

Seton Catholic Central

April 2014

Newsletter

MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic learning environment at Seton Catholic Central is inspired by our ever-present teacher, Jesus Christ. Our students are encouraged to develop a love of learning which will serve them throughout their lives. Our mission is to meet each student's needs -- spiritual, academic, physical, social, and emotional -- through a fiscally responsible program that recognizes the importance of stewardship in all its forms.

From the Principal's Desk

Richard A. Bucci

Grade 7 & 8 Testing / April 1-3 - Please be advised that we will be conducting 7th and 8th grade state testing this Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (April 1, 2, & 3) (starting today). We will begin testing right after homeroom/announcements. Our general testing should be completed by 10:30 a.m.

Third Academic Quarter Ends / April 4 – The Third Academic Quarter ends on Friday, April 4. MSP will be closed to parents beginning at noon today.

Penance Service / April 8 –In preparation for Easter, Seton will be holding a Penance Service on Tuesday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m. Twelve priests from throughout the region will be hearing confessions.

Post Prom Party Meeting / April 9 - There will be a Post Prom Party meeting, Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Junior and Senior class parents are asked to attend.

Easter Break / April 14-21 – The Catholic Schools of Broome County will be closed Monday, April 14 through Monday, April 21 in celebration of Easter. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 22.

Grades 7 & 8 Bottle Drive / April 26 - The 7th and 8th grade will be having a can and bottle drive at St. John lower parking lot on Saturday, April 26th.

Post Prom Fundraiser / May 3 - The next bottle drive is the Post Prom Party fundraiser at AutoZone, 214 Main St., Binghamton, Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents AND Seniors are needed to help to ensure the success of this very important event.

Lands' End Active – Seton's Uniform Program with Lands' End has been activated. Remember Scrip may be used to purchase Land's End uniforms. The customized website for Seton Catholic Central is live and may be accessed here: <http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900161241>

Mock Trial Team Broome County Champions – Congratulations to Seton’s Mock Trial Team on winning the Broome County Championship by defeating Vestal on Thursday, March 27. The trial was held in Federal Court in front of Judge Ferris Lebus. Seton’s team, which boasts a 5-0 record, advances to the Regional Finals that will be held in Broome County on April 26. Students on the team are Andrew Klawiter, Alexandria Cable, Jessica Rundell, John VanAtta, Emily Brown, Tate Ackerman, Liam Fontaine, Jessika Bache, Patrick Sheridan, Alberto Perra, Alex Plesnar and Aya Kenyi.

NYSPPHSAA Recognition – Congratulations to the Boys’ and Girls’ Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball Teams for being recognized for academic excellence while participating in interscholastic athletics by the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association (NYSPPHSAA).

Sisters of Life – On March 21 three Sisters of Life visited Seton and spoke with students in grades 9-12. They had a very powerful message of self-respect, love of the poor and a commitment to the sanctity of all human life, most especially the unborn. The Sisters began their presentation by explaining how they left successful professional careers to answer their vocations. Sister Maris Stella is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and was in the Navy. Sister Therese was a graduate of the U.S. Maritime Academy and was serving in the Coast Guard. Sister Hope earned her Ph.D. in astrophysics at Harvard. The Order was started by Cardinal John O’Connor with eight sisters in 1991. Today there are over 80. Their Mother General is Mother Mary Agnes Donovan a native of Brackney, PA and a graduate of Seton High School in Endicott.

Relay For Life – Seton Catholic Central is hosting its Second Annual Relay for Life on May 16 -17. This all- night event raises funds for the American Cancer Society. Last year’s inaugural event raised over \$18,000 impressing regional and state Cancer Society personnel.

Mom’s House – is a non-profit childcare center providing free services for single parents who are enrolled in school full-time. During Lent, Seton will be collecting the following items for Mom’s House: business- size envelopes, paper towels, paper bowls, paper plates, large crayons and Dawn dish detergent.

Art Update -- This month in Mr.Gilligan’s high school Sculpture class, students are busy making clay face mugs. The students have been given the choice to make either a human or an animal face on the side of their mugs. All of the students have been enjoying the long process and their hard work is leading to fantastic results.



Mr. Gilligan’s 7th grade class has had a busy month. The students have been working hard on three separate projects. Students learned how to draw a bedroom or city street using the 1 point drawing method, how to add 3D depth using color pencils, and finally how to use X-Acto knives to create positive and negative space.



Guys & Dolls – Congratulations to all the students who performed in Guys and Dolls. It was an exceptional performance that impressed audiences throughout the weekend. Thanks to Jan and Shannon De Angelo for all the work in coordinating and choreographing the production.

All Division Honors – Congratulations to the following students who were named All Division Basketball Players: Boys - Cody O'Neil, David George and Michael Korchak; Girls- Lexus Levy and Lauren Miller.

Mathlete Success - There are nine schools participating in the local Mathletes competitions from October through February every year. During the 2013-2014 season, Seton Catholic Central came in 2nd place, just points behind Vestal. In addition, out of the top twenty students who qualify for the State Competition in April, six of them are Seton students, more than any other school. The six students are: John VanAtta, Mike Powell, Gunnar Glover, Vema Pan, Liam Fontaine and Sam Breese. On top of all this, the very top Mathlete comes from Seton; John VanAtta scored twenty-one out of twenty-five possible points.

Students from BT BOCES New Visions Health Academy Win Second Place in Syracuse Healthcare Olympiad - Students from Binghamton High School, Johnson City High School, and Seton Catholic Central formed a team as classmates in the New Visions Health Academy to compete in the Healthcare Olympiad in Syracuse on March 15, 2014. Students in the New Visions program were invited to take on this extra challenge as an extension of their studies and internship experiences. CC Draper (BHS), Andre Gudzyuk (JCHS), and Jaime Fidler-Young (SCC) collaborated on a healthcare problem they identified as gaining momentum: social networking addiction in teens. The team completed a cost-benefit analysis of their proposed solution to the problem as well as creating a visual board and formal oral presentation as part of the competition. Sixteen teams competed from around the state. After Draper, Gudzyuk, and Fidler-Young were advanced to the finals along with four teams, they presented to a full panel of judges. The team placed second overall and won a \$750 scholarship that will be presented at the New Visions graduation.

Girl Scout Gold Award – Congratulations to Mallory Fox who is the recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award. This Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn, spending a minimum of 80 hours working on a sustainable project that will impact the community for years to come.

Help recognize our teachers! - The new Excellence in Teaching award honors, recognizes and rewards the exemplary work of teachers in the Catholic Schools of Broome County who demonstrate outstanding leadership and an unwavering commitment to educational excellence. The Excellence in Teaching award was created by an initial gift from the Mirabito Foundation. The Foundation established a matching grant fund with a commitment to match every donation up to \$25,000. The intent is to create an initial endowment of \$50,000. We are soliciting matching funds from alumni, parents, and businesses. The funds will be collected by Development Office of the Catholic Schools of Broome County and managed by the Catholic Education Foundation of the Southern Tier.

The award will be a minimum \$1,000 honorarium that the recipient(s) will receive at the conclusion of each school year in June.

Please address your checks to Catholic Education Foundation of the Southern Tier (Indicate Excellence in Teaching Award) and mail them to:

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