



# Sentinel



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A Weekly Newsletter for Seton Parents & Students

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Live Calendar](#)

- Nov 30—Dec 18 Online Learning  
Office hours—9:30-noon
- Dec 18 Last Day of School for 2020
- Dec 21-Jan 1 Christmas Break
- Jan 4 First Day of School for 2021  
Feast of St Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Jan 15 End of the 2nd Quarter
- Jan 16 Admission Test
- Jan 18 Sea Perch
- Jan 23 Musical Parents Meeting
- Jan 28 1:20 Dismissal  
2-4 P/T Conferences
- Jan 29 March for Life—NO SCHOOL



### FROM ALL THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF SETON:

May your Christmas holy days be filled with the Light of Christ and draw you to a deeper sharing in the infinite love of the Blessed Trinity.

### FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CARROLL



In this issue, we are sharing Fr. Vaccaro's talk at the faculty retreat on Monday, along with his handout of meditations from saints and other holy people. We hope you find them as uplifting as we did. Access the talk [here](#). And the meditations [here](#).

Also included in this Sentinel is a beautiful Christmas poem, "Noel," by J. R. R. Tolkien.

**A MESSAGE TO ALL OUR FAMILIES:** May the final days of Advent be a fruitful preparation for Christmas. I encourage you to pray the O Antiphons, the seven titles of Our Lord, prayed for centuries by the Church. Find them [here](#).

Remember that the Christmas season lasts through the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord, Sunday, January 10. Celebrate the 17 days of Christmas in gratitude to our loving God for the gift of His Son. May this joyous time overflow with graces for our Seton families.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR ABOUT QUARTER 2 AND MIDTERMS

The 2nd quarter will be extended until January 15 and the students will return to their normal 8:15-3:00 schedules until that date. Instead of having a midterm, teachers will be giving a semester assessment during their normal class period.

To maintain academic excellence, while being realistic, these assessment tests will emphasize key points from the first semester. Each department will have designated days for the assessment so as not to burden the students with too many assessments on the same days. Each teacher is working with their department chair to ensure that the assessments are reasonable in length and scope. Teachers will be contacting their classes with more details this week. Please, reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

### ROSARY

8:00 AM M-F  
7:30 PM Thurs  
In the Chapel



### Thank You

Mrs. Byers for providing dinner for Mrs Carroll and Mr. Westhoff last Friday and Fr. Vaccaro for leading our beautiful Advent Retreat.



## NOEL by J. R. R. Tolkien

Grim was the world and grey last night:  
The moon and stars were fled,  
The hall was dark without song or light,  
The fires were fallen dead.  
The wind in the trees was like to the sea,  
And over the mountains' teeth  
It whistled bitter-cold and free,  
As a sword leapt from its sheath.

The lord of snows upreared his head;  
His mantle long and pale  
Upon the bitter blast was spread  
And hung o'er hill and dale.  
The world was blind, the boughs were bent,  
All ways and paths were wild:  
Then the veil of cloud apart was rent,  
And here was born a Child.

The ancient dome of heaven sheer  
Was pricked with distant light;  
A star came shining white and clear  
Alone above the night.  
In the dale of dark in that hour of birth  
One voice on a sudden sang:  
Then all the bells in Heaven and Earth  
Together at midnight rang.

Mary sang in this world below:  
They heard her song arise  
O'er mist and over mountain snow  
To the walls of Paradise,  
And the tongue of many bells was stirred  
in Heaven's towers to ring  
When the voice of mortal maid was heard,  
That was mother of Heaven's King.

Glad is the world and fair this night  
With stars about its head,  
And the hall is filled with laughter and light,  
And fires are burning red.  
The bells of Paradise now ring  
With bells of Christendom,  
And Gloria, Gloria we will sing  
That God on earth is come.

## Seton Morale Booster Videos starring Mr. Hoffman

Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

### Midnight Rosary TONIGHT!



Mr. DiVietri will be leading us this evening in the rosary via ZOOM.

Please contact him ([jdivietri@setonschool.net](mailto:jdivietri@setonschool.net)) or Mrs. Duran for the Meeting Information ([mduran@setonschool.net](mailto:mduran@setonschool.net)).



### Chalk Contest

Draw an amazing work of Christmas art on your driveway or sidewalk and be the winner of \$50.00. One chalk design per house hold. Take a picture of it and submit any time between now and Wed, Dec. 23rd. There will be a prize for 2nd and 3rd place, TBD. Send entries to Mrs. Duran at [mduran@setonschool.net](mailto:mduran@setonschool.net).



## CHRISTMAS FOR SETON TEACHERS— DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED

We are accepting donations until Thursday, January 7. Cash and checks (made out to Kristin Forman) can be mailed to 110082 Greenleaf Dr, Manassas, VA 20110. You can also use PayPal or Venmo. Paypal: FORMANTUTOR@YAHOO.COM Venmo: @KristinForman. Contact Kristin Forman at [formantutor@yahoo.com](mailto:formantutor@yahoo.com) with questions.



**SENIORS DON'T FORGET** to send your baby pictures to Mrs. Pogue. Email [jillpogue@aol.com](mailto:jillpogue@aol.com) (jpg format ONLY).

## Class of 2021

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.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SETON COMMUNITY



Click [HERE](#) for a video from Dr. John Bruchalski of Tepeyac OB/GYN, with a reflection on the Feast of Guadeloupe and its impact on his life. If you would like to receive more reflections from Dr B from Divine Mercy Care, which financially supports Tepeyac, please send a note to Seton parent, Barbara Remington, at [BRemington@DivineMercyCare.org](mailto:BRemington@DivineMercyCare.org).