



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Live Calendar](#)



Every Monday and Thursday
Pizza -\$1.50/slice

Every Tuesday Morning
Colossal Donuts—\$1.50/donut

Feb 2 Mass & blessing of candles is at 11:30 with Fr. Bob Cilinski

Feb 6/7/9/13 Foreign Language Week

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday

Feb 17 Lenten Holy Hour 7PM

Feb 18 1st Sunday of Lent

Feb 19 Presidents Day—NO SCHOOL

Mar 2 Latin Certamen 2:45

Mar 8 Lenten Stations and Soup Supper 6:30

Mar 13 3rd Quarter Ends; Early Dismissal at 1:20 due to Faculty Retreat

Mar 14 Boys Retreat

Mar 15 Girls Retreat

Mar 19 Solemnity of St Joseph

Mar 20 Talent Show Assembly 2PM

Mar 24 Palm Sunday

Mar 28-Apr 5 Easter Vacation

Apr 1-4 Tech Week

Apr 5 Spring Musical 7PM

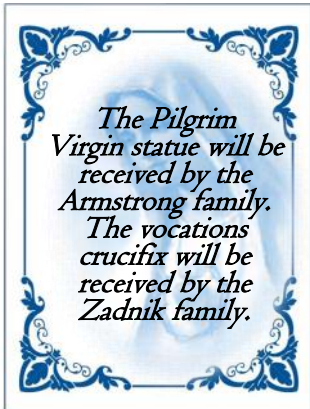
Apr 6 Spring Musical 7PM

Apr 7 Spring Musical 3 PM

Apr 8 Frist Day Back after Easter



I have a question about...Click [here](#).



The Pilgrim Virgin statue will be received by the Armstrong family. The vocations crucifix will be received by the Zadnik family.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CARROLL

50 GRATITUDE I: For the Year of Prayer proclaimed by Pope Francis in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. We should be inspired to deepen our individual prayer life as well as that of our families and our school. For an overview, here is an article from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2024/spiritual-oasis-year-prayer-needed-rest-stop-journey-jubilee>. It's important that we not look upon this opportunity as a requirement to say more prayers. Rather we should begin by making whatever prayers we say more intentional. Think about the words we are saying. Think about the intentions we are praying for.

GRATITUDE II: to the National Honor Society and their faculty adviser Mrs. Lucas for raising over \$2,100 to donate to the Medical Missionaries to benefit mothers and infants.

GRATITUDE III: For the PRO Board and President Maria Hartung for all that they do to support the teachers, students, and Seton's mission.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION: Tomorrow, February 2, 40 days after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation. According to the Mosaic Law, parents would bring their firstborn sons to the Temple 40 after birth to present him to God. This offering commemorated the saving of the firstborn Jewish sons during the 10 Plague in Egypt. Now the perfect firstborn Son is offered to the Father, ever after eliminating the need to offer first born sons.

The Eastern Churches call this event Meeting—the meeting between the representative of the Old Covenant (Simeon) and the New Covenant (Jesus Christ). We thus see the Old Law ending and the New Law beginning. Simeon and Anna, the aged man and woman, represent the hopes of Judaism now rewarded by seeing the Messiah. Simeon and Anna had waited a long time. What if they had given up on God and left before Jesus came? They would never have seen Him. We must never lose patience with God, but trust that His plan will be fulfilled at the best time. In Simeon's canticle, the Nunc Dimittis ("Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace"), Simeon praises the child as a light to the Gentiles and the glory of the people of Israel; showing the universality of the mission of the Messiah. We also have Simeon's prophecy of the opposition that the Messiah will face as a "sign of contradiction," and the prophecy of the sword that will pierce Mary's heart, the first of her 7 sorrows. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, redemption "comes at a price: the anguish of the Cross. The prophecy of light and that of the Cross belong together." Like Simeon, we will meet Jesus today, through Mass, through prayer, and through everyone we encounter. May our meeting with Him be particularly intimate and sanctifying.



AD CAMPAIGN: Not much time left to meet your family goal. We depend on the ad campaign to keep our tuition low, and we're grateful to all of you who are doing your part.

KUDOS TO THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT for the 2024 Science Fair. Congratulations to Department Chairman Dr. Carpenter, our teachers Mr. Chalkley and Mrs. Salas. Thanks to all those who helped, especially the volunteer judges, those that provided food, and those that coordinated all the efforts. Lynn O'Neil and James Bartolozzi with RE/Max Realty very generously supported both the Senior and junior high Science Fairs, by providing breakfast foods for the judges. I'm proud of the students who put so much effort into their projects. Way to go!

RECOMMENDED READING. READ THE FIRST ARTICLE (by Seton Mom Jennifer Gregory Miller) BEFORE TOMORROW.

- ✦ <https://www.catholicculture.org/commentary/presentation-lord-light-for-nations/>
- ✦ <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/what-is-septuagesima>

MASSES AND

ROSARIES

Monday Mass

All Saints 8:30 AM

Rosary

Tues-Fri 8:00 AM

in the Chapel



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Mrs.

Allen



Thank You!

Mrs. Gray for providing the priest's lunch and dinner for Mrs Carroll and Mr. Westhoff, and Fr. Daniel for saying Friday's Mass.

SETON'S GUIDANCE CORNER

Please join us for a **LENTEN HOLY HOUR** for parents in the Seton Chapel Saturday 2/17/24 beginning at 7pm. Deacon James Van de Voorde, a former Seton parent, will lead us with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Rosary and words to help us have a fruitful Lenten season.

Date: 02/17/2024 (Sat.)

Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM EST

Location: Seton Chapel



CANDLEMAS, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian holiday commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40. Blessed Candles are available for a \$3 donation (two candles per box).



We are in the **FINAL full week of the Spirit Ad Campaign** which means your ads are due by **February 5th** for the spring musical **Irving Berlin's White Christmas** **playbook.**

Still need ideas for places to go and sell ads? Contact Deirdre Pennefather at ideas4ads@setonschool.net or 703-361-4741.

Reminder, the final deadline for ALL ads is Monday, Feb. 5, and all Seton families are required to participate and raise \$400. If you will not be selling ads or soliciting donations then please submit \$400 to Seton School as soon as possible. Visit Seton's website at setonschool.net/support/ad-campaign/ for additional information on and scroll down the page. Online ad contract form with credit card payment: <https://SetonAdCampaign.givesmart.com>.

Questions? Email adcampaign@setonschool.net. Thank you and God bless!

2024 Cover Art Contest deadline extended until Thursday Feb, 8th! See Mrs. Tsukalas in Bosco.



Foreign Language Week

- Tues, Feb 6: Latin
- Wed, Feb 7: German
- Friday, Feb 9: Spanish
- Tues, Feb 13: French



Come and taste delicious international food! Sponsored by our foreign language students and teachers!

AP Late-Registration Deadline in March

If you did not yet register for May 2024 AP exams and are interested in taking any, please contact Mrs. Reyes (smreyes595@gmail.com) for information.



NHS is selling carnations! Come buy them in the gym during your lunch period They will be sold from Mon, Feb 5-9 for \$1.



ANOTHER AMAZING SCIENCE FAIR THIS TIME WITH THE JH STUDENTS! Thanks again to Science Department, Dr. Beth Carpenter, Mr. Charlie Chalkley and Mrs. Alicia Salas and all our dedicated volunteers that helped judge, feed, and coordinate such a great event especially to Lynn O'Neil and James Bartolozzi with RE/Max Realty very generously supported both the Senior and junior high Science Fairs, by providing breakfast foods for the judges. And, of course, to all the students who put so much effort into their projects. Congratulations to Clare Judge, our JH Grand Prize Winner!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SETON COMMUNITY

Can your family welcome a French Catholic student into your home for four weeks this spring? Dates are 3/23-4/20. Students are 14 or 15 years old, but you don't have to have a student their exact age at home and you do not need to be studying French. You can greatly impact a young person's life and open your family to a very enriching experience. Bios are available upon request. Please contact Jill Pogue, jpogue@setonschool.net or through Jupiter Ed for more information.

Finding Jesus at San Damiano—Retreats During Lent. At the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center, in the weeks ahead, in the true spirit of Lent, we will be offering a number of opportunities to retreat. The weekend of Feb 9-11, I will be offering a Men's Silent Retreat... and Feb 23-25 Fr. Noah Morey will be offering a Silent Retreat for Women. On March 8-10, Father Stephen Vaccaro and Fr. Ed Guilloux will be offering a Retreat for Couples, and March 15-17 there will be a Silent Retreat for Men & Women which ponders the Passion Narratives in the Gospels. *Finally, a special retreat during the Holy Triduum, from Holy Thursday through Resurrection Sunday, March 28-31, during which we shall follow Jesus hour to hour from His Passion and Death to His Resurrection on Sunday Morning.* Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Manassas Ballet would like to offer students and staff of Seton School 20% off of our upcoming performance of **Carmina Burana** and More! Your own Claire O'Connor will be performing in the show! We have 3 performances to choose from. [HERE](#) is a link with more information. [HERE](#) is the flyer with the code to save 20%.

RED CARPET VOLUNTEERS! Night to Shine 2024 on Friday, Feb 9 from 5:45-7PM Although it's too late to volunteer for a specific role, we would love for you to join us in cheering our guests on the RED CARPET. Come anytime between 5:45 and 7PM. Our guests love it and ALL ARE WELCOME, no need to sign up.