

# Seton Catholic Central

## June, 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**

*As the school year draws to a close it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the events that have taken place. It has been an exceptional year. Our students have excelled spiritually, academically and athletically. The newsletters that I have written throughout the year have highlighted their diverse accomplishments. Our students have made their mark in the community in profound and significant ways. Their commitment to service has literally taken them to points across the globe.*

*Our senior class is a dynamic group of young men and women who are extraordinary leaders. They set a positive, engaging tone that transcended the entire student body. They will be missed. We wish them the best of luck as they embark on new and exciting chapters in their lives. We are confident that each and every one of them will make their mark in profound ways.*

*I specifically want to thank the many parents who have been involved in the life of the school, volunteering to assist with projects, events and fundraisers large and small. Our school would not be the exceptional institution it is without your commitment and dedication. The donation of your time, energy and contributions are greatly appreciated.*

**Countdown to Commencement** – A letter detailing all the information related to senior class activities for the month of June will be sent to all families. The following are some important dates.

- **Senior Class Banquet / June 5** – The Senior Class Banquet is Thursday, June 5 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Senior Retreat and Activity Day / June 10** – The day's activities will take place at Scott's Lake House, Oquaga Lake, Deposit, NY. Students will participate in a retreat in the morning and enjoy the amenities of the resort for the remainder of the day. Lunch & refreshments will be provided. This is mandatory for all seniors. There is no cost for the event. Buses will depart Seton at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 5:45 p.m.
- **Senior Class Trip / June 12** – The senior class trip will be at Dorney Park. Buses will depart Seton at 6:00 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$109.00. If the cost is an issue for any student, please contact Mr. Bucci.
- **Senior Prom / June 14** – The Senior prom will be held at the Holiday Inn Arena in downtown Binghamton from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. A Post prom party will take place at Seton from 12:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.
- **Baccalaureate Mass / June 26** – The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas Aquinas at 7:00 p.m.
- **Commencement / June 27** – Commencement will be held in Seton's auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. Seniors need to arrive at 6:00 p.m.

**New York State Grade 8 Science Exam / June 2** – The written portion of the NYS Grade 8 Science Exam will be administered on Monday, June 2.

**Spanish Proficiency and Regents' Comprehensive Exams / June 9-11** -The speaking parts of the Spanish Proficiency Exam and the Regents' Comprehensive Exam will be administered at specific times for each individual student in Spanish 1 and Spanish 3 on June 9, 10 and 11.

**Last Day of Class** – The last day of class for seniors is Monday, June 9. The last day of class for underclassmen (in Grades 7 - 11) is Monday, June 16. Exams begin on Tuesday, June 17 and conclude on Thursday, June 26.

**Athletic Physicals / June 16** - Athletic Physicals for Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports for students currently in grades 6 - 11 interested in playing Varsity, JV, or Modified athletics for the 2014-15 school year will be held Monday, June 16 at Lourdes Hospital, 169 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, Westside of Building - Parking Lot G, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Physical forms will be available on site. **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS.** Questions, contact Mr. Chris Sinicki, at 723-5307 x 120 or email at [csinicki@syrdiocese.org](mailto:csinicki@syrdiocese.org)

**Grades 7 & 8 Picnic / June 17** – The class picnics for Grades 7 & 8 is Tuesday, June 17. Students will be going to Recreation Park from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be providing pizza. Students may bring additional snacks and drinks. The pool and carousel will be open.

**Hall of Fame / 5-0 Sports Dinner / June 18** - This year Seton Catholic Central's 5-0 Dinner is combining with the Catholic Education Foundation's Hengel Golf Tournament Hall of Fame Dinner. The Hall of Fame / 5-0 Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Traditions at the Glen. The cost per ticket is \$50.00. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a drawing for cash prizes.

The Hall of Fame / 5-0 Dinner will be featuring Syracuse basketball great Gerry McNamara as guest speaker and will continue the tradition of honoring one of our high schools' distinguished sports teams. This year we are recognizing the 1963-64 Catholic Central High School Basketball Team.

You can register online for the dinner at [hengelsportsclassic@gmail.com](mailto:hengelsportsclassic@gmail.com) or send your check to Hall of Fame / 5-0 Dinner, 70 Seminary Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905.

**Land's End Active** – Seton's Uniform Program with Land's 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>

**Congratulations to Girls' Track & Field Team** - Congratulations to Seton's Girls' Track & Field Team on taking first place at the Gerry O'Donnell Invitational in early May. Fifteen area teams participated in the tournament.

**Relay For Life** – 24 teams with 215 participants have raised over \$13,000 to date. Contributions are still being accepted at [www.relayforlife.org/setoncatholicNY](http://www.relayforlife.org/setoncatholicNY). Seton's two-year total for Relay For Life is \$32,000.

**Seton Students Receive Academic Excellence Awards** - Three Seton Catholic Central students have been notified by The University of the State of New York that they are the recipients of the 2014 Scholarship for Academic Excellence Award. The three students are Michael Powell, Liam Fontaine and Nicole Blazicek. Scholarships for Academic Excellence provide financial aid for full-time study in approved programs at colleges located in New York.

**Congratulations Jamie Farrell** – At the STAC Track & Field Championship on May 14 Jamie Farrell made history by shattering the school's record in the 1500m. The record was set in 1982. Jamie's new school record is 4:53.11.

**Seton Graduate / Author Visits Seton** - On Friday, May 9th, author Claudia Gabel met with Creative Writing students at Seton Catholic Central to share her experiences as an editor and



author. Gabel, (rightmost in the photo) a graduate of Seton Catholic, has worked as an editor for Random House, has written the teen series **In and Out** for Scholastic and **Romeo & Juliet & Vampires** for Harper Teen. She's currently an editor for Katherine Tegen Books, an imprint of HarperCollins, and was in town promoting the release of her newest novel, **Elusion**, co-written with author Cheryl Klam.

**Seton Teacher Continues to Make his Mark in the Literary World** - For the second time this school year, a Seton teacher has been selected for inclusion in a book from Exter Press, an independent small press that features fantasy, horror, and science fiction. The latest anthology called **Black Chaos** will be published this month and includes a story written by Seton Computer Science teacher Dick Braco. The story is about a psychologist who decides to seek treatment for his own bad dreams.

**Seton Girls' Varsity Soccer Players Excel** - Three cheers for our Girls' Varsity Soccer Program which had three of its players named to the Olympic Development Program state soccer team. After competing for the past six months against many other talented players in a series of training sessions held throughout the state, it was just announced that ninth grade forward Genna Michitti, ninth grade midfielder Emily Purtell, and eighth grade goalkeeper Maddie Williams each made it through the third and final round of cuts for the U15 and U14 state soccer teams. Next week the girls will be heading down to Trenton, NJ for the ODP -- Region I soccer tournament where they will be representing the state of New York against other state teams from Maine to Virginia. Congratulations girls and best of luck in the Region I tournament!

**Host Families Needed** – There are a number of international students who are expressing an interest in attending Seton next year. In order to facilitate the process, they need host families.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please contact the Guidance Office. Students are willing to pay up to \$800.00 per month for housing.

**Mock Trial Team Reaches State Finals** - The Seton Catholic Central Mock Trial team traveled to Albany on May 18 - 20 to compete in the state finals. Eight regional winners from around the state competed. Seton faced two very polished teams, going as the prosecution against Pittsford-Mendon High School and as the defense against Brooklyn Technical High School. Seton placed 5th in the state out of the 300+ teams that competed around the state this season. The trip to the state finals was the 6th time for Seton since 1990. Seton has reached the state finals more times than any other team from Broome County or from Region 2 (Central New York.) Congratulations to the nine students who competed in Albany: Tate Ackerman, Jessika Bache, Emily Brown, Alexandria Cable, Liam Fontaine, Andrew Klawiter, Alberto Perra, Jessica Rundell, and Johnathon Van Atta.

**Girls' Track Team / Sectional Champions** - On Wednesday, May 21, the Seton Catholic Central Girls' Track and Field team won the Section IV Class D Championship Meet, scoring 76 points to beat runner up Milford by 15 points. What makes this achievement astounding is that the Saints had only 6 girls competing in the meet, by far the smallest team present. The Saints won the 100m hurdles, the 1500m run, the 400m hurdles, the 3000m run, and the 4x400m relay. This was the first sectional win for the Saints' Track and Field Team since 1982. In addition, Nicole Blazicek set a new school record in the 400m hurdles of 1:08.23, breaking the old record set by Kate Ricci in 1988. This was the second record broken by the girls this season. On Thursday, May 15, Jamie Farrell broke the school record in the 1500m with a time of 4:53.11, erasing Cori Gianuzzi's record set in 1982. Congratulations to the six members of the girls' team who competed at sectionals: Nicole Blazicek, Jamie Farrell, Emily Gibson, Amanda Henkel, Maria Pawlowski, and Shayna Will.

**Mathlete Success** – Seton students had an exceptional showing in the Southern Tier Mathlete Competition. Schools throughout the Southern Tier competed in this competition. Three of the top eight finalists were Seton students. John Van Atta placed first. Michael Powell placed fourth. Gunnar Glover placed fifth.

**NYSPHSAA Scholar Athletes** – The New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Scholar / Athlete Award Program was created to recognize outstanding scholastic achievement by varsity level student athletes. The following Seton Catholic Central teams have been recognized for the spring season: baseball, softball, tennis, boys' and girls' lacrosse, and boys' and girls' track. All eligible athletic teams for 2013-14 qualified for this prestigious distinction by having a determined number for each team achieve a GPA of 90% or higher.

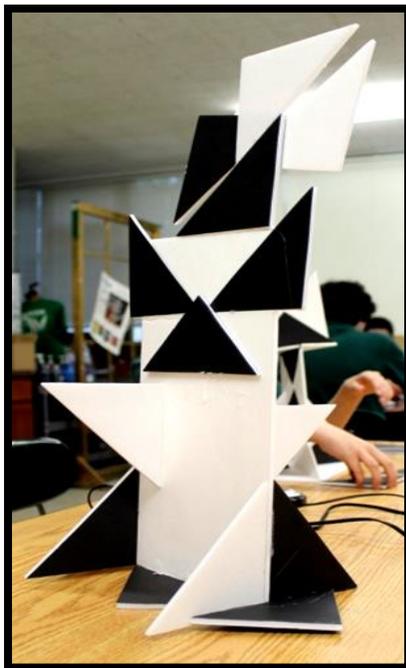
**Mr. Gilligan's Art Class News** -- In Mr. Gilligan's art class, high school sculpture students recently finished their wire and pantyhose form sculptures. Students started this project with simply a wood block, wire, and their own creativity.

The clay mugs are also progressing; the students just finished painting their final gloss glaze layer, this now means when the mugs return from Binghamton High School their mugs will be complete and ready for use!

Sculpture students are also now working on their final project, students have been given an action verb, such as puncture or twisted, and are creating a visual representation of their word strictly out of cardboard and hot glue. I can't wait to see what their final projects will look like!!



**Rachel Gallagher's Wire Form Sculpture**



**Lauren Young's Triangle Sculpture**

7<sup>th</sup> grade has also been hard at work! Students just completed a "freedom to arrange" sculpture project. I recently presented students with 10 white triangles and 10 black triangles (all triangles were cut out of foam core). Students were given the instruction to make a sculpture, with no right or wrong answers to this assignment.

It was incredible to watch how each student arranged their triangles in their own unique manner and the results were outstanding!

**Seton's Middle States Reaccreditation Update** – The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Syracuse are participating in a systemwide accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools. Each of the 22 schools in the Diocese has a representative that serves on the Diocesan Planning Team. Dr. Schulz is Seton's representative and has been attending meetings in Syracuse every month since last August.

On May 12 Seton's Middle States Planning Team held its first meeting in the Library. Members of the team represent all constituent groups: students, teachers, parents, and School Board. Student members are Sam Crowley, Remy Farrell, Marc Guizano, Samantha Nicolich, Daniel Powell, and Elena Tiderencel. Teachers on the Team are Miss Curtin, Mrs. Garbade, Mr. Hyland, Mr. Monachino, Sr. Brigid, and Mrs. Simpson. Parents and Board members include Mr. Alan Ackerman, Dr. Shamsher Dhillon, Mrs. Molly Kane, Mrs. Sheila Kenny, Mr. Dave Ligeikis, and Mrs. Carol McCormick. After describing the history of Seton's accreditation and reaccreditation, Dr. Schulz explained the Diocesan accreditation Excellence by Design protocol in which Seton is now participating. The Planning Team created two committees to study, review, and update two of Seton's foundation documents – our Beliefs and our Graduate Profile. The Planning Team will next meet on June 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.



# UNIFORMS!

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Simply by using Land's End gift cards that you bought through the SCRIP Program to purchase your uniforms, 16% of your gift card purchase price is taken off your tuition for the 2015-2016 school year.

For example, if you plan on ordering uniform apparel for your children totaling around \$250, order and pay for \$250 in Land's End gift cards to use for your purchase. When you get your cards, spend them for your uniform purchase at LandsEnd.com. Behind the scenes, 16% or **\$40** of that purchase is kept in a school account earmarked for you! At the end of the school year, it is paid forward for your tuition bill! Maybe it doesn't sound like much, but hey, it's \$40! You get every dollar you spend, plus a great discount on your tuition! Win—win!

**You may be asking, “When can I get Land's End gift cards from SCRIP?”**

Just fill out a SCRIP form from your school and get it to school in time for the May 27th or July 29th SCRIP order deadline. If your order May 27th, this bonus is taken off the 2014-2015 school tuition. If you wait until July 29th to order, the bonus is taken off the 2015 - 2016 school tuition. The cards are in your hands a week later!

**You may be asking, “Can I order more than just Land's End?”**

While you're at it, look at the rest of the SCRIP order form and see all the great places you go on a regular basis and the percentages they are willing to give back to you! Every SCRIP card you order gives you money back that is later taken off your tuition! Order enough to carry you through the summer! Don't forget our locally-owned retailers who are willing to help you!

**The SCRIP Program is what YOU make of it!**

Last year, the SCRIP Program has helped parents who participated save approximately \$30,000 off their tuition across the Catholic Schools of Broome County. Some parents save hundreds each year! The SCRIP Program is your own financial aid program where EVERYONE qualifies! Just fill out a form!

We've been doing this for almost 20 years! It works!

**Still have questions?** Please call me!

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with all that's going on by checking for  
new postings on our social media sites!**

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