



Sentinel



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A Weekly Newsletter for Seton Parents & Students



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Live Calendar](#)

Every Monday and Thursday

Pizza -\$1.50/slice

Every Tuesday Morning

Donuts—\$1.50/donut



Sept 18 Dominic Hartung's Funeral 10:30 AM at All Saints —NO SCHOOL

Sept 22 Seton School Picture Day (click [HERE](#) for the dress code)

Sept 23 Hot Dog Sales during lunch

Sept 26 Admissions Testing 9-noon
JHS Scavenger Hunt 4-6PM

Sept 27 Interims

Oct 2 Consecration to the Sacred Heart in Classrooms

Oct 4 Open House 2-4

Oct 6-9 Penny Wars

Oct 7 PSAT 9-11th Graders 8-10AM;
Senior Retreat 9-noon; No school for 7th & 8th Graders

Oct 10 Fall Play 2:30 & 7:30PM

Oct 11 Fall Play 2:30

Oct 12 Columbus Day; Teacher In-Service Day; NO SCHOOL

Oct 14 Oktoberfest during both Lunches

Oct 21 Picture Re-takes 8:20-10 AM



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

Seton Spirit Wear . Click [HERE](#)!



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU for the outpouring of love and support for the Hartung family. It was especially edifying to see so many people in the chapel at all night adoration. You are also responding generously to the signup genius for the reception on Friday afternoon. And I know that prayers and sacrifices are continually ascending to Heaven. I have heard people say more than once, "There is no community like Seton." Amen.

VIRTUE OF THE YEAR, PATIENCE, weekly excerpt from Divine Intimacy
In the presence of these [obstacles and difficulties], fortitude has a double function: to face them and to bear them. Many difficulties are surmounted and overcome by an act of courage; others, on the contrary, cannot be mastered. We must learn to bear with them, and this is the role of patience—an arduous task, because it is easier to face obstacles directly, than to support the inevitable oppositions and sufferings of life, which, in time, tend to discourage and sadden us.

Sometimes sufferings must be borne for a long time. Patience can help us turn to Jesus Christ, who will bear them with us.



**The Seton Community mourns the passing of
Dominic Hartung.**

Please pray for
the Repose of the soul of Dominic Hartung (Class of 2020)
Son of Maria Buser Hartung ('85)
Brother of Chris and Theresa ('16)

Ruth ('18)
Virginia ('21)
Patrick ('23)
Peter ('25)
Monica ('26)

Current students: Mary Margaret ('28),
John Paul ('29),
Mark ('31)

Thursday September 17, visitation from 6 to 9 pm at Pierce Funeral Home.
Friday September 18, Funeral Mass at 10:30 am at All Saints.
Burial at 12:30 pm at Brightview Cemetery in Warrenton, VA.
Reception at Seton Gym at 2:00 pm

Eternal Rest grant unto him, Oh Lord,
and may he rest in peace.

Please continue to pray for the Hartung family because the pain doesn't end when the funeral and burial end. Sometimes it increases. Click [here](#) if you want to help with the reception being held after the funeral on Friday at the Seton Gym at 2 PM.

PRESENTATION ON AI: Artificial Intelligence: Should we be concerned about ethics? The presenter is Father Tad Pacholczyk, Senior Ethicist with the National Catholic Bioethics Center. I have heard Father Tad speak before, and I know his talk will be thorough, logical, and fully in accord with Catholic values. The talk is at 10:00, following Mass at 9:00. For more information, go to straymonds.org. "Important Announcements" immediately pops up. Click on the first item, "Fr. Tad Talk 9/19."

RECOMMENDED READING AND VIEWING

Any book by Bishop Sheen, any video of his "Life Is Worth Living" television program.

MASSSES AND

ROSARIES

Monday Mass

All Saints 8:30 AM

Rosary

Tues-Fri 8:00 AM
in the Chapel



PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please pray for
Sharon Hickson,
Seton alumni mom,
former teacher, and
current professor at
Christendom College,
diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer
And for the repose
of the souls of
Larry Uribe,
Seton Alumni Dad
And
Ann Benkoski, long-term
sacristan at
All Saints.*

Thank You!

*Mrs. Pauli and Mrs.
Irwin for the delicious
staff lunch on
Monday, Mrs. Ariasu
for providing the
priest's lunch and
dinner for Mrs. Carroll
and Mr. Westhoff
and Fr. Vander
Woude for saying
our School Mass.*





SETON IT AND A/V REQUESTS

In an effort to increase efficiency, awareness, and communications, Seton School is adopting a new IT and A/V help request portal at <https://help.setonschool.net>. If anyone is experiencing an IT or A/V issue or has a request at the school (including faculty, staff, students needing password resets, or parents who want domain accounts for their children), this will hopefully provide a simple and single path to solution. Requests for A/V assistance should be entered at least a week in advance.

A user guide is also available at <https://setonschool.net/tech/>. Suggestions on improving the system are always welcome and can be submitted through the feedback form by clicking on the question mark icon in the upper right corner. For other feedback, please e-mail TechAdmin@setonschool.net.

Thank you and we look forward to helping meet all your Seton School IT and A/V support needs! Joe Benin and the Seton Tech Team

2026 Seton Fall Play "The Curious Savage"

by John Patrick



FALL PLAY TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

Come support our talented Seton students as they perform their annual fall play, Curious Savage by John Patrick and featuring the Folies Pre-show. Show dates Oct 10-11.

Make it a special evening by joining us for dinner before the Saturday evening show. Dinner tickets are limited and are priority seating, so be sure to reserve yours soon!

Buy Your Tickets Now, [CLICK HERE!](#)

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL!



COME HELP MO KEEP SETON'S GARDENS BEAUTIFUL!



There will be two gardening Saturdays: Sept 26 and Oct 3 from 9:30—noon. Whatever time you can give. Great opportunity to earn PRO hours! Please bring gloves. May God bless you!

PICTURE DAY IS SEPT 22ND!

We will be using Jostens again this year for our pictures. Click on [the flyer](#) for all the info. Ordering will be done online again. Please click [here](#) for the dress code.

Please don't wear green!



On Wednesday, Sept 23 at 10 AM, Seton will test our Emergency phone notification system by calling and leaving a message with all the phone numbers we have on file. If you do not receive the phone call and/or would like additional numbers to be added or taken off, please contact the front office or email tmcintyre@setonschool.net. Our emergency system will only be used for important timely information. Please call the front office if you have any questions.



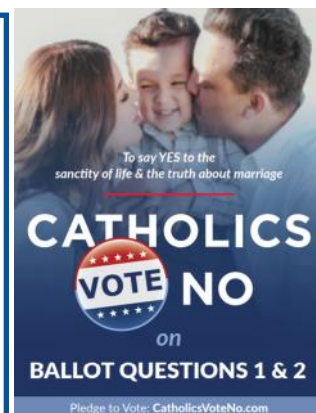
Attention 9th, 10th, and

11th graders:

Is your device ready for the PSAT?

Click [HERE](#). Personal Chromebooks will not work! Contact Mrs. Reyes at smreyes595@gmail.com

PSAT exam monitors still needed on October 7 is a great way to earn PRO points! If you are interested, contact Stephanie Reyes at smreyes595@gmail.com. 7th & 8th graders do not come to school on PSAT day



SETON SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

A GREAT DAY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

"COLONEL P" MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Presented by
Air Treatment Heating & Cooling

Featuring **Red Hot**

Come home to comfort

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Proceeds Build Active, Happy, Healthy, Wholesome Seton Students Through Athletics

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
setongolf.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SETON COMMUNITY



Daily Bread Bakery

DAILY BREAD BAKERY—Seton Alumn Jordan Karcher (Class of 2020) has opened a home bakery that bakes and sells bread baked with fresh milled flour (organic, glyphosate free wheat berries). Click [here](#) to find out the benefits of fresh milled flour. Click [here](#) to order and access the website. Preorders will be open Sunday-Wednesday and then pickup on Saturday of every week.

Seton Guidance Corner

September 17, 2026

Junior Class – Save the Date!

The annual mandatory College and Career Night for juniors and at least one parent will take place on Wednesday evening, November 18, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Building. Guest speakers will be presenting on the college application process, the military, and the trades.

College Essay Topics for Seniors to Consider

The college essay is a pivotal component of the college application process, offering students a chance to showcase their personality, experiences and perspective. While there is no one-size-fits-all topic, certain themes often stand out as compelling and insightful.

- **Personal Growth:** Admissions officers appreciate when students can articulate how they've evolved over time. This might involve overcoming an obstacle or learning to manage a difficult situation.
- **Community Impact:** Stories about making a meaningful impact in one's community or family can be powerful. These essays can demonstrate leadership and a commitment to others, all qualities valued by colleges.
- **Intellectual Curiosity:** Essays expressing a genuine love of learning can be very engaging. Topics could include a passion for a specific subject or an exploration of a unique interest or hobby.
- **Diversity of Experience:** Essays that share unique cultural, geographical or experiential perspectives can help a student stand out.
- **Creativity and Problem-Solving:** Essays that showcase creativity or innovation to solving problems can be particularly compelling. This might involve an inventive project, an entrepreneurial venture, or an unusual solution to a common issue.

Ultimately, the topic should offer a window into who the student is and what they will bring to the college community. (Adapted from <https://acceptu.com/blog/college-essay-topics-that-work?>)

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Seniors, Do You Need a Letter of Recommendation?

Whether you need a letter of recommendation for college, a military academy, a trade school, or scholarships, click [here](#) for helpful information on requesting an LOR.

New Undergraduate Degree in Robotics and Autonomous Systems Engineering at VCU

The state's first Undergraduate Degree in Robotics and Autonomous Systems Engineering is now being offered at Virginia Commonwealth University's College of Engineering. Advances in artificial intelligence and automation are driving demand for engineers who can design, integrate and deploy robotic and autonomous systems across industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, defense and transportation. The four-year Bachelor of Science degree requires 121 credit hours and includes a two-semester senior capstone where students design and build working robotic or autonomous systems. For more information, visit <https://news.vcu.edu/article/vcu-to-offer-new-undergraduate-degree-in-robotics-and-autonomous-systems-engineering>.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Fri., Sept. 25 - College Visit at Seton during both lunch periods – Ave Maria University

Sat., Sept. 26 - Open House - Christendom College (<https://www.christendom.edu/admissions/open-house/>)

Thurs., Oct. 8 - Newman Guide Virtual College Fair (<https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/fair/>)

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

CLT Test Date – October 17 (Remote)

Registration Deadline – October 8

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for CLT's free practice test.

SAT Test Date – October 3

Registration Deadline – September 18

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free SAT practice test.

ACT Test Date – December 12

Registration Deadline – November 6

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free ACT test prep.

Scholarship Opportunities

Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway

Amount: \$20,000

Deadline: September 30, 2026

<https://www.drpepper.com/tuition/>

Owl Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: September 30, 2026

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19879/owl-scholarship>

Stantec Future Leaders Scholarship

Amount: Ranges between \$1,500 and \$10,000

Deadline: October 2, 2026

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/26256/stantec-future-leaders-scholarship?>

Craig Huffman Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: October 10, 2026

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/35727/craig-huffman-memorial-scholarship?>

**Please note, opportunities in the Guidance Corner are not endorsements of the programs. They are shared as options for students and parents to carefully consider.*