

# Seton Catholic Central

Grades 7-12

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We hope this letter will provide you with some of the answers to questions that you may have regarding the start of the 2015-2016 school year. If you still have unanswered questions, please call the Main Office at the number listed above.

## Orientation

- **Ice Cream Social:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 @ 6:30PM – 8:30PM in the SCC Cafeteria for all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend. Students should arrive promptly at 6:30PM and plan to stay for the entire event. There are several activities planned to help the students get to know each other.
- **Orientation (for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are new to SCC):** Tuesday, September 8 from 12:30PM to 3:00PM
  - Orientation is a half-day program devoted entirely to our new students. Students should arrive no later than 12:30PM and will stay until 3:00PM. We will begin the day in the Cafeteria. Casual Dress.
  - Students will spend time in their homerooms, receive their schedules, get lockers, log-on to the school network and other computer resources, and participate in various other activities throughout the afternoon.
  - Students should bring the following with them:
    - paper and pen/pencil – a pocket folder with loose leaf or a notebook is fine.
    - \$5.00 for combination lock for school locker
    - \$8.00 for the SCC Passport-Planner

*If you wish to send a check for the Passport-Planner and lock, please make checks payable to SCC. If sending your child with cash, exact change is appreciated.*

## Important Early Dates (check the SCC website for details: setoncchs.com)

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| <b><u>August 11</u></b>    | Ice Cream Social for all 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students @ 6:30PM in the Cafeteria                          |
| <b><u>August 17</u></b>    | JV/Varsity Fall Sports Begin   |
| <b><u>August 23</u></b>    | Fall Athletics Parents Meeting @ 6PM in the SCC Cafeteria  |
| <b><u>September 1</u></b>  | Modified “A” Football Begins, Modified Cross Country Begins  |
| <b><u>September 8</u></b>  | Half-day New Student Orientation Day from 12:30PM to 3:00PM<br>Begin in the Cafeteria. Casual Dress.                         |
| <b><u>September 9</u></b>  | First Day of Classes for All Students. Uniform Dress Code Required.<br>Modified Soccer and Modified Girls Tennis Begin       |
| <b><u>September 12</u></b> | Activity Night – 5PM-7PM<br><b>If you can chaperone this event, please contact Denise Anderson at danderson1@stny.rr.com</b> |

### Additional Expenses

Be prepared for your child to have some additional expenses at the beginning of school: student planner (\$8.00), combination lock (\$5.00), workbooks, works of literature, etc.

Many of the particular course requirements will be distributed to your child during the first week of school. However, some are included in this section.

All students **are required** to purchase and carry with them at all times the SCC Passport-Planner. The cost is \$8.00. New students will be able to purchase their planners on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Returning 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be able to purchase their planners on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Passport-Planners **must be purchased** by the end of the first full week of classes. Should the planner become damaged or lost during the year, students will need to replace them; replacement planners cost \$10.00.

All students **must rent and use** school combination locks for their school lockers. The cost is \$5.00 (returned upon graduation), and students may rent their locks on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Most returning 8<sup>th</sup> grade students turned in their locks at the end of last year. We will return these locks to the students on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please remind your child that he/she should not share his/her combination with anyone. Replacement locks are \$10.00.

### School Hours

The SCC Main Office opens at 7:30AM and closes at 4:00PM each weekday. Homeroom begins at 8:13AM. Students are expected to arrive in Homeroom no later than 8:15AM. Classes end at 3:00PM.

After-school student supervision will be provided in the library until 4:00PM. The Main Office closes at 4:00PM. In order to ensure the safety and security of all students, students who are not involved in scheduled after school activities (clubs, athletics, tutoring, etc.) must be picked up or leave the school building by 4:00PM.

### Transportation

Bus Transportation: Students are transported to SCC by their school district of residence. School District transportation forms are available in the “Forms” section of the SCC website.

For students who do not take the bus: Students may be dropped off at either the front entrance or the College Street entrance. These are the only two entrances to be used at the beginning of the school day.

### Uniform Dress Code

SCC has a Uniform Dress Code. Lands End is our uniform supplier. A detailed uniform description is available under the “Students” section of the SCC Website. A link to purchase uniforms is also available there.

### Cafeteria

Breakfast is \$1.75 per meal and lunch is \$2.90 per meal. Breakfast and lunch can be prepaid with cash or a check (payable to SCC Cafeteria). Please send your payment to the cafeteria with your student. Your student’s pre-payment will be carried forward if they do not eat every day. Breakfast and lunch cannot be charged. *Breakfast and lunch pre-payments can only be used for meals.* They cannot be used for a la carte items. The Cafeteria sells a la carte snacks and drinks everyday. Some of those items are as follows: Bottled water, 100 % fruit juices, milk (fat free white, fat free chocolate and 1% white), baked chips, whole grain chips, whole grain cookies, whole grain muffins, whole grain honey buns. Prices range from 50 cents to \$1.50. Students need cash for snack items. If you have any questions about Cafeteria services, please contact Dawn Dickinson at 723-5307 ext. 121.

### Attendance

Students who arrive to school after 8:15AM must stop in the main office and get a pass from Attendance. It is important that your child consistently arrives to school on time. Excessive tardies will result in disciplinary action. If your student is absent, please call the main office. Students must then bring in a note upon their return to school. The parent/student portal can be used to stay up-to-date on assignments. If your student is absent for an extended period of time, please contact me to collect any assignments.

### Parent Support

We rely on parents to chaperone school events in order to maintain a safe and secure environment for our students. Chaperone requests are typically sent out via e-mail.

### School Supplies

If purchasing any of these supplies becomes a financial hardship, please contact me. Backpacks are allowed, but larger backpacks are difficult to fit into a locker. We recommend color-coding notebooks and folders if possible.

#### **All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to bring:**

- two boxes of tissues for homeroom
- #2 pencils
- pens (blue or black ink)
- loose-leaf
- colored pencils
- book covers (old fashioned paper bags work great!)
- a 2-GB (or greater) flash drive (please make sure your student's name is on it)

Some teachers have submitted additional requests. Others will provide you with a list on the first days of school.

Grades 7 & 8 (in addition to aforementioned items)

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish: 3-subject notebook, Spanish-English dictionary
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish: 3-subject notebook (should continue from 7<sup>th</sup> grade notebook), Spanish-English dictionary
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: folder, 3 subject notebook, scientific calculator (TI-30xII S or TI-30xA), graph paper, composition notebook
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Science: folder, 3 subject notebook, scientific calculator (TI-30xII S or TI-30xA), composition notebook, graph paper
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: folder, 3 subject notebook, composition notebook, scientific calculator (TI-30xII S or TI-30xA), graph paper
- Regents Earth Science: 1.5-2-inch binder, non-graphing scientific calculator (TI-30xII S or TI-30xA)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts: folder, yellow highlighter, 1-subject notebook, composition notebook
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts: folder, additional materials will depend on teacher
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math: Scientific Calculator - TI-30xII S or TI-30xA (do **not** buy a Casio brand calculator), folder, 3-inch binder, compass, ruler
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Scientific Calculator - either TI-30xII S or TI-30xA (do **not** buy a Casio brand calculator), graph paper, compass, ruler, folder, 3-inch binder
- Algebra 1 (Common Core): TI-83+, TI 84, or TI-84+ graphing calculator (TI 84 & TI 84+ are preferred due to advantages in later math courses). Do not buy any other brand or model calculator for this course. This will be the same calculator used in all future high school math courses. Ruler, graph paper, 3-ring binder with loose-leaf paper.
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies: notebook, folder
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Theology: notebook
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisement: folder

Other materials you might find helpful (not required):

- Pencil case
- Post-its
- Index cards
- Magnets for lockers (adhesives not permitted)

### Communication

The major site of communication is the SCC website ([setoncchs.com](http://setoncchs.com)). Please check the website regularly for announcements, calendars, and newsletters. Seton Catholic Central utilizes the ParentPlus portal. Homework, grades, and events are all posted to the portal. Your log-in information will be provided at the beginning of the school year. See the last page of this letter for information about our social media presence. **Most school communication occurs via e-mail. Please make sure that the main office has your accurate e-mail address.** Be sure to check your SPAM folder regularly to make sure that you are receiving school notices. Very few items are distributed on paper.

### Parent/Student/Counselor Meetings

In an effort to connect with all 7th & 8th Grade parents and students, I invite you to schedule a 15-minute parent/student meeting during the school day or before or after school throughout the months of September, October, or November. This meeting is to introduce the role of the school counselor to you and your child, and discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the school year. Please call 607-723-5307 x142 or send an e-mail to [ccurtin@syrdioocese.org](mailto:ccurtin@syrdioocese.org) to schedule a meeting starting September 14, 2015.

### Saintly Grounds Café

Saintly Grounds Café is located in the school library and offers a variety of snacks and beverages for sale. It is open after school each day and during dances and special events. It is staffed by volunteer parents. If you are willing to give some of your time to help keep the café running, please contact the Main Office (723.5307).

### SCRIP

The SCRIP program is your own personal tuition assistance plan. Exchange your cash for debit/gift cards to all of your favorite establishments. When you purchase SCRIP, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards to use just like cash. These cards and certificates look just like the ones you would buy in these stores. You get dollar for dollar – pay \$25 and get a \$25 card. In return, participating companies give back a percentage of your purchase that can be subtracted from your tuition bill for the following year. For more information, contact Erin Brown at 862-3090.

### Athletics

Prior to participation in athletics, students must have a physical and have paid an athletic fee. The athletic fees are as follows: Modified: \$130 single sport, \$175 multiple sports. JV/Varsity: \$155 single sport, \$200 multiple sports. All athletic forms are available on the Athletics page on the SCC website. Fall start dates, locations, and times are available online. If you have questions regarding SCC athletics, please contact Chris Sinicki, Athletic Director, at [csinicki@syrdioocese.org](mailto:csinicki@syrdioocese.org) or 723-5307 x120.

I hope this letter has provided some of the information you may need as we prepare for the 2015 – 2016 school year. If you have additional questions or concerns, please e-mail me at [ccurtin@syrdioocese.org](mailto:ccurtin@syrdioocese.org). Please check the SCC website regularly for updates. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you and your students.

Sincerely,

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