

Seton Catholic Central May Newsletter

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

Post Prom Party Fundraiser / May 3 - This is the major fundraiser for this year's Post Prom Party. Car wash/Bottle Drive/Bake Sale Saturday, May 3, 2014 at AutoZone, 214 Main Street, Binghamton across from Dunkin Donuts, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We need parents as well as seniors to volunteer to help. If you are not able to be at the car wash, we are also in need of baked goods and bottled water to sell. You can send these items to school with your senior on Friday, May 2.

8th Grade Trip / May 8 – 10 – Eighth Grade students will take part in their annual trip to Philadelphia and Williamsburg on May 8 – 10. The trip focuses on visiting the historical sites at both locations. The trips itinerary folds into the American History curriculum the students are studying.

Post Prom Party Meeting / May 7 - The next Post Prom Party meeting will also be a fundraiser at Uno's, 2503 Vestal Pkwy. E., Wednesday, May 7, 2014. You must present a voucher at the time of payment to have up to 20% of your check donated to SCC Post Prom. Vouchers are available on our website. Again, please encourage family, friends and neighbors to support this very important activity. The fundraiser is from 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and you can dine-in or takeout! The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the small meeting room.

Honoring The Blessed Mother/May 13 - On Tuesday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Seton Catholic Central will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with a procession and the recitation of the rosary. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium with a reflection on Mary's life. At approximately 1:45 p.m. a procession will take place from the school to the band stand in Recreation Park. There the crowning ceremony will take place and the rosary will be recited. Parents and the public are invited to attend.

Post Prom Committee Meeting / May 14 - A second Post Prom meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m., library. Depending on how planning is progressing, there is a third meeting scheduled on the calendar in the month of May.

Spring Choral Concert / May 17 – The Spring Choral Concert will take place Saturday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

7th Grade Trip May 19 -21 – The annual 7th grade field trip to Frost Valley will take place May 19 – 21. This is a great experience that blends recreation and team building with creative learning.

Spring Instrumental Concert / May 29 – The Spring Instrumental Concert will take place Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Celebrating Memorial Day – There will be no classes on Friday, May 23 and Monday, May 26 in celebration of Memorial Day.

St. John's School 14th Annual Benefit / June 6 - St. John's School 14th Annual Benefit and Raffle Party will be on Friday June 6th from 7-10pm in the church hall. The cost of a ticket is \$100.00 for a chance to win \$10,000.00. We are only selling 300 tickets for this benefit. If you would like a ticket, please stop by the school during the day (7:30-4:00) to see or call Karen at 723-0703 or you may call Billy Berg at 775-9393. Don't miss out; tickets will go fast. The rest of the prize breakdown is as follows: 1st \$10,000, 2nd - \$3,000, 3rd - \$1,000, 4th - 8th \$500, 9th – 10th \$250. Each ticket is allowed to bring two people to the party on Friday June 6th 7-10pm.

Seton Student Accepted to US Naval Academy - The Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland has notified Seton Catholic Central senior Benjamin Kondrup that he has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy Class of 2018. Benjamin is the son of Dr. James and Michelle Kondrup. This is a distinct honor for Benjamin Kondrup and our entire community.

Seton's Select Chorus Excels at Disney World Competition -The Seton Catholic Central Select Chorus earned 3 Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medal in the 10th Annual Walt Disney World Choral Competition in Orlando, Florida, on April 7, 2014. Receiving gold medals were the Mixed Choir, Men's Choir and Swing Choir. The Women's Choir received a silver medal. The Swing Choir also earned honors winning *Best in Show*, which is an award given to the highest scoring swing choir in the whole competition. Over 40 schools participated with more than 1500 students from all over the country at this competition. Seton's Select Chorus is under the direction of Jan De Angelo, with the assistance of Shannon De Angelo. For a small school to achieve this level of success at a prestigious national competition is a tribute to their skill and creativity.

Seton's Science Olympiad Team Makes Their Mark – Seton's Science Olympiad team came in 7th out of 38 teams at the State Competition. Impressive!

National Honor Society Induction – The following juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society on April 24; Itunu Ademoyo, Joshua Aronis, Samuel Breese, Samuel Crowley, Catherine Daly, Grant Eggleston, Jamie Farrell, Jamie Fidler-Young, Mallory Fox, David George, Emily Gibson, Gunnar Glover, Kristen Hudy, Maura Ingraham, McCayla Kenny, Faith Kenville, Michael Korchak, Samantha Koulikas, Brennen Levis, Marissa Malyszek, LeeAnn Marcello, Laura Meier, Lauren Miller,

Michael Murray, Samantha Nicolich, Maggie Novitske, Daniel O'Brien, Robert Olsen, Xiaojie (Vema) Pan, Nicole Rigotti, Francesca Spinelli, Matthew Testani, Katherine Tye, Kendal Valenti, Nathan Whitman, Kyle Wicks, Elizabeth Zielewicz. Congratulations to each of these student leaders for their examples of excellence.

History Club Travels to Gettysburg - The SCC History Club took its 7th annual trip to Gettysburg in April. Club members were able to experience the battle that was the turning point of the Civil War first-hand. The History Club visited famous locations on the battlefield including Culp's Hill, Devil's Den and Little Round Top. The trip was capped with a reenactment of Pickett's Charge and a visit to the graves of members of the 137th NY infantry (a regiment formed in Binghamton) in the National Cemetery. Thanks go out to moderator Thomas McDonough and chaperones Diana Simpson, Kevin McDonough, Jan DeAngelo and Shamsheer Dhillon.

Host Families Needed – There are a number of exchange 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.

Relay For Life – This year's Relay For Life is May 16 (6:00 p.m.) to May 17 (6:00 a.m.). Your support and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. Log on to www.relayforlife.org/setoncatholicNY to help us beat last year's total of \$18,500.

Grades 7 & 8 Bottle Drive / May 31 - There will be a bottle and can drive for the benefit of the 7th and 8th grades on Saturday, May 31st, on the St. John lower parking lot from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Seton Catholic Central's Mock Trial Team Advances to the State Championship in Albany - Seton Catholic Central triumphed in Mock Trial Regional Finals held in Binghamton on Saturday, April 26. Eight county champions competed into the event. Seton Catholic Central won four contests to move on to May's State Championship in Albany. In round one Seton, the Broome County champion, defeated Corning East representing Steuben County. In round two Seton defeated Ithaca High School representing Tompkins County. In the semi-final round Seton defeated New Hartford representing Oneida County and in the final round Seton prevailed over Fayetteville-Manlius representing Onondaga County. Each trial took two hours. The students were presenting their case for 8 hours. Congratulations to Brian Hyland and the students on a great achievement.

Grades 7 & 8 Art Update - This month, in Mr. Gilligan's high school art class, sculpture students completed their human/ animal face mugs. Just last Friday Mr. Gilligan took the completed mugs to our friends at Binghamton High School so the mugs could receive their initial firing, called a bisque (Bisk) firing. Students are now switching gears and are currently working on a project using wire and pantyhose with the focus on space and form in a 3D manner.

The 7th grade recently switched to the 4th quarter of the year and already students have been busy with a few projects. Students were introduced to a quick drawing lesson with a little help from a contour drawing from Pablo Picasso. The drawing lesson forced students to look at the lines in the drawing and

draw only what their eyes actually saw. This was achieved by drawing the Picasso picture upside down. Often our minds trick us into completing shapes or seeing faces that aren't actually there. Drawing upside down forces you to only see lines instead of a complete drawing, for the moment. This task was challenging to the students but they all stuck with it and did an amazing job.



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Jeep Wrangler Sport Car Raffle 2014

Racing into another year!

Volunteer Opportunities: Please fill out form, check off choices, and send to your school secretary, or mail to: Alumni & Development Office, 70 Seminary Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905. Thank you for your support!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

School Affiliation(s): _____

_____ Sell raffle tickets at area festivals/venues (Must be 18 years or older)

_____ Parish Liaison- Set up ticket selling and volunteers to sell tickets at your church's weekend Masses. Disburse posters and mail-in ticket forms to your church's vestibule. Name of Church:

_____ Sell raffle tickets at your business!

_____ Post raffle posters and provide mail-in ticket order forms at your business, and/or the businesses you frequent.

_____ Jeep Drivers Needed to and from events (Must have a valid driver license, and able to handle a manual transmission.)

Upcoming events: Check off event (s). Circle the date or dates interested

_____ St. Joseph Festival: June 6, 7, and 8.

_____ St. Anthony Feast Days: June 13, 14 and 15

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