each day in quiet prayer, develop and keep strong friendships that will support you in your Faith, avoid occasions of sin, show respect and kindness to everyone you meet, live a joyful Catholic life that will draw others to Christ." Mrs. Carroll also wants to remind the seniors not to lose their religion books and notes.

Mr. Heisler sums up his experience with the seniors in saying, "It was a precious gift to be able to teach you this year; your love for others and your sheer generosity with your time and talents is an inspiration not only to your fellow classmates, but to your teachers (this teacher particularly!) as well. My heart overfloweth with gratitude!"

As a rising senior, I can't tell you how much I'll miss you. It has been an absolute blessing to be able to learn from and become close to you all. I know God has great plans for every one of you. From all of us in the Seton community, "God Bless you and good luck in your journeys!"



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Continuing the Easter Season

By: Lainie Vestermark

The Easter season doesn't end on Easter Sunday. The celebration of Jesus' resurrection lasts much longer. But, how do we continue this joyous time, and what do others do to celebrate the Easter season? Officially, the season ends 40 days after Easter, on Pentecost. Some people celebrate by breaking their meat fast on Fridays. This usually only lasts the Easter octave. The octave is eight special days directly after Easter that is celebrated as if it's Easter Sunday all week long. What do other people do to continue the festivities? This season is a time for others to read the scriptures. It is

important to keep in mind that we are here to spread God's word and Easter is a great time to read the Bible and start spreading joy to others. Another way to keep celebrating is by listening to Easter hymns. This time is a season of joy. It is important to continue to keep up a positive and joyful mindset. A helpful way to do this is to do good deeds for others. Spreading joy to others helps make us joyful as well. These are just a few ways to keep the Easter season alive and to remind us that Jesus has risen. Alleluia!



Those We Remember

By: Andrea Borneman



Every year on the last Monday of May, citizens across America celebrate Memorial Day, a day established to remember and honor those who fought and died serving this country. The tradition began on May 30th, 1868, after the Civil War and was made a federal holiday in 1971. It is customary to visit nursing homes and cemeteries to thank the veterans who were willing to die for our country, and those that have. Arlington National Cemetery conducts a special ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which serves as a remembrance for all the soldiers who died in our wars and who remains unidentified.

Families visit their deceased loved ones and decorate their graves with flags and memorabilia. Arlington Cemetery is a vast land of 624 acres, filled with lined rows of tombstones and still expanding. Unlike a dreary, cold graveyard, Arlington Cemetery provides a peaceful beauty in its symmetry. The grass is always green and cut, and a fresh rose and a mini American flag is placed on all the tombs in honor of the fallen men and women on this particular holiday.

Section 60 demonstrates the raw emotion lying behind each soldier and each stone to make sure no one is forgotten. "The tombstone of a 28-year-old soldier killed in Afghanistan says it best, paraphrasing Jesus' words from St. John's gospel: 'Blessed is he who lays down his life for others.' Blessed and privileged are we that our fellow countrymen are willing to do so." (Christopher Jacobs)



Summer Bucket List

By: Rose Sladky

1. Make homemade ice cream, sorbet, or gelato. You won't regret it and it always tastes better than store-bought!
2. Go on a picnic and plan the menu. You can have it at a park, an empty field (bonus is kids can fly kites as well) or even your backyard. Sherando Park in Stephens City, Berkley Springs, and Cacapon Resort State Park are great places to picnic, play some sports, or do outdoor activities!
3. Read a book outside. Try a new genre and maybe you'll discover some new favorite books to read.
4. Pick fresh fruit and make jam, preserves, or marmalade. Strawberry and cherry season are coming up soon! Hartland Orchard has excellent sour cherries, Jenkins Orchard has great peaches and plums, Hollins Farms has strawberries, and Williams Orchard has good apples.
5. Try some new summer desserts—peach melba, blueberry galettes, or raspberry souffles will make you the most popular person in your house!
6. Go camping. Attend a music festival. The Appaloosa Festival occurs annually every year in Front Royal and you can stay there in your camper trailer as well! Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park are so close and have great campsites. You can watch the sun rise from your tent, go hiking, and spend some time with your family. Old Rag (known for its rock scramble and challenging climb) and White Oak Canyon (with waterfalls and swimming holes) are amazing hikes to experience.
7. Visit a new museum, historical landmark, city, or tourist site. Nearby are art galleries, The Kennedy Center, Harper's Ferry, US military museums, and so much more to look at. Alexandria and Norfolk are filled with fantastic attractions as well as many other Virginia cities. The Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad and The Cass Scenic Railroad State Park in West Virginia are also great for the whole family. You could also go spelunking or visit caverns.
8. Catch up on your candy making skills: pull some taffy, make homemade caramels, toffee, or butterscotches.
9. Try grilling some new dinners. Anyone tried homemade shawarma or gyros?
10. Go star gazing. You can also visit a planetarium or observatory. JMU has a great planetarium that's fun for all ages.
11. Visit a sunflower field, public garden, arboretum, or park. Burnside Farms is nearby, as well as the State Arboretum of Virginia. You can also check out the US Botanical gardens in D.C. Clemyjontri Park in McLean, VA is a place your whole family will absolutely love and was built so disabled children could play there as well.
12. Go sailing, kayaking, or canoeing out on Lake Anna or the Shenandoah River.
13. Summer is the perfect time to work on your baking skills. You could try cream puffs, cherry turnovers, or cinnamon rolls, and Bon Appétit has some great recipes.
14. Go for a ride in the country. Watch a horse race or the twilight polo match in Middleburg, (with a dance afterwards) or attend a car race.
15. Go watch a play at The American Shakespeare Center in Staunton. Travel back in time with a period drama such as Downton Abbey, detective series Foyle's War, or a classic Jane Austen. You could also visit the drive-in movie theater in Stephen's City, which is showing family-friendly movies right now.



SUMMER

In Honor of Our Mothers and Fathers By: Theresa Dwane

Isn't it amazing when a mother makes her daughter's favorite meal to show how much she loves her? Or when a father takes the time to throw a football around with his son, even after a hard day at work? There is so much about our parents that deserves to be honored and celebrated, which is where Mother's Day and Father's Day play their part. Both of these days have different histories and unique ways that they are celebrated around the world.

Mother's Day was established by a woman named Ann Reeves Jarvis. Her own mother supported mothers in many ways as she was one of the founders of "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to teach women how to take care of their children. She was also the founder of "Mothers' Friendship Day", whose purpose was to bring together mothers with Union and Confederate soldiers and their families to bring peace and healing between the two sides of the Civil War. After her mother's death, she followed her mother's footsteps to bring about the Mother's Day we know today. In May 1908, she helped put together the first official Mother's Day celebration in Grafton, West Virginia with the help of Philadelphia department store owner John Wanamaker. On the same day, many people celebrated Mother's Day at one of Wanamaker's stores. After this was a success, Jarvis wanted to take another step further and establish Mother's Day as an official holiday on the calendar. She especially wanted to make this possible because she believed that many holidays celebrated men, and women need a chance to be celebrated as well. After a few years of hard work, President Woodrow Wilson signed the second Sunday of May to officially be Mother's Day in 1914. This year, Mother's Day was on May 10th.

Mother's Day is celebrated in many ways around the world. In the United States, families are known to give mothers candy and flowers, breakfast in bed, and relieve her of chores and cooking

for the day. However, other countries have other unique traditions as well. In Australia, mothers are given chrysanthemums because they are called "Mum" by their children. In Ethiopia, an Antrosht festival is held, where there is a feast provided by the daughters who bring vegetables, butter, and spices, and the sons bring the meat. Afterwards, there is dancing and singing. In Japan, children give their mothers carnations and cards.

A period of time after Mother's Day was established, the idea came about to have a Father's Day as well. In 1909, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to install a holiday to celebrate fathers, as she was raised by a widower. After gaining support from churches, government officials, and others, the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in Washington State. Eventually, the holiday became more popular throughout the country, and became official as the third Sunday of June. By 1924, President Coolidge encouraged state governments to honor Father's Day. This year, Father's Day is on June 21st; however, some countries in Europe and Latin America celebrate Father's Day on March 19, which is the feast of St. Joseph.

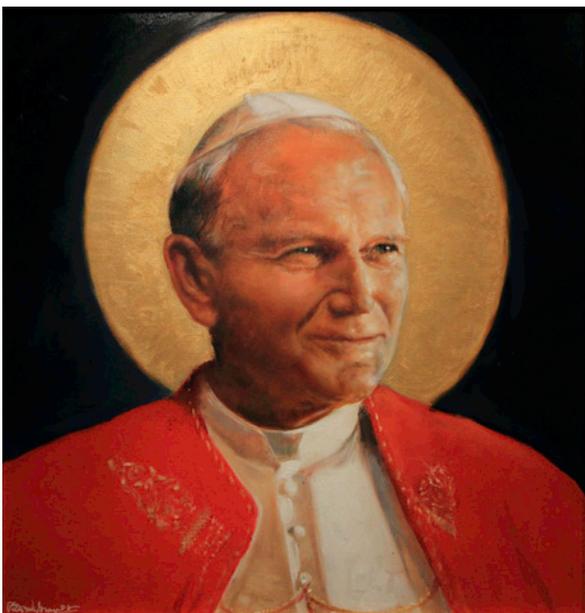
Like Mother's Day, Father's Day is celebrated in different ways around the world too. In the United States, families are known for making fathers a card, giving him a gift such as a tie or sporting goods, or making him a special meal. In Germany, there is a tradition called Vatertag, where all men go out and enjoy activities such as drinking and hiking while the women and children stay at home. In South Africa, fathers go fishing hopefully to catch something for dinner, or go picnicking. In New Zealand, children give their father sweets, a cup of tea, his favorite meal, and a card. Mothers and fathers should be loved and respected at all times, but these two days are set apart to give families the opportunity to do something extra special to honor their parents.



Showing Mercy Despite Suffering

By: Emily Flynn

For many people in the world forgiving those who wronged us is a difficult thing to do. Being merciful to the people who hurt us is not easy, but it reflects God's love for us. After all, becoming an image of Christ is what we should all strive for. One person who truly took the message of forgiveness to heart and into his life was St. John Paul II. St. John Paul preached the importance of mercy and the value of suffering. We can see he was a man who truly practiced what he preached after we observed the events of 1981. This was the year that St. John Paul II was almost killed after being shot twice by an assassin. He was in St. Peter's Square when a man attempted to take his life. St. John Paul II, thankfully, survived this traumatic event and thanked Mary's motherly love for saving him from the bullets. He inevitably would have had to go through tremendous amounts of pain and suffering after being shot, but despite that, he still found the mercy in his heart to forgive his attacker. After he recovered, he went to visit the man who tried to assassinate him, in person, to forgive him face-to-face. We can think about how difficult it can be to forgive the people around us even for small or insignificant offenses, so it is hard to imagine that he was so quick to forgive the man that caused him so much pain and nearly succeeded in murdering him. Over the following years, St. John Paul II continued with his mission to spread mercy and forgiveness across the world. As the years went by his health started to decline due to old age. St. John Paul II was 84 years old when he was called to his eternal home. His last words were, "Let me go to my Father's house." He died on April 2, 2005 as the first hours of Divine Mercy Sunday started



Who was Charlie Chaplin?

By: Luke Weidenkopf

Charlie Chaplin is one of the most famous silent film stars of all time. He was multitalented and wrote, directed, produced, and starred in some of the most famous films of the early 20th century. He is most well-known for his character, the Tramp, who was a lovable but clumsy character.

Chaplin was born April 26th, 1899, to Charles Chaplin and Hannah Hill. His mom was a very talented stage singer, who was in and out of mental institutions and his father was a drunk who left the family shortly after Chaplin's birth. His mom gave him his first taste of the stage, when she lost her voice mid-act and had Chaplin come in and sing the rest of the song for her. After his mother was put in a mental hospital, he was forced with his half-brother, Sydney, to move into the Lambeth Workhouse. Chaplin and Sydney would go out into the streets and sing and dance for money. Chaplin auditioned for a traveling comedy and dance tour. He was hired, and by 19 Chaplin had become the most famous music hall performer in all of England. He traveled with a Night in an English Music Hall to the US. Mack Sennett saw him on stage in Boston and immediately hired him to work as a silent film actor. Chaplin made his film debut in Making a Living. He created his famous character, the Tramp, while working there. After he had made 30 short films with Sennett he left and joined Essary Studio Productions in 1914. There he made 14 films, his most well-known are The Tramp and The Champion. In 1918 he signed a \$1,000,000 contract with National Films where he made A Dog's Life and Shoulder Arms. Later that year he married Mildred Harris, but they soon divorced. Then Chaplin, D.W. Griffith, Douglas Fairbanks, and Mary Pickford formed United Artists, a company where actors and directors have full creative control. He married Lita Grey in November 1924. They had two children, Charles Jr. and Sydney, but they divorced in early 1927. Chaplin then stepped into the directing chair and directed City Lights which is considered by many to be one of his best movies. In 1936 he made his silent masterpiece Modern Time. It was a story about a factory worker struggling in the modern world. His third marriage was to Paulette Goddard in 1936 but they got divorced in 1942. In 1943 he married Oona O'Neal. They had eight children and remained married until his death. He made his last great film The Great Dictator in 1940 which was about a dictator named Adenoid Hynkel. This was an extremely controversial film but it still grossed 5 million dollars (equivalent to 130 million dollars today) and was nominated for five Academy Awards. He didn't make many films after The Great Dictator. During the 1940s, he lost popularity with the public for his strong political views. He went on vacation in 1952 in Europe and was told by the US Attorney General that he would not be allowed back in the US. He moved to Switzerland with his family. He made his last film, A Countess from Hong Kong, in 1967 but it was not well-liked and was bashed by critics everywhere. By the 1970s Chaplin's popularity soared and he was allowed back in the US where he received an honorary Oscar and his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1972. He was knighted in 1975 and died two years later on Christmas Day 1977.

Paul Revere's Ride Fact or Fiction?

By: Aaron Forman

Many people have probably learned about Paul Revere's famous midnight ride. Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was inspired by Revere's ride to write the poem "Paul Revere's Ride" in 1860. However, it is important to realize that Longfellow changed several parts of Revere's ride, which took place on April 18, 1775. Surely Longfellow knew the real facts of Revere's ride, but many say he chose to simplify and change the events to make his poem more dramatic for the reader. For example, Longfellow's poem says that Revere was waiting on a horse to see the signal lanterns, but this simply isn't true. In reality, Revere was the one who hung the signal lanterns in the Christ Church tower. The lanterns were signals to the Sons of Liberty as to how the British would arrive. Revere chose to use signal lanterns because he was worried he might be prevented from leaving Boston to deliver the message himself.

A second inconsistency in the poem says Revere rode through the town yelling, "The British are coming!" While this is very dramatic, it also is not true. Revere did not shout at all as he rode through the towns, instead, he went to each house to quietly warn them of the soldiers' arrival. In the poem, Longfellow writes that Revere rode through the towns of Lexington and Concord but that is false. Revere was captured by the British just outside of Lexington and never reached the town of Concord at all.

The last inconsistency involves whether or not Revere worked alone. Longfellow's poem implies that Revere was the only man riding to warn the people about the British soldiers' arrival,

but this is not true. Revere did not work alone; he was part of an elaborate warning system set up by the Sons of Liberty. Many people were involved, not just Revere, although Revere's work was essential to the patriots' success. Once Revere was captured, he was questioned extensively, and then released. The British kept Revere's horse, so he had to continue on foot to Lexington in an effort to warn John Adams and John Hancock that the British were coming with the intention to capture those two men. Revere was successful in his warning and helped both men escape and avoid British capture.

Longfellow's poem is enjoyable to read and a dramatic retelling of a significant historical event. However, the reader should be cautioned to not look to this dramatic poem for historical accuracy.



National French Exam

By: Mrs. Prevoznik

For the first time in many years, Seton participated in the National French Exam, le Grand Concours. We are very pleased to announce that almost one third of the 22 participants were awarded honors this year. Mention d'honneurs were awarded to:

- Sophia Kanazeh** (French 1)
- Ashley Knight** (French 1)
- Abby Ramos** (French 1)
- Lucila Avila de la Trinidad** (French 2)
- Jordan Kach** (French 2)
- Rebekah DeWolf** (French 3)
- Lydia O'Keefe** (French 3) earned a Silver Medal and placed 7th both in our Northern Virginia Chapter and nationally!

Félicitations to all our winners!



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Where Are They Heading?

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Joey Arnold	NOVA	Caroline Griffin	Bridgewater	Anton Murphy	Gap Year
Meg Ashton	Religious Order	Conrad Guyant	LFCC	Kathleen O'Malley	Benedictine
Arianna Barber	Christendom	Dominic Hartung	<i>Not Available</i>	Dominic Olszewski	Franciscan
Michael Bookwalter	Marymount	James Holmes	GMU	Juliette Orr	Benedictine
John Borneman	<i>Not Available</i>	Sarah Jackson	Christendom	Grean Ramos	GMU
Brigid Burgess	Christendom	Bethany Johnson	Ave Maria	Nate Remington	Auburn
Madeleine Byers	Franciscan	Reagan Kammerdeiner	Benedictine	Katharine Rowzie	CNU
Michaela Catabui	<i>Not Available</i>	Simon Kanazeh	GMU	Gracie Russo	Christendom
Christian Ceol	VA Tech	Jordan Karcher	JMU	Rose Sladky	Gap Year then Culinary School
Olivia Chipps	Marymount	Jeremy Kleb	Franciscan	Kaitlyn Storey	Christendom
Ethan Cook	Gap Year	Shane Koehr	Benedictine	Juliana Terreri	Gap Year
Diego Coreas	Franciscan	Anne Konstanty	<i>Not Available</i>	Dominick Tolentino	Penn State
Callie Couture	Gap Year	Joey Lalli	<i>Not Available</i>	Marcie Van De Voorde	UD
Lauran Curley	<i>Not Available</i>	Elizabeth McCardell	Ave Maria	John Paul Vander Woude	Christendom
Andrew Dalrymple	Gap Year	Caeli McGraw	Marymount	Grace Vestermark	Shenandoah University
Katie Dealey	JMU	Maria McIntyre	JMU	Lauren Volk	JMU
John Dominguez	<i>Not Available</i>	Christian Mee	Penn State	Liam Waldron	Benedictine
Theresa Dwane	Christendom	Jaclyn Mendicino	<i>Not Available</i>	Patrick Wood	UVA
Justin Fioramonti	Franciscan	Charlotte Merrill	UVA		
Jacob Fucci	Franciscan	Madalyn Messier	Christendom		
Sean Gibbons	Trade School	Bianca Misterio	GMU		

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