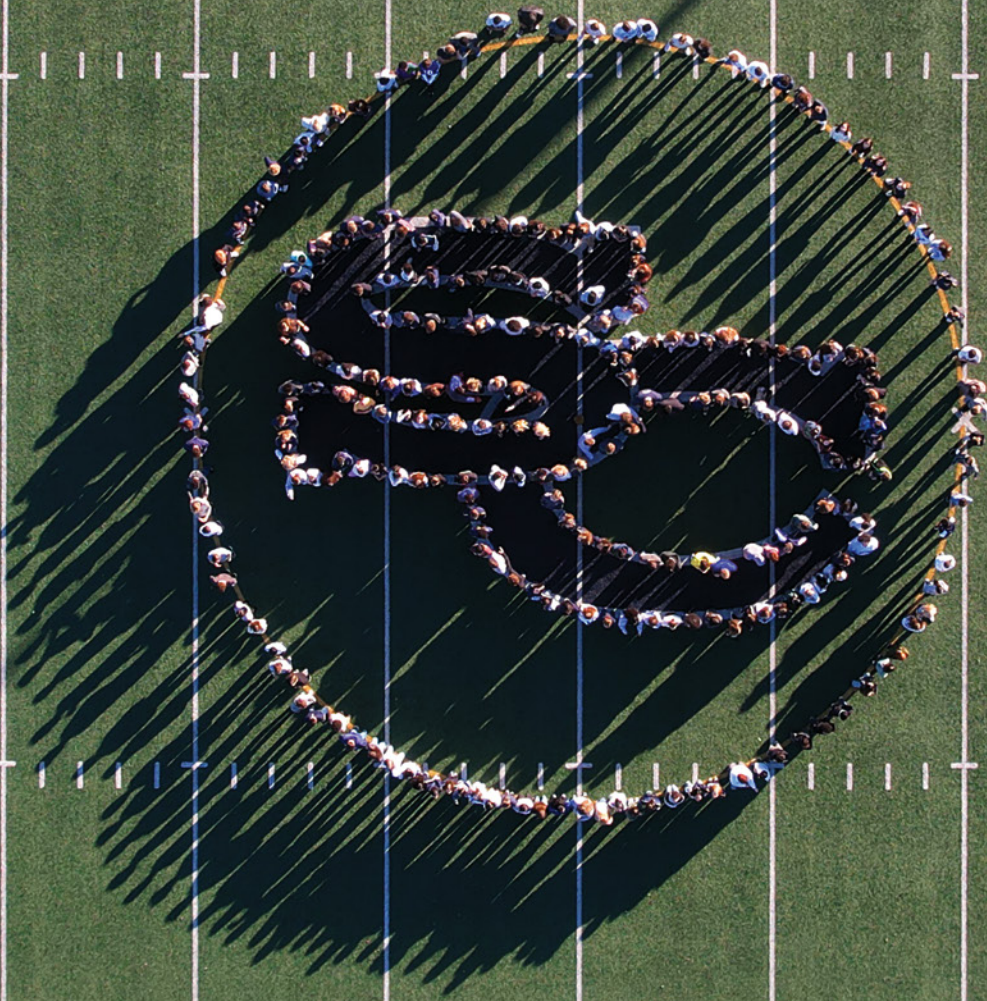


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2023 - 2024

2023-2024

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends and Family of Seton Catholic,

We are pleased to offer you the Seton Catholic Annual Report, which covers school activities and achievements from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. As we look back on this past year, we remain grateful for the many individuals who share our collective vision and commitment to supporting Catholic education in Southwest Washington.

Annual Giving allows us to actively live out our mission and creates an outstanding experience for our students. As is evident from the following pages, Seton Catholic is a very special and unique place.

As President and Principal, I could not be more proud to witness the successes and new milestones that occur year after year. I am even more excited about where we are going:

This year, we've pioneered an innovative approach called "4 Means More," setting a new standard for Catholic schools nationwide with our "Maximizing Mondays" initiative. By shifting classes to Tuesday through Friday, we've achieved several key benefits:

- Sundays have become a true day for families to celebrate their faith together.
- Mondays now serve multiple purposes:
 - Faculty and Staff Professional Development
 - Academic Support
 - Community Service, including at our K-8 sister schools
 - Rest and rejuvenation for students
 - College writing and application boot camps to ease the stress of college admissions
 - DMV classes, helping students obtain licenses without sacrificing study time

As we look ahead, we remain focused on three core principles:

- Making learning and faith come alive
- Personally knowing our students
- Building comprehensive students who will positively impact our community and Nation

In closing, I want to express my deep gratitude to each of you and acknowledge our Catholicity Committee and Student Faith Council for helping us implement our Catholic Social Teachings. Your support is instrumental in assisting Seton Catholic and its shining stars to reach new heights and be the people God has called them to be.

God Bless,



Dr. Robert Rusk
President/Principal





Valedictorian: Ryan Vu

CLASS OF 2024

VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN



Salutatorian: Joseph DiPrima

The Class of 2024 graduates were accepted to colleges and universities across the United States and Europe. This map details where our seniors ultimately chose to attend.

The most popular institutions by enrollment for this class were the University of Washington, University of San Diego, and Boise State University.

Here are some facts for the outstanding Class of 2024:

- ▶ 24 AP Scholars, including 9 with Honor, 7 with Distinction, & 1 International Diploma
- ▶ 50% of the Class of 2024 were recognized as being in the top 10% of graduating seniors statewide
- ▶ 9,052 total service hours within our community, with 21 seniors completing over 200 hours each
- ▶ 7 Senior Athletes accepted offers to play at the college level



CLASS OF 2024



PILLARS IN ACTION

Our student achievement awards are voted on annually by our Faculty and Staff and include students in grades 9-11 whom they feel best represent our pillars of Higher Learning, Deeper Faith and Stronger Character.

THE 2023-2024 STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE: High Learning: Violet H. '27, Adelaide G. '26, Nathan B. '25
Deeper Faith: Anna C. '27, Tyler D. '26, Josie A. '25
Stronger Character: Connor C. '27, Grace F. '26, and Jessica B. '25

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARD

Elijah Wall and Avery Garrison were the 2024 recipients of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award, the highest award bestowed upon a graduating senior, and voted on by the faculty and staff.



2023-2024 DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to everyone in this community that supported Seton Catholic during the 2023-24 school year! The Seton Catholic Annual Fund makes up just over 20% of our operating budget that our school needs to produce the education and programs that we do each year. The reliance on the Annual Fund as a growing high school is critical. We depend on raising over \$1 million each year to fill this gap.

We would like to take a moment to celebrate all that we accomplished in philanthropy last year. Once again, we had an incredible year and thanks to 480 friends and benefactors, we exceeded our Annual Fund goal and raised nearly \$1.2 Million dollars for our school and students.

Tied to this, the average annual gift or pledge to Seton Catholic increased again by nearly \$60 over the prior year with average gifts equaling \$960 by an individual or organization. Because of the nearly \$1.2 Million raised through our Annual Fund last year, we were able to offer nearly \$875,000 in tuition assistance to 60% of our Seton Catholic families.

In addition, of this \$1.2M, \$340,000 came to our school as restricted gifts to directly benefit our programs, our growing endowment and facility enhancements. The Seton Catholic Booster Club was the single largest supporter for these restricted gifts/grants. Thanks to our Boosters, just under \$80,000 helped to fund specific grant requests by teachers, coaches, teams and clubs.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and School Leadership, we are also very excited to announce that thanks to the incredible generosity of the following families and foundations, an additional \$1.1 million was contributed last Spring towards a very special acquisition for Seton Catholic's future:

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hansen, Mr. Joe Pauletto, Mr. Mike Pauletto, The Ed and Dollie Lynch Family Fund, The Tod and Maxine McClaskey Foundation

Thanks to these benefactors, a new 4.21 acre parcel was purchased to the north of our campus to grow our school's footprint for the future. In addition to this new land, Seton Catholic now also fully owns the land that our track and field rests on, which before was only a long-term lease. We are excited to share more with our community about the opportunities for growth and expansion over the next year.

Your gifts can continue to be designated to six different areas of impact across our school, however the most critical area of impact is the Greatest Need - where our school can designate your support in the areas needed most. Instead of making a one-time commitment, you may once again choose to join our Cougar Giving Club, where pledges can be spread out monthly for one year or ongoing.

Whether you continue to support Seton Catholic with a new or renewed gift this year, please know that we count you among our many blessings as we look back over the last year. We never take for granted the impact you make by selecting Seton Catholic as one of your philanthropic priorities.

All the best to you and yours in 2025!

With Gratitude,


Craig Schaefer
Director of Development


Jennifer Naughton
Asst. Director of Development



480 DONORS
SUPPORTED THE
2023-24
ANNUAL FUND

In 2023-24
\$1,199,480
was raised for the
Seton Catholic Annual Fund

SETON CATHOLIC
RECEIVED NEARLY
\$340,000
IN RESTRICTED GIFTS
TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT PROGRAMS,
ENDOWMENT AND FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS
IN 2023-24

THE AVERAGE GIFT TO SETON CATHOLIC IN 2023-24
JUMPED TO
\$960
UP \$60
FROM 2022-23

Booster Club contributions for the 2023-2024 school year include donations to the following areas:

- Athletics
- Drama
- Visual Arts
- School Spirit
- Band
- Clubs & Activities
- Scholarships & Academics



THANK YOU SC BOOSTERS
FOR CONTRIBUTING JUST UNDER
\$80,000
IN GRANT REQUESTS IN 2023-24

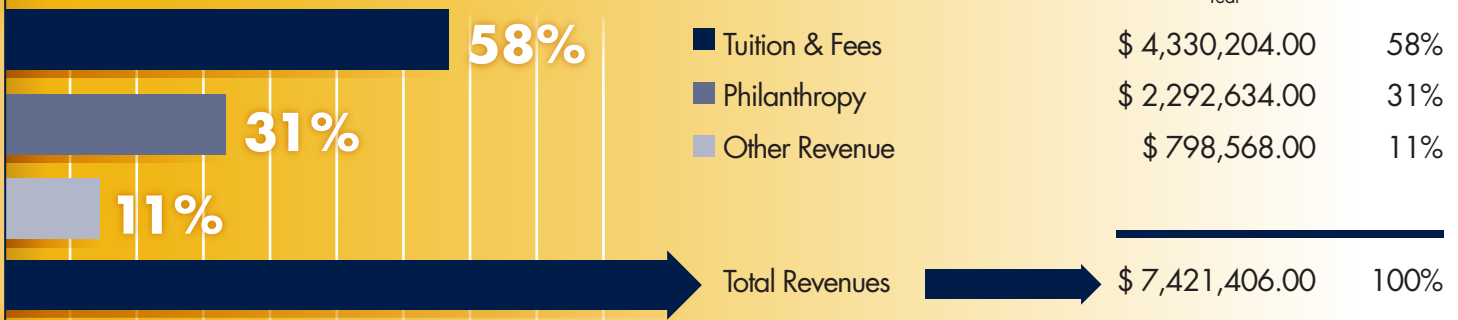
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2024-25



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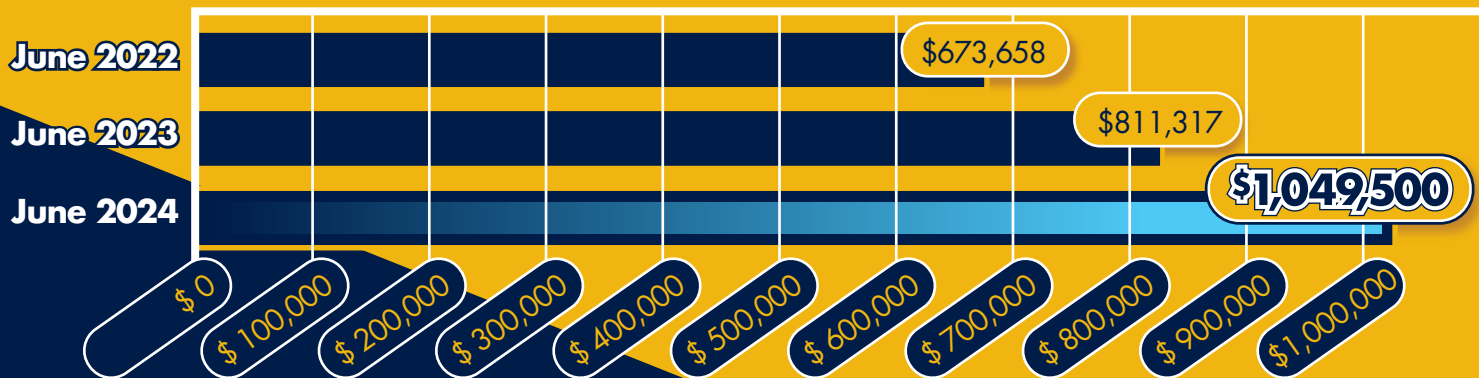
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Expenses



Endowment Net Assets



Interest earned from the Seton Catholic Endowment, as well as designated annual funding, allowed our school to award over \$45,000 to students through the following named Scholarships:

RH Parker/United Foundation Scholarship
Ed Little Cougar Pride Scholarship
PeaceHealth, Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace Scholarship
The Edmond W. Lapine II Scholarship
The Dan and Christine Wamsley Annual Scholarship
The Citizen Scholar Award

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

HIGHLIGHTS 2023-2024



95%
OF SETON CATHOLIC
STUDENTS THAT
PARTICIPATE IN A

**SPORT, CLUB OR
ACTIVITY**



#1
WIAA DISTRICT 4

**1A ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR
OF THE YEAR**



2nd
PLACE JAZZ BAND
IN THE 1A DIVISION
AT THE

CLARK COLLEGE
JAZZ FESTIVAL



SOLD OUT
PERFORMANCES OF
**DISNEY'S BEAUTY
AND THE BEAST**

12,000+
SCHOOL-WIDE
**COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS**



**GIRLS SOFTBALL PLAYED IN THE FIRST
ALL-SETON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN
SCHOOL HISTORY**



Seton earned a
**PLATINUM
RATING**
on the College Board's
AP School Honor Roll



3 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS:

Leadership, Conceptual Design and
Intro to Catholic Philosophy



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TRICO LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS



5 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS



5th
IN STATE
CHESS TEAM



2nd
IN STATE-VARSITY
KNOWLEDGE
BOWL

97%



OVERALL STUDENT
RETENTION RATE



FISHING CLUB

2nd

in State & competing in
Nationals this summer!



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SENIOR ATHLETES
SIGNED LETTERS
OF INTENT TO
COMPETE AT THE
COLLEGE LEVEL



WIAA STATE
SCHOLASTIC CUP
CHAMPIONSHIPS



IN 3 YEARS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Elizabeth Ann
Feast Day Mass**
January 8, 2025
Seton Catholic Chapel

**Parish Appeal for
Seton Catholic**
February 2025
Southern Deanery Parishes

**Scholarship
Challenge Week**
February 24-28, 2025
Seton Catholic Campus

**Spring Musical,
The Wizard of Oz**
March 15-16 & 22-23, 2025
Seton Catholic Auditorium

Seton Sampler & Auction
April 26, 2025
Seton Catholic Campus

Baccalaureate Mass
June 6, 2025
Proto-Cathedral of St. James the
Greater Catholic Church

Graduation
June 7, 2025
Seton Catholic Gymnasium



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PeaceHealth
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PROVIDENCE
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RETIREMENT ADVISORS**
A Clear Path to Financial Freedom
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Michael Wright



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ACADEMY**
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AUTOWORKS**

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Force Consulting**
Personal & Corporate Security Training



CREATIVEMEDIA
enterprises

HAND & STONE
MASSAGE AND FACIAL SPA

University
of Portland



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A BETTER SOLUTIONS ALTERNATIVE
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DUTCH BROS
Coffee



Edward Jones
Erik Powell
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WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE GIVING

To make a gift online visit our website at setonhigh.org. Annual, monthly, or recurring gifts can be set up online or by calling the Development Office at (360) 258-1932.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. Please check with your HR department to see if your company is eligible.

PLANNED GIFTS/ENDOWMENT GIFTS

You can remember and support Seton Catholic by leaving a gift in your will or estate plan. Endowed gifts are invested donations that support us over time, providing stability and tuition assistance to deserving students. Contact Craig Schaefer, Director of Development, at (360) 258-1932 or cschaefer@setonhigh.org for more information on planned gifts and/or giving to the endowment.

BUSINESS PARTNERS PROGRAM

By partnering with Seton Catholic, your business will support our mission while also receiving year-round marketing exposure within our community. Contact the Development Office to learn more.

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