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A Weekly Newsletter for Seton Parents & Students

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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

- Colossal Donuts—\$1.50/donut
- 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

January is re-registration month. There will be a \$150 charge per student for those returning to Seton School August 2024. Contact Mrs. Copper with questions or if your child will not be returning.

- First Day of 2024 Jan 3
- 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
Jan 11	Period 4 Exam
Jan 12	Period 7 Exam
Jan 15	Period 8 Exam

Jan 19 March for Life—NO SCHOOL



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CARROLL

CONGRATULATIONS! What a beautiful Christmas Concert! The Jazz Band (with vocalists), Concert Band, Filigree Choir, Mass Choir, and Chorus presented a

performance that was magnificent from start to finish. Thank you, Miss Erwin and Mr. Catabui, for all you have done to provide Seton with a blue-ribbon music program.

INTELLECTUAL FOR-

MATION: The Battle for BATTLE the American Mind.



I hope this book has provided food for thought. Our Seton families and staff are part of the "insurgency" against the progressive dominance of public education. There are three principles we must uphold no matter what. The first is to do everything for the honor and glory of God. Viva Cristo Rey must remain our battle cry. The second is to uphold a standard of excellence, never lowering our academic standards, challenging all our students to become the best that they can be, never telling them that they cannot do "hard things." The third is to be counter-cultural, never buying into any aspect of secular culture in the slightest. Going against the flow will often be difficult, but as G. K. Chesterton says, "Live dogs swim upstream." Seton is very much alive, and we need to stay that way as we move into our second half century.



FAMILY SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE GOLDEN ANNI-VERSARY: Works of mercy. Thank you, families, for all the works of mercy you have performed so far. Here is a link to an article with an interesting suggestion for an Advent work of mercy. Are any of our families up

for this project?

RECOMMENDED READING:

- ¢ https://ourcatholicradio.org/blog/9-fascinating-facts-you-probably-dont-know-aboutguadalupe-image
- https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/our-lady-of-guadalupe-82

Mrs. Carroll's Advent Challenge Re-

and here to enter your works of mercy. The

https://catholicgentleman.com/2023/11/fathers-bless-your-wives-children/



latest Works of Mercy include: Putting on an Advent retreat...Donating to the House of Mercy...Volunteering at the House of Mercy...Helping with the Giving Tree at All Saints.

From the SETON FACULTY AND STAFF

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.

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

MASSES AND



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Maureen Kerin, grandmother to Gus, Daniel, and Sofia Kohlhaas and many Seton Alumni who is under hospice care And the repose of the soul of James Koehr, Coach Koehr's father and grandfather to the 12 Koehr Seton alumni/current student

Thank You!

Fr. Daniel for the beautiful teachers Advent Retreat.

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Report Absence/Tardy 703-368-6604 (Please call by 9:30 am)



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CEPEBRATING 50 YEARS • A TOUR THROUGH SETON'S HISTORY

From the 1995-96 school year through the 1999-

2000 school year (Two serious omissions from earlier articles). We are grateful for:

• The ordination of Seton's first alumni priest, Father Thomas Vander Woude

would LOVE to have you! All grades welcome.

('84). Father Vander Woude is now pastor of Holy Trinity Parish.

 The 1995-2000 list should have included the production of the Seton Choir C.D., directed by Mrs. Margaret Gregory, our long-time choir director. C.D.'s are so 20th century, but if you still have a working C.D. and would like to hear this beautiful music, ask for a copy at the office. (No charge, but a donation would be welcome.)

SETON IMPROV! Semper Ridiculum, the Seton Improv Team, will have its first rehearsal of the year on the night of Monday, December 18 at 6:00 in Faustina. For over 14 years, Semper has been bringing LAUGHS to the Seton audience and beyond, with 45 full length shows. We rehearse twice per month and will NEVER conflict with the Spring Musical or most sports events. We will have two full shows this year and look forward to laughing with you! If you'd like to audition for the team: Show up! Bring water and dress comfortably. We



SETON'S CLOSING AND DELAY POLICY If the weather causes Seton School to either close for the day or have a delayed opening, then

an announcement will be made by 5:30 AM that morning through Jupiter Ed message (Seton NO LONGER follows PWCS). The announcement will also be on the Seton website. For any delayed opening Seton classes begin at 9:30 a.m. If Seton School is in session and weather gets inclement, Seton School will never close early. Parents are welcome to come pick up their child OR call the school to say their child may drive home. Since students are coming to and from many different areas, parents should use their best judgement when determining if it is safe to drive to and from their location.



Seton's Spring Musical! Thank you to all who came out to try out for this years Spring Musical. The Cast List will be posted by Friday, December 22, 2023. Cick here for all the Spring Musical information!

The 2023-234 Seton Spirit Ad Campaign begins 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.

Calling all artists! The 2024 Cover Art Contest has begun! Please see Mrs. Tsukalas in Bosco during lunch periods or after school for entry forms. Gift cards to Michael's will be awarded to the top four entries. Due date is Jan. 30.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SETON COMMUNITY

Diapers and wipes from a company that Celebrates LIFE. EveryLife: Stands with Integrity, Rooted in Faith and Champions Parenthood. Click here for the flyer and for a 10% discount (Ali Salas, class of 2013).

Former Seton family is looking for an attendant for a special needs child. Responsibilities include taking the individual off the school bus in the afternoon, dinner feedings and bathing on weekdays. If interested and/or to get more information, please call Rechael Nagle at 703-501-5984 or email naglefam@hotmail.com.

The Manassas Ballet Theatre presents Nutcracker December 14-23. Come see fellow Seton sophomore, Claire O'Connor, perform! All staff and students of Seton may attend Nutcracker with a 20% savings (click on the Ad) AND see their fellow student, Claire O'Connor in the performance!



We are excited to inform you that All Saints has been chosen as a host church for Night to Shine 2024 on Friday, Feb 9, 2023 (time dependent on role)! We are thrilled to be able to host this amazing event again, and have already begun planning. We have had so many Seton TIM TEROW volunteers in the past and hope you will consider volunteering again this year. With your help, we hope to make this an

unforgettable night for the attendees and the volunteers! Click here for a link to the volunteer registration form. All volunteers must be 14 or older. For all volunteers under 18, your parent must be the one to fill out the parent signature portion of the volunteer registration form. Our red carpet volunteers Please come to cheer our guests on the red carpet. Come anytime from 5:45–7PM. You don't have to come the whole time. Click here to view a highlight video from last year.

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 prayer and grant my desires, (mention your intentions here) through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



ATTENTION: SENIORS: BABY PICTURES Please

send in your baby pictures to Mrs. Pogue by Jupiter Ed message (jpg format ONLY). Due date is Jan 19!

STUDENTS: Please empty any food from your lockers before the end of the week, so it does not sit over break. ALSO, please claim your stuff from the lost and found.



