# **SETON SCHOOL**



# Sentinel



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A Weekly Newsletter for Seton Parents & Students

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Live Calendar

**Every Monday and Thursday** Pizza -\$1.50/slice

**Every Tuesday Morning** 



Colossal Donuts—\$1.50/donut

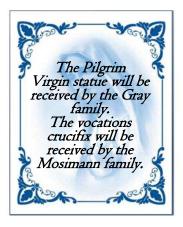
- Sept 9 Back to School Social 7-9:30 PM
- Sept 13 HS Back to School Night 7PM Band Lunch Fundraiser
- Sept 23 JH Scavenger Hunt 4PM
- Sept 27 Band Lunch Fundraiser
- Sept 30 Sons of the Most High: Mass at 11:30 AM; Events begin at 1PM
- Oct 7 Daughters of the King 1PM
- Columbus Day-School IN SES-Oct 9
  - SION
- Oct 10 Col P Golf Tournament
- Oct 11 PSAT (11th Graders ONLY)
- Oct 25 Band Lunch Fundraiser







I have a question about...Who do I call? Click here.



## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Mrs. CARROLL

**GRATITUDE I:** Many thanks to all those who attended our opening Mass and to all those who donated to the Bethany Food Pantry. Father Lee was extremely grateful for your generosity, and so am I.

GRATITUDE II: Don't forget to order your tickets for the Night of Gratitude at the Hylton



Faculty, staff, and Board of Directors proudly pledging our allegiance to Christ the King at the Opening Mass on Sept 1, 2023.

Center, September 16th in support of the two Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics that arose from the closing of the abortion clinic in 2015. Seton's prayer warriors and 40 Days for Life played a major role in this great transformation. Please see the flyer elsewhere in the Sentinel with details and a link for tickets. I encourage everyone in the Seton community to attend this celebration.

**GRATITUDE III:** See elsewhere in the Sentinel for Highlights of Seton's history 1980-1985. Trailer: Nellie Gray, International Pilgrim Virgin, students arrested... What was that last one?

#### GRATITUDE IV FAMILY SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE GOLDEN ANNIVER-

**SARY:** Our family spiritual preparation for September is fostering gratitude. Please continue to pray the Litany of Gratitude or other prayers of gratitude as a family. At school during the first quarter we are encouraging the students to show gratitude by acceptance of whatever God sends our way, without complaining, no matter how unpleasant it might Glory be be. If we truly believe that God loves us, then we can trust that He can bring good out of the most unpromising situations, even if we can't see it right away or ever in this life. In the words of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, "Everything that happens is a message to me of God's great love for my soul."

Please check out this website for a deeper understanding of the importance of gratitude, no matter what: https://life-craft.org/good-in-disasters-and-mishaps



INTELLECTUAL FORMATION: Here is the next take-away from The Battle for the American Mind. Chapter 2, "Commanding Heights": "The Left talks about literacy rates while not caring WHAT our kids are reading and never proposing dynamic solutions (think, school choice) that would actually provide vulnerable American kids with a way up and out of the PETE HEGSETH worst-performing schools. . . . the powers that be in modern American education -MAINLY TEACHERS UNIONS AT THIS POINT [emphasis add-

ed] control not just the politicians but the teachers and the entire educational pipeline. . .the classrooms and curriculum and teachers colleges...When [the Left] started their project [of taking over American education] they could not have known where it would lead—but they did know where it would NOT lead. Never toward the virtues that founded our country; always away from them." Have I persuaded you to read the whole book?

FAMILY READING: And listening in this case. Check out https://librivox.org/ for free downloads of audio books. Use the search feature to find books that interest your family. You might consider listening to a Shakespeare play to find out how more meaningful the play can be when you listen to actors delivering their lines, rather than just reading the text.

#### Masses and

### ROSARIES

Monday Mass All Saints 8:30 AM Rosary Tues-Fri 8:00 AM in the Chapel



## PRAYER **REQUESTS**

Please pray for

# Thank You!

Mrs. Knight for providing the priest's lunch and dinner for Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Westhoff and Fr. Roos for saying our Opening School Mass.

#### **SETON'S GUIDANCE CORNER**



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# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS • A TOUR THROUGH SETON'S HISTORY

Gratitude intentions from the end of the 1979-1980 school year to the beginning of the 1984-1985 school year. During these five years, we are grateful to God for:

- Families arrive who will become fixtures at Seton (Fogelberg, Vander Woude, Cooley, Gregory-Muench-Brock et al.).
- The Seton dads, led by Mr. Buser, convert the Assembly of God building into a Seton School building.
- Bishop Welsh dedicates the new building on Dec. 9, 1980
- The Buser and Vander Woude families turn the upstairs sanctuary of the Assembly of God church into a small gym with baskets at either end. Now we have a place to practice basketball and volleyball. Old timers will remember that the portable goal at

- one end was nicknamed "Masada." (Check out your Jewish history circa 70 AD.)
- A stage is built at one end.
- Founding of Seton Home School (very small)
- Mr. Scheetz and Mr. Westhoff are fulltime teachers.
- Founding of the first parents' organization (then called P.T.O.) with Mrs. Mary Buser as first president.
- Mrs. Alice Lee, Mrs. Bernice Severe,
  Mrs. Bonnie Fogelberg, and Mrs. Anne
  McCabe are our support staff.
- · First junior-senior Prom.
- First senior banquet, with Bishop Welsh in attendance.
- Joining the Northern Virginia Christian Conference and winning the conference championship in boys basketball.

- First students from out of state to board with Seton families.
- Weathering the storm when an attempt is made to change the character of Seton.
- Mrs. Jeanne Larsen arrives and the Latin Department begins and flourishes.
- International Pilgrim Virgin Statie visits Seton.
- Nellie Gray, founder of the March for Life, is the commencement speaker for the Class of 1985.
- Seton's strong pro-life witness, picketing and praying in front of abortion clinics. At one such event, six Seton students are arrested for sitting in at the clinic's entrance. (Now you know.)

# "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

1 Chronicles 16:34



## **HS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

**Sept 13 at 7PM** in the gym with a short assembly, then parents will follow their student's class schedule with mini classes. Please bring your student's schedules.

#### **HS & JHS BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIALS**

The High School back to school Social is on Sat, Sept 9 from 7 - 9:30 pm in the gym. The cost is \$5. This year's theme is a Pajama Party. The Junior High School Scavenger Hunt and Social is on Sat, Sept 23 from 4-6 PM. Come and hang out with friends and have a good time!

#### ATTENTION JUNIORS!



Please note that the deadline to register for the 2023 PSAT exam is a week away! Information and the registration form was sent via Jupiter Ed. Please register by Thursday,

September 14th. Questions? Contact Mrs. Reyes (smreyes595@gmail.com, 540-683-1942)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



HELP MAKE SETON BEAUTIFUL! Please help us spread two truckloads of mulch behind the Seton chapel on Saturday, Sept 9th. This will be the final step for the new walkway behind the chapel. Volunteers will earn PRO

points. Bring a shovel, rake, or wheelbarrow and sign up for one of two shifts using the  $\underline{\sf Sign-up-Genius\ HERE}$ .

**EARN PRO-HOURS AS A PSAT PROCTOR** Volunteers are needed for room monitors and PSAT exam proctors. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Reyes (smreyes595@gmail.com or 540-683-1942).

FRIDAY MEALS & MONDAY STAFF CAFÉ Sign-Up at TakeThemAMeal.com. For Friday volunteers, enter Seton Friday and for a Monday Faculty lunch, type in Seton Monday and the password Lunch. See the flyer for all the details.

**SETON APPAREL & OUTERWEAR** The webstore is

open until Sept 11th. Details can be found <u>HERE</u>. or click here: East to West Choose Seton & use access code: seton23.

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Daughters of the King returns! The day begins with Mass at 1:00pm, followed by a great Keynote and Three Wise Women Workshops and dinner....with a few wonderful additions:

Catherine Hadro is our Keynote Speaker & Marie Miller will perform during the Seton fashion show.

Saturday, October 7th beginning with Mass at 1:00pm and ending about 8:30 pm. Cost will be \$30 per person.

Reserve your slot now.

Questions - Email Kimberly@Dalrymple5.com

DOTK 2023 Sign Up Link





Please join us for a Night of Gratitude at the Hylton Center, September 16th in support of the two Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics that arose from the closing of the abortion clinic in 2015. Seton's prayer warriors and 40 Days for Life group played a major role in this transformation. Catholic convert and comedian, Jeremy McClellan is performing that evening. Tickets are \$10 and you can get them <a href="here">here</a>.

# Save the date: September 30, 2023 at Koehr Manor SONS OF THE MOST HIGH



Join the Senior/Junior Leadership Team which meets every Wed at Seton! Dads are also encouraged to help out on the day of the event. Please contact Mr. Terreri by Jupiter Ed or texting him: 571-243-0837. Thank you!



#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SETON COMMUNITY**

**Mother Daughter Retreat.** The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) entitled, "To Light and Guard, To Rule and Guide: Your Guardian Angel's Mission to Form You into a Woman of Integrity" on Sept 23, 2023. Register by Sept 15. Visit <a href="https://www.waywomen.com/daystar">https://www.waywomen.com/daystar</a>.

Can your family welcome a French Catholic student into your home for four weeks this fall? Dates are 10/7 - 11/4. Students are 14 or 15 years old, but you don't have to have a student their exact age at home. You can greatly impact a young person's life and open your family to a very enriching experience. Please contact Mrs. Brand at mbrand@setonschool.net.



**CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!** Would you like to participate in works of mercy regularly within your own community? Would you like to do this with peers who share your faith? Would you like to become closer to Jesus by becoming closer to His Mother? Announcing: A new Legion of Mary group at the House of Mercy 1st meeting: **Wednesday, September 13 at 3:45 P.M** at the House of Mercy. For directions or more information contact: Mrs. Pat Seoh, 703-853-6091. Click <a href="here">here</a> for the flyer.

Calling all high school students interested in theater. Join the **All Saints Epiphany Players Club!** Click <u>here</u> for the flyer.

Seton is so fortunate to be having Marie Miller perform for DOTK. If you want to get a taste for her performances, please <u>click on the image</u> to get information about her performance this coming Sunday, Sept 10 in Vienna.



Please join us to honor Michael Pennefather, Mr P's son who died at age 12 after battling multiple illnesses and disabilities. He colored the world around him with his infectious smile, optimism and joy for life. This year commemorates the 16th Anniversary of Michael's passing. Click on the flyer for more information.

PLEASE JOIN US! House of Mercy Food Truck Festival At House of Mercy, 8170 Flannery Ct in Manassas on Sat, Sept 30th 11AM - 3PM. Live music, food trucks, entertainment, beer garden, to help fundraise for the House of Mercy Food Pantry and programs! Fun for all ages! Tickets available at <a href="https://www.houseofmercyva.org">www.houseofmercyva.org</a>.