

# Seton Catholic Central

## June, 2015

### 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**

**An exceptional year draws to a close** - As the school year draws to a close it provides an opportunity to reflect and celebrate the events and accomplishments that made this a very special year.

Our students have made their mark in southern and central New York in impressive ways. At the beginning of the year eight National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists were named in Broome County, three were from Seton. In June one Seton student, Sam Breese was named a National Merit Scholarship winner. He was one of 8,000 winners out of 1.5 million students who initially applied. Our senior class has been offered \$800,000 in college scholarships. For the second consecutive year Seton's Mock Trial Team was Broome County champions. Our athletic teams excelled. Girls' Varsity Tennis, Girls' Varsity Soccer and Girls' Track all won Section IV Championships. A number of the members of the girls track team are participating in the state qualifying meet. Varsity Football, Boys' Varsity Lacrosse and Baseball reached the sectional finals. On the way our football team defeated Walton, the number four ranked team in the state. Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball and Girls' Varsity Lacrosse qualified for sectional playoffs. Freshman Tommy Davis qualified for the New York State High School Golf Championship.

Students were actively engaged in arts and music. Art work was displayed throughout the building at Binghamton City Hall's Art Gallery for the month of February. The music department staged to musicals which impressed residents from throughout the Southern Tier.

Our students lived out their faith by helping those in need. They collected thousands of pounds of food for Catholic Charities, helped harvest potatoes for the Southern Tier Food Bank and

raised money throughout Lent for Catholic Relief Services. Seton was one of a handful of high schools in New York State that hosted a Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society raising over \$18,000, bringing the three-year total to \$53,000. In late winter, a delegation of 25 students and teachers traveled to Haiti to work among the poorest of the poor.

Our senior class is an energetic group of young men and women who are exceptional 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 unique institution it is without your commitment and dedication. The donation of your time, energy and contributions is greatly appreciated.

**Countdown to Commencement** – A letter detailing all the information related to senior class activities for the month of June has been distributed to students. Three key dates: Monday, **June 8** is the last day of class for seniors. Thursday, **June 25** is the Baccalaureate Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church at 7:00 p.m. Graduation is Friday, **June 26** at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

**Awards Ceremony / June 3** – Our Awards Ceremony, a celebration of student achievement is Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

**Blood Drive / June 5** – Seton will be holding a Blood Drive on Friday, June 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

**Spring Vocal Concert / June 6** – The Spring Vocal Concert is Saturday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m.

**Last Day of Class for Underclassmen** – The last day of class for students in grades 7 – 11 is Monday, June 15.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Picnic / June 16** – The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades will be celebrating with a picnic on Tuesday, June 16 at Recreation Park from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Exams June 16 - 25** – Local and Regents exams will be administered Tuesday, June 16 – Thursday, June 25. The exam schedule is posted on our website.

**Bottle Drive / June 20** – There is a Bottle Drive on Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. in St. John's lower parking lot for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> students.

**Seton to Host Summer School** – Seton will be hosting two summer school sessions for students entering Grades 7, 8 and 9 in the fall. Each session will be three weeks. Session (1) is July 6 – 24 and Session (2) is July 27 – August 14. Each day's session will be 9:00 a.m. – noon. The activities will focus on strengthening Math and ELA skills. **There is no charge for summer school.** Students can attend one or both sessions. To register contact Colleen Curtin at 723-5307, extension 142.

**Girls' Track Team Sectional Champions** - Congratulations to the Girls Track Team winning the Class D Section IV Championship for the second consecutive year.

**May 21 STAC Track Meet** - There were two new school records set at the STAC meet. Remy Farrell shattered the Steeplechase record by almost 20 seconds, lowering it to 7:54.39, and Jamie Farrell broke her sister Haley's record in the 3000m, lowering it by 10 seconds to 10:45.14. There were also some near misses - Emily Gibson in the 400m was only .59 seconds slower than her own record; Jamie was 6 seconds away from her 1500m record from last year's State Meet, and the 4x400 relay dropped to within striking range of last year's record.

**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 2014-15 qualified for this prestigious distinction by having a determined number for each team achieve a GPA of 90% or higher.

**Renowned Author Visits Seton** - On Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 acclaimed thriller writer Mary Sangiovanni conducted a writing workshop with students at Seton Catholic Central High School, as part of Seton's Annual "Writers in Residence" program. For the past five years, professional authors from a variety of genres and backgrounds have visited Seton to conduct workshops with students. Click below to see WIVT News story on visit.

<http://www.binghamtonhomepage.com/story/d/story/author-conducts-writing-workshop-at-seton/28358/H5DypPVGCUKfnkvtBTikvA>

Mary SanGiovanni is the author of the Bram Stoker nominated novel THE HOLLOWER. She has written numerous other novels and short stories. She has been writing fiction for over a decade. She earned a Masters in Writing Popular Fiction from Seton Hill University, and is a member of The Authors Guild and Penn Writers. She's also a writing instructor at a community college in New Jersey.

**Relay For Life an Impressive Success.** The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life brought the student body together on May 15-16 to raise much-needed funds that enable the Cancer

Society to support its diverse initiatives that ultimately save lives. We are extremely proud of the \$53,000 our students have raised over the last three years. You can still make a donation in support of the event online at [www.relayforlife.org/setoncatholicNY](http://www.relayforlife.org/setoncatholicNY).

**The Don Hengel Memorial Sports Classic / June 17 -18** – The Hengel Tournament is in its 11th year of raising funds to support our Catholic Schools. The Hengel is two events rolled into one great fundraiser. The 5-0 Hall of Fame dinner will take place Wednesday, June 17th at Traditions at the Glen. All are welcome to attend this fun evening of food, friends, awards and our celebrity keynote speaker. On Thursday, June 18th the Golf Tournament will take place at Traditions, featuring 30 teams all accompanied by a celebrity sports figure. To register for either of these events, visit <http://www.broomecatholicsschools.org/events/>. One of the most exciting aspects of this tournament is the Hole Sponsorship program. By purchasing a hole sponsorship, you can designate exactly where your donation goes. Choose which school, sports team, club or program your child is involved in or that you feel most passionate about, and The Hengel Sports Classic will then match your donation! Your hole sponsorship includes a custom fairway sign which will line the golf course the day of the tournament. If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Shannon Fallon at 607.231.1440.

**Eighth Graders Visit Williamsburg** - On May 7 – 9 the eighth grade participated in Seton's annual visit to Williamsburg. At the conclusion of the trip the students reflected on their visit in essays. The following quotes sum up the sentiments of the students. "During our stay at Williamsburg I became more thankful for my freedom and the things I use every day. Williamsburg was an overall great experience." "The whole trip was amazing and there is not one part that I would ever want to change."

**7th & 8th Grade Yearbook** - It's not too late to order a yearbook for your 7th or 8th grade student! Print and submit the order form with payment available at <http://setoncchs.com/students/7th-8th-grade-information/>. Yearbooks are \$35. Limited quantities available! Please make checks payable to Seton Catholic Central.

