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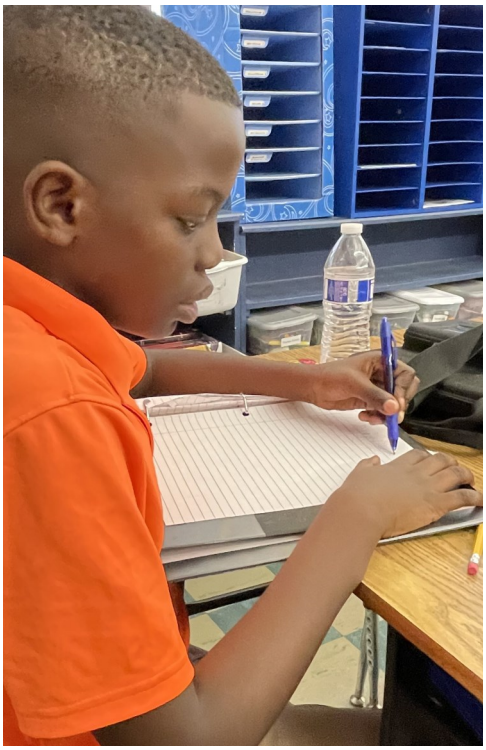






MISSION STATEMENT

Centered in Christ and led by His Spirit, we at Seton Catholic Schools teach and accompany our students on their journey to become disciples of Christ through virtues, academic excellence, service; all for truth in love.

A WORD FROM OUR SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS



Dear Seton Catholic Community,

With gratitude, we reflect on the many blessings experienced by our students, staff, and families. This year was been filled with academic growth, service to others, school spirit, and countless moments that remind us of the strength of our faith-centered community.

Our students continue to excel academically, demonstrating perseverance, dedication, and a commitment to using their God-given talents to the fullest. In the classroom, students challenged themselves to grow as learners while preparing for bright futures ahead. Their accomplishments are a reflection of the support provided by our teachers and families working together in partnership.

One highlight of the year was our "Branch Out Day," where students stepped beyond the walls of the classroom to serve others throughout the community. Through acts of kindness and service, our students lived out the Gospel message by putting their faith into action. It was inspiring to witness their compassion, leadership, and willingness to help those in need.

Our athletic programs also experienced an outstanding year, with multiple school records broken and many memorable accomplishments achieved across several sports. More importantly, our student-athletes represented the school with pride, teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication. Their success is a testament not only to hard work and talent, but also to the values of discipline and perseverance that we strive to instill each day.

We thank God for the many blessings He has provided to our school community. We are grateful for the students who bring joy to our halls, the faculty and staff who "faithfully guide and support them, and the families and community members whose partnership strengthens our mission. May we carry the lessons of faith, service, and kindness into the summer months and continue to grow as disciples of Christ in all that we do.

Summertime blessings to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Jane Brack

Mrs. Jane Brack
SCHS Principal



Greetings Seton Family,

Thank you parents for the support and effort you put into raising and educating your children. There are so many wonderful kids who will grow up to be upstanding members of our community here in Seton Catholic's classrooms. I wish I could share with you all the memories I have from this past year of kids playing and helping each other on the playground, sitting next to parents or grandparents in church, wondering with excitement if the egg survived the egg drop that their mom or dad helped them with, presenting a science fair project that they came up with or writing intently on a homework assignment. I thank God for the blessing of being a parent, teacher and now principal of a school with such a great group of kids. Your example and guidance are the reason for so much of that.

I have said before that parents are the first educators of their children. That doesn't just mean you are first chronologically, but also first in importance. Your words and example build the foundation of responsible, faith-filled and successful adults they are growing into. While we at Seton Catholic support you and your student in that growth, you are the ones that do the lion's share of the work. Our time with them is brief, while yours is significant. Our words and examples are important, but yours are more important. They may not always listen to what you say, but I guarantee they are always watching (and remembering) what you do.

Have a great remainder of summer, and know that Seton is working now to get ready to help you keep growing great kids who will make the world a better place.

Sincerely,

Mr. Victor Berger
SCES Principal

"TEACHING IS A NOBLE PROFESSION THAT SHAPES THE CHARACTER, INTELLECT, AND SOULS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS." ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

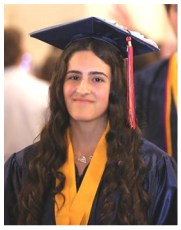
2026 GRADUATES

The 21st graduating class of Seton Catholic High School graduated on May 31st at St. Andrew Church. Valedictorian Elizabeth Daoud and Salutatorian Brayden Pipenger addressed their class. Vince Aquila, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, offered words of congratulations and best wishes and presented the 16 graduates with their diplomas.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Daoud, recipient of the Cardinal Joseph Tobin Christian Leadership Award and Aubrey Bihl (junior), recipient of the St. Pope John Paul II award.

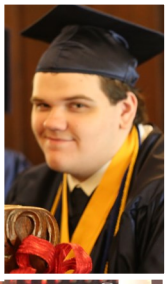














CLASS OF 2026
NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The class of 2026 was accepted into 40 colleges and universities.

They accumulated over $1 million in merit-based scholarship offers.

12 students are enrolled in college or a trade school.

1 student will be completing an apprenticeship.

3 students are entering the workforce.

13 students were members of National Honor Society and recognized with the blue and gold cords.

12 students graduated with Academic Honors and were recognized with the gold medallions and gold ribbons.

4 students graduated with a Core 40 Diploma and were recognized with the silver medallions and white ribbons.

4 students were class officers and were recognized with the red, white, and blue cords.

9 students donated blood 3 or more times and recognized with the red cords.

12 students were student athletes.

14 students held an internship in the community this year.

9 members of the class of 2026 attended Catholic Schools their entire academic career.

ALL SCHOOL MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP THOMPSON





Archbishop Charles Thompson returned to Seton Catholic in April to celebrate Mass with us during the Easter Octave. The Mass was beautifully led by our primary students with help from the intermediate and high school students. The Archbishop shared a message of hope and Easter joy and encouraged everyone to live out the Gospel everyday. We are blessed that the Archbishop took time out of his busy schedule to celebrate with us and we thank him for delivering such an inspiring message.













LETTING CHRIST'S LIGHT SHINE: BRANCH OUT DAY

Seton Catholic High School held its annual Branch Out Day of Service on Tuesday, May 12. This event is a "win-win" for our students & community. Students lent a helping hand at more than 17 locations in the community including: Rock Solid Ministries, Refuge of Hope, Saint Vincent de Paul - David's House, Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Circle U Help Center, Cope Environmental Center, Hayes Arboretum, RE Hub Recycling & Reuse Hub, Cardinal Greenway, Richmond Rose Garden, Elstro Plaza, Veterans Park/ Starr Gennett, Main Street, St Mary's/ St. Andrew's Cemeteries, Richmond Civic Theatre, and FOP.



WELCOME HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS



In December, we welcomed the newest members of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton chapter of National Honor Society. Congratulations **Maya Hamilton, Alayna Grace Hudson, Aubrey Bihl, Abigail Bagby, Hunter Vu, Lillian Feist, Carina Feliciano, Jacob Himes, Luke Bose, Keith Gisa, Aiden Boughner, Sara Swinney, Gavin Killion, and Nate Grujoski.**

NHS members and faculty advisor **Dan Reichley** serve our community by partnering with Technology Recyclers, (https://tech-recyclers.com) to hold e-waste recycling events. Their next event will be held in the fall. Check social media for the date. They also host a Father/Daughter dance for girls in grades preK-6th and their dads.







WHAT ARE VIRTUES & WHY DO WE NEED THEM?

VIRTUE /ˈvərCHo͞o/ - refers to behavior that shows high moral standards, or a specific commendable character trait such as courage, patience, or honesty. Broadly, it represents moral excellence, goodness, and the disposition to consistently do what is right.

Seton Catholic instills virtues in the classroom and invites students' families to practice virtuous living at home too. This year's monthly virtues were prayer, obedience, gratitude, kindness, orderliness, respect & cheerfulness. Congratulations to fourteen Primary students who practiced every one!

A world without virtue would be chaotic, rude, gluttonous, slothful and violent. Sound familiar? Let's not despair but keep practicing, remembering that we are all made in God's image & likeness. Little by little, with practice and grace, we will become the saints we are called to be, rejoicing with God in eternity.



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Congratulations and best wishes to **Marilyn Dolesh** on her retirement. Marilyn came to Seton Catholic in 2006 as the Elementary East Building Computer Lab Coordinator. ($5.75/hr.)

Over the years, she has added many caps to her duties. Often, she filled a position necessary for the school (recess and lunch monitor, photographer, graphic artist, design and layout for Cardinal Points newsletter, and computer trouble shooter.) When Marilyn saw an opportunity to evangelize to our students, she cheerfully initiated solutions for that need. She led a weekly Rosary for all Wayne County students, created Tuesday early release service ideas for Primary students, designed Catholic themed bulletin boards, and recently created a virtue program for Primary students. She came up with a beloved tradition of creating Advent gifts for intermediate and high school students — and much more. Marilyn has been the face of Christ to all students entering the halls.

Marilyn interjected Jesus' teachings throughout the day. She calmed upset children, solved playground squabbles and lovingly disciplined students by redirecting their behaviors toward successful ends. Students listened and respected her greatly.

She created a mural rosary in the cafe and each day offered a prayer intention for one bead of the rosary. Students not only learned the rosary, but also learned varieties of prayers and who to consider might need a prayer. She taught a simple recess prayer to help students be mindful of their behaviors on the playground. That prayer was recited daily before running outside. She displayed beautiful bulletin boards throughout the building that helped students be more aware of what was happening in the liturgical year. She certainly spread our Catholic faith constantly.

Kim Becker noted "Marilyn is always a morale boost and counselor for staff, offering insights that many of us never thought of. At times when I found myself frustrated or upset with a situation, I would express that to Marilyn. She thoughtfully mentioned that God might be trying to tell me something better through that situation. And she was always right."

Most recently, she noticed that mothers would benefit from prayer time and camaraderie while their children played nearby, thereby creating a "Stella Maris" group of older Seton mamas alongside younger Seton mamas to grow and nurture together.



Now that Marilyn is retiring, she looks forward to spending more time with her three grandchildren. We're hopeful she saves some volunteer hours for us at Seton! Marilyn is present, positive, and prayerful. We are grateful for the faith, hope, and love she has shown us during her time at Seton Catholic!



We thank **Jane Brack** for five years of service, new ideas, and her time and attention given to our SCHS students. She came to Seton Catholic in 2021. During her time at SCHS, she broadened internship opportunities, added classes back to the schedule like home economics, discovered unique retreat locations, and introduced the Angelus recitation daily, further strengthening our Catholic identity.

Jane enjoyed following our athletic programs and could often be found cheering in the stands at many games and matches.

As Jane reflected on leaving she wrote, "Seeds planted in faith often bloom long after we have left the garden." May it be so...

We hope she enjoys time spent with her grandchildren and tending to her farm and horses.

Seton Catholic is also thankful to these staff members for sharing their time and talents. **Becky Lafuze**, SCHS cook; **Jordan Parker**, SCHS PE/Health teacher and coach; **Jared Weaver**, band/choir/music teacher; **Terri Paul**, 1st grade teacher; and **Amber Brown**, 3rd grade teacher.

We wish them well and pray that God will continue to bless their journeys.

SCHS: FINE ARTS' NEWS

Art Award

SCHS senior, **Gaige Dunkin-Natusch** won first place in the Drawing Division and earned second place overall in the annual All Wayne County High School Art Exhibition for his drawing titled Self Portrait. Junior **Ethan Nisewonder** received honorable mention for his acrylic/oil painting called 4x4.



PRIMARY: PRE-K STUDIED THE "GREATS"



Angie Parker's prekindergarten class continues their annual tradition of turning their classroom into an art gallery with their versions of renowned artists.



"EVERY GENUINE ART FORM IN ITS OWN WAY IS A PATH TO THE INMOST REALITY OF MAN AND OF THE WORLD."

~ St. Pope John Paul II in his 1999 Letters to Artists

INTERMEDIATE: 5TH GRADE "SCIENTISTS" IN THE MAKING...

Science fair is a major milestone in a student's life! Many months of hard work and preparation under the direction of teacher **Mary Leverton** were necessary to complete it's rigorous requirements; like writing a hypothesis, doing experiments, compiling data, writing a conclusion and creating a display board. The 5th grade class held their annual science fair in February. All the students did an amazing job. Extra congratulations to our winners!

Congratulations to this year's winners!



1st - Audrey Gibbs **2nd - Leighton Dickman** **3rd - Boston Crow**

Fall Sports Roundup

The varsity volleyball team finished their season with a 10-20 record, playing a very competitive schedule. Individual awards winners were: **Taryn Tremain** was named PAAC Player of the Year and IHSVCA All -District. **Jolie Scherschel** was named 1st Team All-Conference.

Our soccer team was competitive again this year, finishing with a 4-10-3 record. **Ian Vournazos** earned 1st Team All-Conference honors, **Gavin Killion** earned 2nd Team All-Conference honors, and **Taeon Tate** was named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Varsity cross country, junior high cross country, and junior high volleyball teams all worked hard and showed great improvement throughout the year, despite lower participation numbers.







Winter Sports Roundup

Our varsity boys basketball team played a tough schedule and finished with a 5-19 record. Two seniors finished with many individual accolades. **Jackson Feist** was named 2nd Team All-Conference, Sideline IQ All-Area Honorable Mention, 765 Sports All-Wayne County 1st Team, and 765 Sports All-Area 2nd Team. **Tyson Tremain** was named Honorable Mention All-Conference, 765 Sports All-Wayne County 2nd Team, 765 Sports All-Area 3rd Team, and earned the 765 Sports Sportsmanship Award. Tyson will also be playing collegiately next year at Faith Baptist Bible College (IA).

Senior **Rosie Fraley** led the swim team and posted solid times throughout the season. **Hunter Vu** and **Caroline Fraley** rounded out this year's team. *Thank you to Centerville High School Athletics for the use of their pool.*

In junior high sports, our 8th grade boys basketball team finished with a winning record this season while our 7th grade boys basketball team showed great improvement late in the season.

Our high school cheerleading numbers were strong again this year as they supported our basketball team and pumped up the crowd.

Our dance team had another outstanding year as they came out with even more new routines for halftime entertainment.









Nate Wetherell ('24) - Nate married Libby Younts June 2026.

Jonah Falcone ('21) - Jonah married Alyssa Haller August 2025.

Hannah Reimsnyder ('18) - Hannah and Miguel Galenzogas exchanged wedding vows June 2026

Rhett Butler ('14) - Rhett took Libby Springmier to be his bride last October 2025.

Abby Dargie ('14) & Adam Dolesh ('14) - Abby & Adam were engaged September 2025.

Tyler Dolesh ('14) - Tyler and Nicole Lisi said, "I do" October 2025.

Andrew Reimsnyder ('13) - Andrew and his bride Emily were married in February 2026.

Clay Dolesh ('12) - Clay and Rosemary welcomed their first daughter January 2026.

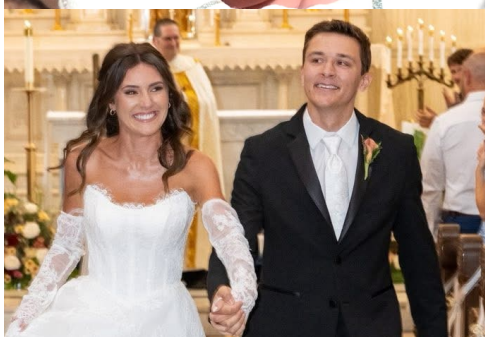
Dylan Reichley ('13) - Dylan and Cierra welcomed their first daughter May 2026.





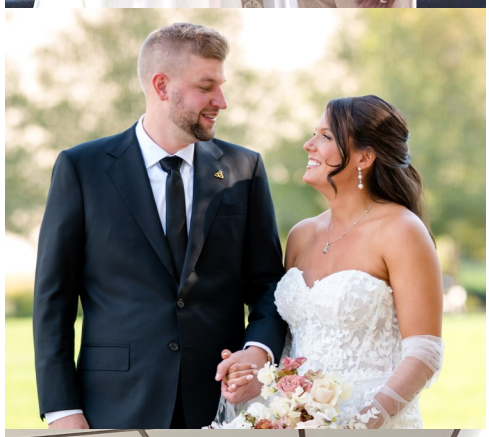














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ALUMNI OF RICHMOND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

DO YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW...

have roots with Seton Catholic, St. Andrew, St. Mary, and/or Holy Family schools? We are seeking to get in touch with our former students (you/they do not have to be graduates). We desire to keep in touch and data has become outdated. Please help us by scanning this QR code to update your/their information (Google form) or share it with someone you know that attended any of our Richmond Catholic schools. **Thanks in advance for the help!**



SAVE THESE DATES

July 25: Seton Catholic Night at the ballpark (Dayton Dragons) Join us for Family Fun while fund-raising for our school by purchasing your tickets through this QR code.

August 3:
Back to School Meet & Greet

August 4:
First Day of School

August 22:
Flying Cardinal 5K

September 18-20:
Homecoming Weekend

September 20:
Cardinal Classic Golf Outing

October 13-17: Fall Break

JOIN US...



The Richmond Catholic Alumni Association is organizing events for alumni on **Homecoming Weekend September 18th-20th**. For more details, to help volunteer, or to update your contact info call, text or email Steph Hornak or Trent Reichley.



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