



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Live Calendar](#)



Every Monday and Thursday
Pizza - \$1.50/slice



Every Tuesday Morning
Colossal Donuts—\$1.50/donut

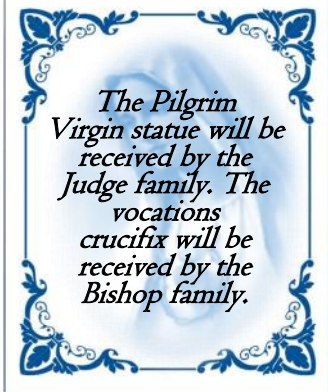


- Dec 2 Fall Play 2:30 & 7 PM
- Dec 3 St Nick's Carnival 12-2 & Fall Play 2:30
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception—NO SCHOOL
- Dec 9 Advent Retreat 7-9 PM
- Dec 13 Christmas Concert 7PM
- Dec 14 Dismissal at 1:20; Faculty Advent Retreat 1:30-3:30
- Dec 15 School Mass 2 PM
- Dec 16 VEX Tournament
- Dec 18 Religion Midterm 9:30-11:30 (Students must attend 8:30 Mass as usual but no classes that day, 11:30 pickup)
- Dec 19 Last Day of 2023
- Dec 20-Jan 2 Christmas Break
- Jan 3 First Day of 2024
- Jan 5 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 6 Admission Testing 9AM
- Jan -8-15 All Exams are 9:30-11AM
 - Jan 8 Period 1 Exam
 - Jan 9 Period 2 Exam
 - Jan 10 Period 3 Exam



I have a question about...Who do I call?
Click [here](#).

Jan 11 Period 4 Exam



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CARROLL

THIS WEEKEND: THE FALL PLAY “A CHRISTMAS CHAOS” AND THE ST. NICK’S CARNIVAL. SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ELSEWHERE IN THE SENTINEL. DON’T MISS THEM!

GRATITUDE I: Thank you and congratulations to Mrs. Pogue, Mrs. Cobos, the Student Government officers and representatives, Mr. Pogue, and everyone else who contributed to the highly successful and spirited Spirit Week and Christ the King Dance. I thought it was one of the most successful ever. Thank you also to Mrs. Duran for so beautifully setting the chapel for adoration and to everyone who stayed after the dance to help clean up



See more pics elsewhere in the Sentinel.

GRATITUDE II: For our Christ the King Mass and Eucharistic Procession, we are grateful to Father Mark Moretti for once again being our celebrant and for his inspiring homily, the many senior altar servers, Mr. Catabui and the choir, Miss Erwin and the band, our sacristans, the lectors, the sound crew, and everyone who attended.

In his homily, Father Moretti highlighted the story of St. Jose Sanchez del Rio, the 15-year-old martyr during the Cristero rebellion against the Marxist government of Mexico in the 1920’s. If you are not familiar with the story, I encourage you to look it up—or ask one of the seventh grade boys. They learned all about it in World Culture class.

INTELLECTUAL FORMATION: The final take-aways from The Battle for the American Mind.

Chapter 11, A Battlefield Assessment for Re-taking the American Mind
The enemy’s most likely course of action: “Maintain control of all the institutions they control, and wait for the ultra-woke students of today to become the teachers, administrators, and politicians of tomorrow.” The progressives believe they have won, so they are “hamstrung by the weight of their complacency.” “We need to retreat from government schools and other ‘woke’ private schools completely.” We are members of an insurgency, an “alternative educational system that is growing in strength every year because it is grounded in the Western Christian Paideia.” The insurgency began in the 1980’s, with books on Classical Christian Education published and independent schools started. [Note: the “Catholic insurgency” began in the early 1970’s.] The movement has been growing ever since. In 2002, 17,400 students were enrolled in CCE schools. In 2021-22, 60,000. [Note: these numbers do not include Catholic schools.] Good news—but compare this number to the 48,100,000 students in government schools.

Military insurgencies typically have three phrases. The author identifies these phases in the insurgency against the progressive stranglehold on education. PHASE 1: Where we are now. We will be attacked. We need to get out the facts about the evils of progressive education. We need to build new schools and provide online options. Push for school choice, where tax money follows the student [as is already available or being seriously proposed in several states]. PHASE 2: We send thousands of CC educated students into higher education and the work force. Attack teachers’ unions. Break up large school districts. Get the churches involved. Establish CCE colleges and universities. [Already out there. Check the Newman Guide.] PHASE 3: A victory most of us won’t live to see. Schools must be seriously Christian. Keep Christ the King at the center. [Is Seton ahead of the curve or what?]

MASSES 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 souls of
Elinore Gibbons, grandmother to Maggie(12th) and Tadhg (9th)
And
Bob Hambleton, grandfather to Gabriel (10th) and Catherine (9th)



SETON’S GUIDANCE CORNER



INTELLECTUAL FORMATION (con't):

Chapter 12, An Exhortation for Parents: Radical Reorientation

This chapter first sums up the action plan. Here is the last paragraph of the book.

“We’ve heard it before: get married, have lots of kids, and raise them in Christian homes. To that I add this: never let them set foot in progressive government schools. Break the cycle! Instead, form a movement—an insurgency—that contributes to something that will outlast your life. In an upside-down world, classical Christian education is the only comprehensive model that can restore our Western Christian Paideia, and give our kids and grandkids at least a fighting chance to save America and Christendom. Join the insurgency! And then spread the word.”

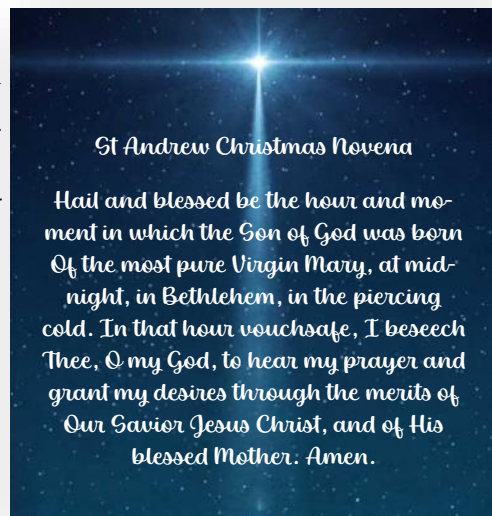
In my next column, I will offer a few comments on the book as a whole and on how Seton and Seton parents fit into the picture.

FAMILY SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

We will enter Advent on Sunday. I will send out a Jupiter Ed message on our spiritual preparation theme for Advent: Showing gratitude to Jesus for His gift of Himself to us by sharing that love through works of mercy. In the meantime, today is the feast of St. Andrew, the beginning day of the St. Andrew’s Novena—also known as the “Hail and Blessed” prayer—which is to be prayed 15 times each day through Christmas Eve. In this beautiful prayer, we lift up to God our Advent petitions and penances, offering them “through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother.” See full text [here](#).

RECOMMENDED READING: Many good ideas on a variety of subjects.

- ✦ <https://catholicexchange.com/choose-beauty-in-a-technocratic-age/>
- ✦ <https://www.churchpop.com/5-beautiful-prayer-habits-to-keep-your-faith-alive-throughout-the-day/>
- ✦ <https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/15-minutes-a-day-an-antidote-to-the-pre-christmas-frenzy/>
- ✦ <https://catholicvote.org/5-ideas-for-celebrating-advent-with-your-children/>
- ✦ <https://ifstudies.org/blog/for-your-next-family-movie-night-try-the-classics>
- ✦ <https://catholicvote.org/new-letter-vatican-germanys-bishops-womens-ordination/>



A Christmas Carol Chaos and St. Nicholas Festival! Please join us this weekend!!!

The Royal Shakespeare Company is coming to Seton December 2-3 to perform the timeless classic, “A Christmas Carol!” Or - maybe not! When everything goes wrong, the show must go on, with hilarious results! The intrepid students of Seton School are proud to present “A Christmas Chaos” by Michael Wehrli. This full length show will have you laughing out loud as you enjoy a new rendition of Dickens’ timeless classic, just in time to begin the advent season.

This year the fall play is tied in with the popular St. Nicholas Festival, where the gym becomes a winter wonderland and it snows inside every fifteen minutes!

The play is Saturday, Dec 2 at 2:30 & 7:00 and Sunday, Dec 3 at 2:30. The FREE St. Nicholas Festival on Sunday, Dec 3 at 12-2:00 PM. Click [HERE](#) if you would like to help out. Make sure you attend BOTH for maximum pre-Christmas fun!

All seats are only \$8 with a \$40 family maximum, and kids 10 and under are FREE! Tickets are on sale now at the front office or get them at the door a half an hour prior to showtime!

Check it out! The WDC theater awards have made their nominations and Seton students have several nominations including Best Play for Harvey, last years fall play! Please go and vote for our Seton students! Magdalen Saffian, Seton Class of 2023, was nominated for her role as Cinderella (Upper Room Theatre Ministry) and Matt Moore and The Seton Prayers were nominated for Best Play and Best Direction of a Play for Harvey. Click [HERE](#) to vote!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Chaos!

PRODUCED BY
RSC
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

A TIMELESS TALE OF REDEMPTION
COMES TO SETON SCHOOL!

DECEMBER 2, 2:30 & 7:00 · DECEMBER 3,
ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL 12:00, SHOW AT 2:30

ALL SEATS \$8 · \$40 FAMILY MAXIMUM
KIDS 10 & UNDER FREE!

SETON SCHOOL PRESENTS THE ANNUAL
St. Nicholas Festival

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food and festivities at our annual festival! Kids can get their pictures with St. Nicholas, hear classic Christmas stories, decorate cookies, make holiday crafts... and it snows inside every 15 minutes!

Celebrate the beginning of Advent with us!

The festival will take place on December 3, 2023, from 12:00-2:00 pm. Don't miss out on the fun!

Plus, join us at 2:30 PM for the hilarious “A Christmas Chaos,” Seton’s Fall Play. The show is \$8 per person with a \$40 family maximum and kids 10 and under are free!

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OUR SETON TEACHERS

We would like to continue the tradition of collecting monetary donations for our yearly Christmas gifts for our Seton faculty and staff! A suggested donation of \$25/ family is recommended but any monetary donation is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Cash or checks (payable to Seton School) should be dropped off at the front office. The last day to submit donations is Dec 7. Questions? sofia.rodriquez@outlook.com. Thank you for considering!

ADVENT REFLECTION presented by Christine Haapala, author and long time teacher and the foundress of the publishing company *Suffering Servant Scriptorium*. Our speaker will lead us in a meditation titled "Wood of the Manager Prepares us for the Wood of the Cross." This event will surely help us to grow spiritually stronger as we await the birth of our Lord on Christmas. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Click [HERE](#) to sign up. Please join us!



PRO HOURS!

Thank you to all parents who are serving and reporting your PRO hours. Some families have already met the minimum of 25 hours. Each hour you serve is valued at \$15/hour. Any requested items you donate such as food, water, etc. count towards PRO hours at the rate of every \$15 spent is one hour served. Please report on your Track it Forward account to get credit for it. Seton would rather have your service than an end of year buyout. (Total buyout is \$375.00)
For ideas on serving contact provolunteers@setonschool.net
For help reporting contact prohours@setonschool.net

PRO Opportunity for volunteers & donations for the St. Nicholas festival on Sunday, December 3rd. \$15 in donations = 1 PRO Hour. For more information and to sign up click: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945AEAE2CA3FC1-46323353-stnicholas



ATTENTION PARENTS: January is re-registration month. There will be a \$150 charge per student for those returning to Seton School August 2024. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT RETURNING, PLEASE CONTACT Mrs. Cooper by Jupiter Ed or email.



Congratulations!

To the following student-athletes on their VISAA D2 All-State Recognition!!!

- ◇ Tennis - Lucy Pennefather, 1st Team
- ◇ Cross Country - Michael Brand and Rose Waldron, 1st Team
- ◇ Soccer -Michael Vander Woude and Philip Vander Woude, 1st Team
- ◇ Luke Vander Woude, 2nd Team

MILITARY OPEN HOUSE THANK YOU! Many thanks to Ron Bishop for serving our community these last 9 years as our Seton School Military Day coordinator. The time and effort you have invested in making Military Day a big success is much appreciated and has made a difference in the lives of our students. We are grateful for you, your military service and your generous volunteer service to our school. Thank you for making a difference. Click [here](#) for pictures of the event.



CHECK OUT OUR FIRST INQUISITOR OF THE YEAR!

Come tryout for Seton's Spring Musical! Sign-up on the bulletin board outside of Faustina. Click [here](#) for all the information, to include audition form, what is required, song suggestions, etc.



SETON SPRING MUSICAL 2024

Information Meeting:

****NEW DATE****
Tuesday, November 21st at 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Parents & Students welcome
in Faustina

Auditions (1 hour slot) on either:

Wednesday, December 6th 3:30 – 7:30 PM
Thursday, December 7th 3:00 – 7:00 PM
Friday, December 8th 1:00 -3:00 PM

Callbacks:

Monday, December 11th 3:30 – 9:00 PM

Tech Week *required attendance:*
Easter Vacation week: April 1 – 4, 2024

Performances *required attendance:*
April 5, 6, 12, & 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM
April 7 at 3:00 PM

The **2023-234 Seton Spirit Ad Campaign** will begin on Monday, January 1! If you would like to take advantage of the holidays and end-of-year business donations, you may start selling ads now. The Spirit Ad Campaign is Seton's annual fundraiser and produces the playbook for our spring musical - White Christmas. All families are required to participate in the fundraiser and raise at least \$400. More information about the Ad Campaign is located on our website. Click [here](#).

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pray for us!

CHRIST THE KING CELEBRATION!

Many thanks to Father Moretti, Mr. Catabui and the Seton choir, the senior lectors, Miss Erwin and the musicians, altar servers, and the sacristans for our beautiful liturgy and procession in honor of Christ the King. The Spirit Assembly and the Christ the King dance Saturday night were also highlights. Thank you, Mrs. Pogue, Mrs. Cobos, Mrs. Salas, Student Government officers and helpers, Mrs. Duran, Mr. Pogue, the chaperones, and everyone that helped make this wonderful celebration all that it was.



HAMLET NIGHT!



Congratulations to Miss Pennfather and Mr. McMahon and the Class of 2024 for carrying on the Hamlet night tradition. Well Done!