

Seton Catholic Central

January 2014

Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

Richard A. Bucci

Weather Alert - Severe cold and wind chill, could impact school on Tuesday, January 7. An Arctic cold front that will bring one of the coldest air masses to our region in years could impact school for Broome County Catholic School students on Tuesday. The National Weather Service is reporting that temperatures could reach below -10F in some areas by Tuesday morning. In addition, wind chills could drop to -30F or lower by Tuesday morning. ***We will let you know of any schedule change as soon as possible.***

Happy New Year – Best wishes to our students, parents, alumni and benefactors for a happy, health and prosperous New Year.

Dress Code Update – Seton's dress code guidelines will remain unchanged for the 2014-15 school year. One major change is that we are moving to a new vendor Lands' End to accommodate our uniform needs. We believe Lands' End will be more user friendly and offer a better quality product. Families will be able to use the Seton script program with Lands' End. Throughout the year they will be offering promotional discounts on uniform purchases as well as free mailing. They are also affiliated with Sears so returns can be brought to that location. ***All clothing purchased through Flynn & O'Hara can continue to be worn.*** We will continue to provide you with information as we finalize details.

January 6 / Epiphany Celebration – January 6 is the traditional celebration of the Epiphany. It is still celebrated on this date in most European and Latin American countries. In these countries it is a major holiday. Elizabeth Colonna's Spanish Grade 7 and 8 Spanish classes will be celebrating Three Kings Day (Día de los Reyes Magos) in a special way.

January 10 / Honoring Mother Seton – We will be celebrating the Feast Day of our patron saint, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, with Mass on Friday, January 10 at 1:45 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

January 11 /Senior Class Bottle – The senior class will be holding a Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 11th from 10 a.m. to noon at the parking lot doors.

January 11 / 7th & 8th grade Christmas Dance – The 7th and 8th Grade Christmas Dance has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 11th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the SCC Cafeteria. Pick-up and drop-off will be at the parking lot doors. Admission is \$4 or \$3 with a non-perishable food item. There will be no additional cost for food and drinks.

January 14 / Sixth Grade Visitation - Seton Catholic Central will be hosting a visitation for Grade Six students from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. Sixth grade students from the three Catholic elementary schools in Broome County -- St. James, St. John the Evangelist and All Saints will participate. Grade Six students in the region's public schools who may be interested in attending SCC are also invited. Interested public school families can contact Principal Richard Bucci or Counselor Colleen Curtin at 607-723-5307. Activities will include a tour of the school, classroom demonstrations, student performances and meetings with Grade 7 teachers. The students will be the guests of the school for the Boys JV & Varsity basketball games vs. Windsor on Friday, January 17.

January 18 / Performing Arts Gala – Seton Catholic Central’s Performing Arts Department will be hosting a Gala on Saturday, January 18 at Seton. The evening’s festivities include Cocktails from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Dinner from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and dancing to the sounds of Brotherhood from 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 per person or \$85.00 per couple. For tickets or information contact Lynn @ 607-341-5823 or lpolman@stny.rr.com.

January 22 Praying for the Unborn – Students will be engaging in activities throughout the day that will focus on the sanctity of all human life, most especially the innocent unborn.

January 26 – February 1 / Catholic Schools Week – January 26 – February 1 is the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Seton will be hosting public events that week in recognition of Catholic school education. Since that is mid-term week, Seton’s in-school celebration will take place the following week, February 2 - 8.

January 27 - 30 / Mid-Term Exams – Mid-term exams will take place Monday, January 27 through Thursday, January 30. Classes will resume on Friday, January 31. The mid-term exam schedule is posted on our web page.

February 8 / Booster Club Fundraiser – The 11th Annual Seton Catholic Central Booster Club Fundraiser is Saturday, February 8 at the Relief Pitcher from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Donation is \$100.00. Only 300 tickets will be sold. **First Prize - \$10,000.00**, **Second to Fourth Prizes -**

\$1,000.00 each, Fifth to Eighth Prizes - \$500.00 each. For tickets contact Chris Siniciki @ 723-5307.

February 8 / Junior Prom - Junior Prom 2014 will be held on Saturday, February 8th at Terra Cotta in Binghamton from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Students will be Breathalyzed both entering and exiting the Prom. The Crowning Ceremony will take place at approximately 9:15 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend. Following the crowning, parents will be invited to share a special dance with their son or daughter. Please contact Mrs. Kinner with any questions.

February 22 / SUNY Financial Aid Days - Applying for Financial Aid? Let the financial aid professionals at SUNY campuses make it easier. SUNY's Financial Aid Days are offered as a service to all prospective college students and their families. The programs are designed to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the financial aid application, types of aid available, and the award process. Broome Community College will be hosting Financial Aid Day on February 22nd. Register online at: www.suny.edu/studentevents or by phone at (800) 342-3811.

The Hour of Code - December 9th-15th was Computer Science Education Week. Mrs. Howard's Engineering and Technology classes celebrated the week by participating in the Hour of Code. The Hour of Code was created by code.org in an effort to get more students interested in computer science. In addition to the Seton students who participated, 15 million students across the globe wrote 500 million lines of code through the program! President Obama kicked off the Hour of Code in a video message that encouraged students to get involved in computer science. The Hour of Code was presented in easy to follow online tutorials. Our students did a fantastic job of learning computer science concepts while having fun and helping each other! Check out the tutorials at <http://code.org/learn>

Jeep Raffle -The Alumni & Development Office wishes to thank all faculty, staff and parents for their steadfastness and dedication resulting in another successful Jeep Raffle! The winners of the 2014 Jeep Raffle are: 1st Prize (2014 Jeep Wrangler Sport) - Ms. Mary Ann Ondrako, CCHS 1971, 2nd Prize (\$1,000.00) - Mikey Testani, SCC 2011 & 3rd Prize (\$500.00) – Lewis Sparks. Congratulations to our winners!

Staples Reward A Classroom Program - Miss Curtin has enrolled in the Staples "Reward a Classroom" program. Staples Rewards® members earn an extra 2% back in rewards on any purchase and 5% back in rewards on Copy & Print that will go towards 7th & 8th grade classroom needs. Not a Staples Rewards member? Sign up for free at staplesrewards.com.

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1. Visit staples.com/rewardaclassroom
2. Search for Colleen Curtin
3. Link to Miss Curtin's Staples Rewards Teacher account.

Elementary Students Excel - December 7 was the *BAE MATHALON* competition at Vestal Middle School. All Saints 6th Grade came in First Place and St. John's 6th Grade came in Second Place out of all area competing schools. A great win for the Catholic Schools. Thanks to Cathy Hoeflein for coaching the All Saints Team and to Anu Rai for coaching the St. John's Team.

Catholic Advocacy Network- Have you joined the Catholic Advocacy Network? If not, join today! Go to www.nyscatholic.org, click Join the Network. The Network will keep you updated on pivotal issues before the State Legislature especially in regard to Catholic education. It will give you an opportunity to make your voice heard in Albany. Your voice is needed in our advocacy efforts!

Congratulations to the Boys' Soccer Team – The Boys Varsity Soccer Team was the 2013 Mayor's Cup Champions. The following boys were selected for the All Division Team in the Central Division: Akiirayi Ademoyo, Griffen Covert and Alex Kashani.