

Seton Catholic Central

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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

On Ash Wednesday a group of 20 Seton students accompanied by five teachers and chaperones traveled to Haiti to work for a week among the most impoverished residents in the Western Hemisphere. They brought over 1,000 pounds of toys and school supplies that they distributed to orphans in Port au Prince. In addition to spending time interacting and playing with orphans they spent days working in Mother Teresa's Hospital for Sick Babies and Mother Teresa's Hospital for the Dying. Their efforts were supported by our entire student body who raised funds to support their trip. Seton's Boys and Girls Basketball Players held a foul shooting contest called "Hoops for Haiti". They collected over \$6,000 from that event. Those funds were used to buy sardines, oil, rice and beans in bulk. That food was packaged and distributed to feed 400 widows. This was an exceptional experience for all involved. Students learned that they can contribute in different ways to support those in need. It is initiatives such as this that distinguish Seton Catholic Central as a truly unique educational institution. We are exceptionally proud of all of our students who participated in or supported the mission trip to Haiti.

Senior Class Applebee's Fundraiser March 4 – The Senior Class will be hosting a fundraiser at Applebee's / Olum's Plaza, Vestal Pkwy. E. on Wednesday, March 4, 11:00 a.m. to close. You can dine in or take out. Vouchers are available on Seton's home page.

7th/8th Yearbook Ad Order Deadline / March 6 - The deadline for all 7th and 8th grade yearbook ad submissions is March 6. Contact Colleen Curtin (ccurtin@syrdiocese.org) for details.

7th and 8th Grades Bottle Drive / March 7 – Seton's 7th and 8th grades are holding a bottle drive on Saturday, March 7th at St. John Parking lot from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Parade / March 7 – Seton Catholic Central students will be joining students from the other Catholic Schools in Broome County to march in the St. Patrick's Parade. Students will be meeting at NYSEG Stadium at 1:15 p.m. Students who march will be given a dress down pass. The dress down pass must be used on Monday, March 9 or Tuesday, March 10

Little Mermaid Auditions / March 7 - Junior High Auditions for "Little Mermaid" are Saturday March 7 from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Chorus Room. Students may bring a piece to sing but will be taught a song from the show to sing for their audition. Students wishing to be in the Chorus only, do not have to sing a solo for the audition. They will be auditioned in groups.

Post Prom Party Committee Meeting / March 11 – There is a Post Prom Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Seton’s library.

Academic Challenge / March 12 - Congratulations to Seton’s Academic Challenge Team scoring a 4-0 record in the first round of regional competition in Dryden on March 2. They will be moving on to the second round of competition on March 12.

Teacher’s Conference Day / March 13 – Teachers will be participating in professional development workshops on Friday, March 13. There will be no classes on that date.

Green Tie Dinner/ March 13 – The Catholic Education Foundation’s Annual Green Tie Dinner is Friday, March 13 at Traditions. The festivities begin with a Cocktail Reception from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner. The evening’s entertainment will be provided by The Revelers. Tickets are \$100 per person. Proceeds benefit Catholic Education in the Southern Tier. For information or tickets contact Shannon Fallon at 723-5307.

Modified Sports Begin / March 16 – Modified sports begin on March 16. Details about specific team tryouts will be distributed in school.

Honoring St. Joseph / March 19 – Seton will holding a school-wide Mass at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 19 in honor of the Feast Day of St. Joseph. Parents are welcome to attend.

Senior Class Bottle Drive / March 21 – The Senior Class will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 a.m. – noon in Seton’s parking lot.

Penance Service / March 24 – Seton will be holding a Lenten Penance Service for students on Tuesday, March 24. Fifteen priests will be visiting to hear confessions.

Math Counts Team Moves to State Competition / March 28 - I am very excited to report to you that our Math Counts team placed 3rd competing against 11 teams from southern and central New York and will be moving on to the State Competition in Troy, NY on March 28th! The first and second place teams were Boynton and Dewitt and we placed 3rd! What is even more amazing is that we placed third with a 7th grade team in our very first year competing. The other teams were made up of mostly 8th grade students. We all learned a lot and will be even stronger next year! The team members are: Luke Redmore, Katie Loughran, Fritz Huff, Tina Nguyen and alternate Wyatt Breese.

Easter Break / March 30 – April 3 – There will be no classes Holy Week Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3. Classes will resume on Monday, April 6.

Father / Daughter Ball / April 11 - Seton Catholic Central presents their 9th Annual Father/Daughter Ball for girls in grades 3-8 on Saturday April 11 from 6:30-9: 00 p.m. This year’s theme is “Under the Sea”. Additional information will be sent home with your daughter.

Admissions Information - Re-Admission applications for current families are due Friday, March 13th. There will be no deposit required for applications completed and returned by this date. All applications returned by Friday, March 13 will be entered into a drawing for a 50% tuition waiver. There will be two waivers awarded, one elementary (K-6) waiver and one secondary (7-12) waiver. Please note Seton students will not be able to select course for 2015-16 until they are officially registered.

Tuition Assistance - Reminder all current Catholic School Families SMART Tuition Aid applications are due on March 13. Applications are available at all school main offices. SMART Tuition aid applications must be completed to be considered for local aid from the Catholic Schools of Broome County. The separate Seton Financial Aid Form also must be completed and submitted March 13 to be considered.

Congrats to Science Olympiad Team – Congratulations to Seton’s Science Olympiad Team that placed 2nd in Regional Competition on Saturday, February 28.

Brian Hyland to Participate in East Asia Symposium – Brian has been accepted into the NCTA Study Tour to Japan and China from July 4-22. The NCTA (National Consortium for Teaching about Asia) is making all the arrangements for the tour. He will be visiting the following cities in Japan: Tokyo, Sendai, Nara, Kyoto, Osaka and the following cities in China: Shanghai, Xian and Beijing. According to the NCTA the goal of the Study Tour experience is to provide individual educators with professional development opportunities that will help expand their understanding of East Asia. As a professional development opportunity for educators, the Study Tour is designed to provide a pivotal experience. It is the culmination of a period of classroom study (NCTA seminar or NCTA online offering) during which educators have acquired new professional expertise on East Asia. The Study Tour provides them with a practical experience helpful in utilizing this new expertise. The Study Tour will prepare educators to strengthen curriculum on East Asia in their school districts.

Post Prom Fundraiser - Post Prom Raffle Fundraiser Tickets are now available. For more information, contact Mrs. Frontera at efrontera@syrdiocese.org.