

**Seton Catholic Central**  
**February, 2014**  
**Newsletter**

**From the Principal's Desk**  
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**Registrations for 2014-15** – The Catholic Schools of Broome County are initiating the registration process for the 2014-15 school year. Within the week you will be getting a registration packet in the mail.

**Science Olympiad / February 8** – Seton Catholic Central students will be participating in the Science Olympiad Competition on Saturday, February 8.

**Junior Prom / February 8** – The Junior Prom is taking place on Saturday, February 8 at Terra Cotta from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. The crowning ceremony is at 9:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Honoring Our Lady of Lourdes / February 11** – Mass will be celebrated in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday, February 11 @ 1:45 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Reports Cards / February 11** – Report Cards will be distributed on Tuesday, February 11 in homeroom.

**Post Prom Meeting / February 12** – There will be a Post Prom Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 12 @ 7:00 p.m. in the library.

**Celebrating President's Day / February 14 - 17** – There are no classes scheduled on Friday, February 14 or Monday, February 17 in honor of President's Day.

**Course Schedule Add/Drop / February 19** – The last day for students to add or drop courses is Wednesday, February 19.

**Science Fair / February 20** - Seton Catholic Central will be hosting a Science Fair (Grades 7-12) on Thursday, February 20. Student projects will be judged from 9:00 a.m. – noon. An awards

ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The judges' panel will include professionals from Binghamton University, BAE, and Cornell University.

**Red Cross Blood Drive/ February 21** – Seton will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, February 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

**Senior Class Bottle Dive / February 22** – The Senior Class will be holding a Bottle Drive from 10:00 a.m. – noon in Seton's parking lot.

**Dutch Bulb Sale / February 25** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be selling Dutch bulbs to raise money for their class trips. The sale will run from February 25 – March 18.

**8<sup>th</sup> Yearbook News / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Pictures** – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to submit a baby picture to Miss Curtin for inclusion in the yearbook. Please place the picture in an envelope or Ziploc bag with the student's name on it. All pictures will be returned by the end of the school year. Pictures can also be submitted digitally to [scc78yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:scc78yearbook@gmail.com). Baby pictures are due Friday, February 7.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Yearbook News** - Purchase your 2014 yearbook today! Yearbooks are only \$35. Orders can be submitted online at <http://jostensyearbooks.com/REF=A01119149> or by downloading the form on the SCC website and submitting it with payment to Miss Curtin. **Ad Orders** - Purchase an ad in honor of your student or to promote your business! Ad prices are as follows: Full page \$60, 1/2 Page \$40, 1/4 page \$25. All ad orders must be submitted to Miss Curtin by March 7, 2014.

We are always in need of photos from athletic events, performances, dances, and other school events. If you have photos to share that we could use, please submit them online at <http://www.replayit.com/r/1119149/>, e-mail them to Miss Curtin at [SCC78Yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:SCC78Yearbook@gmail.com), or bring them into school on a flash drive or CD directed to Miss Curtin.

**SCC's Fall Teams Recognized for Academic Excellence** - The New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Scholar/Athlete Team Award program recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement by varsity level student athletes. All six Seton varsity teams Golf, Field Hockey, Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Tennis were presented Scholar Athlete Team Awards for achieving academic excellence while actively participating in varsity level interscholastic athletics. Cross Country was not eligible for consideration because the team did not have the required number of players. We are extremely proud that our entire fall athletic program qualified for this prestigious distinction that highlights the importance of scholar athletes.

**Science Olympiad Team Excels** - Seton Catholic Central's Science Olympiad team (Grades 7-9) placed 2nd out of 39 teams at the Rustin Invitational held in West Chester, PA on January 25, 2014. The students received medals in the following categories: Wheeled Vehicle, Sounds of Music, Rocks and Minerals, Road Scholar, Meteorology, NYS Invasive Species, Heredity, Green Generation, Experimental Design, Dynamic Planet, Disease Detective, Crime Busters, Can't Judge a Powder, and Anatomy. They will be competing at Maine Endwell Middle School in the Regional Competition on February 22, 2014.

**Brian Hyland Completes Prestigious Asian History Course** - Social Studies Department chair Brian Hyland recently completed the fall online course "Cultural Encounters: Japan's Diverse Past and Present" offered by the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, in cooperation with the East Asia Resource Center, University of Washington, and the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA). Mr. Hyland was one of 36 teachers nationwide chosen for the course which consisted of seven units dealing with Japan's interaction with the outside world throughout its history. The units reflected current scholarship that dispels the stereotype of Japan's isolation throughout its history, but stressed interactions with the outside world from Nara-era Japan, through Commodore Perry's arrival in Tokyo harbor, to manga, Honda, and Ichiro. An eighth unit consisted of designing lesson plans that will impact Mr. Hyland's AP World History and Global Studies 1 classes. Later this year, the AP World History class will examine Japan's interactions with East Asia and Europe through the lens of the play, *The Golden Country* by the 20th century Japanese Catholic author, Sushaku Endo. Themes of the play include the interaction of the Catholic faith with traditions of Japanese cultural adoption / adaptation, against a background of European imperialism. More news to follow.

**Box Tops Bring Revenue** - SCC is asking for parent support in the ***Box Tops and Soup Labels Collection***. These programs are very active at the elementary school level, but we would like to let parents know that middle/high school students can benefit from them as well.

The "pink" box tops are on a huge variety of General Mills/Pillsbury products and are easy to spot because of their distinctive pink color. All that is necessary is to cut out the labels and send them into the school office with your child. Certain bulk products have "bonus box tops" which really help to increase the collection rate. Each pink box top is worth 10 cents. There are 2 submissions during the school year at which point the school is awarded a check for the full amount of the collected box tops.

Campbell Soup Labels are also a collection campaign in which SCC is an active participant. These labels can be found on all Campbell Soup/Pepperidge Farm products. All that is needed is the UPC portion of the label including the Labels for Education seal (if there is one included). These labels can also be sent into the school office with the students. This is an ongoing

program....the labels count as points and can be accrued over time and banked for future purchases from the school catalog that is provided each year.

Both programs are simple and effective ways of helping SCC obtain additional funding sources and/or school supplies for the various activities and programs during the school year.

**6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Activity Night** - Activity Night will be held on Friday, February 28 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Additional details to follow. If you are available to chaperone, please contact Melodi McIntyre at [melciancio@hotmail.com](mailto:melciancio@hotmail.com).



**Bottle Drive** – A bottle and can drive to benefit the 7th and 8th grade class projects will be held on February 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the lower parking lot at St. John’s School.

**Summer in Costa Rica** – The Language Department is launching a Summer Service Learning Adventure Trip in Costa Rica to our high school students (current grades 9-12) July 7th-17th 2014. Service work will consist of volunteer work on an Eco-Agro farm; our adventure tour consists of volcano visits, kayaking, a rainforest canopy tour and more! An Informational Parent

Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 5th at Seton Catholic Central at 6 p.m. Please attend this meeting with your interested child to get more information about this trip. See you there! Direct any questions to Terra Askar at: [taskar@syrdioocese.org](mailto:taskar@syrdioocese.org).

**Middle School Art Update** - This past month in Mr. Gilligan's photography class, students worked on an Awkward Yearbook Photo in which students were asked to develop a character based off of the contemporary artist Cindy Sherman. There was a wide range of characters—from an asthmatic nerd to an overzealous gym class hero. Andrea Martinez won the Golden Camera Award for developing the best Awkward Yearbook character. Students recently completed their finals in which they had to depict a progression of time through a series of photographs.

7th grade students worked on creating a silhouetted representation of a Christmas Hymnal through the use of X-acto knives to create precise cuts in paper. Students also completed their own personal symbol chip based off of the work of artist Robert Indiana in which they included symbols that had meaning to them in order to tell the story of their lives.



Christmas Hymnal by Simon Joyner

**Maddie Williams Selected for Prestigious Tournament** - Ashley Gersuk, the former national champion at Northwestern University and the president of WomensLax.com, announced that Maddie Williams has been selected to play lacrosse in the prestigious Northstar Invitational which will take place in Lake Placid this July. InsideLacrosse.com and the Lacrosse Recruiting News calls the Northstar Invitational the nation's premier invitation-only recruiting showcase reserved for the top 150 high school players in the country. The event's primary goal is to expose carefully selected athletes, representing the very best of high school lacrosse, to the nation's top college coaches. Maddie received her invitation to play in the showcase after being selected as one of the nation's top players in the graduating class of 2018. This is quite an honor, as evidenced by the fact that every player in the 2014 graduating class who participated in the Northstar Invitational is committed to play for a Division I program.