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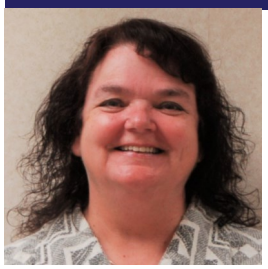
MISSION STATEMENT

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



Hello families!

As we conclude the 2021-2022 school year, I want to thank each and every one of you for the blessing you have been to our school! Our students, families and staff are simply amazing. The love and support shown to each other is like no other that I have witnessed before. God is working in the halls of Seton Catholic High School.

The beginning of the semester was very difficult for me with the loss of my husband, Rob. Upon returning to school, I was surrounded by love and support, which continues to this day. I am grateful beyond words for my Seton Catholic family! Thank you one and all for showing me grace, compassion, and love during this trying time.

This semester our school has been busy! We have added new technology through the interactive white boards and 3D printing machines; and teachers have been continuing their education with professional development with Tools for Success. Many students enjoyed religious retreats that helped them grow closer to God and build positive relationships with their peers. Our goal is to always place God first in everything we do to help our students continue on their faith journey.

We said goodbye to our seniors at the end of the semester. They all have fantastic futures ahead of them and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors and hope they return to see us from time to time. Seton Catholic High School will always be their home away from home. Go out into the world and make us proud!

As this year ends and the new year begins to unfold, we are working on adding several new classes for students. Some include middle school consumer science, high school engineering, accounting, and several media and computer classes. My goal is to have the broadcasting of the "Bird's Nest" up and running! All of this depends on the availability of staffing- please pray for candidates.

I want to wish everyone a safe, relaxing and fun filled summer vacation!

In His peace,

Jane Brack

Jane Brack
SCHS Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another semester completed! Time flies and our kids grow. It's all good!

Our second semester was certainly busy. We began opening up more opportunities as our pandemic concerns lessened. Our elementary winter music program returned to the stage and students enjoyed performing for you all. Good to be back to normal!

Teachers have been learning too. We experienced hands-on training with our new CleverTouch interactive white boards. What a great tool to use for instruction! Plus, teachers are using training through "Tools for Success" to align
and improve our curriculum, testing, and delivery of instruction. The work that we have learned is a great resource for teaching now and in years to come.

Summer will bring many new experiences. Seton Summer Camp begins again with themed activities in the mornings and field trips in the afternoons. Several of our teachers are offering summer tutoring to either bridge some learning gaps or just keep students up to grade level through August. Air purifiers and more technology upgrades will be installed during summer thanks to our Emergency Assistance Funds from the government. Finally, we are starting more renovations to our intermediate building! We hope to begin painting walls, frames and bathrooms this summer!

It never slows down at school! But that's a good thing. We are always moving ahead, learning and growing! Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and support this year! Let's do it again next year!!

God bless,

Kimberly J. Becker

TRADITION

From fireworks on Independence Day to Pomp & Circumstance at graduations, we all love traditions! Every culture and family have them. We look forward to celebrations, family dinners, annual trips, and so much more.

Our Seton Catholic family is no different. Traditions begin early for our students with the Pre-K Art Show, Saint parades and reports, and the famous egg drop! As our youngest students grow they experience the anticipated Step Up Day when they visit 3rd grade and get a glimpse of their life as an Intermediate Building student. Once they reach the Intermediate Building they anticipate things like the 4th grade trip to Conner Prairie, scooter races, overnight retreats to St. Meinrad and Camp Rancho Framasa. The anticipation continues to build as our students pass on from one grade level to the next. As sixth grade comes to a close those students prepare to transition to high school. To help with this transition students visit the high school and use a mock schedule, interact with teachers, staff, and high school students, participate in passing periods, and try their hand at opening combination lockers. Excitement and energy builds with each milestone.

When the students become 7th graders things change somewhat with the absence of holiday parties and school skates, and they start to look forward to ball games and dances. But traditions continue at the high school too -things like class retreats, free dress Friday, "Senior Hall", food drives, Senior Breakfast, and so much more.

TRADITION
tra·di·tion
/trəˈdiSH(ə)n/ (noun)

the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation, or the fact of being passed on in this way.

In the last few years, we have also seen a couple of new activities come into play at SCHS. The first is the Senior Mother/VIP Lunch which was instituted by former academic advisor, Shantel Cartwright, as a way for the seniors to show love and appreciation to their moms (or other female supporters in their lives) at what can be a difficult time of transition in the lives of a mom and her young adult children. The luncheon hosted by the seniors is held at the Olde Richmond Inn each May, and has become an anticipated, special event.

Another new event that has surfaced the last couple of years is Adopt-A-Senior. This program which emerged out of Covid as a way to "show some love" to the graduating class of 2021, is on the road to being a favorite SCHS tradition. The essence of the program is that each senior is "adopted" and receives gifts designed to excite and encourage them through the last three months of the senior year when senioritis really kicks in. After watching the smiles on their faces, we decided it needed to continue with the Class of 2022.

"The anticipation and pure joy of each senior when they start seeing random, unsigned gifts showing up at the office for them is awesome. Through their smiles and sheer gratitude, you know that it is having a positive uplifting impact on them," said Mrs. Blakely, the high school secretary.

To be a part of Adopt-A-Senior, or to play a more active role in any of our school traditions please email nblakely@setoncatholics.org





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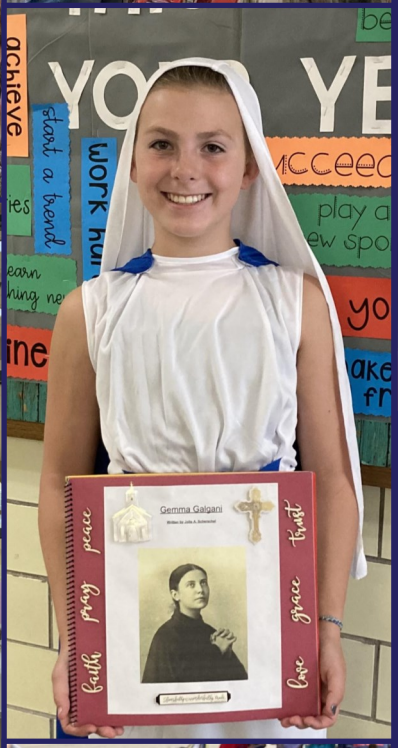
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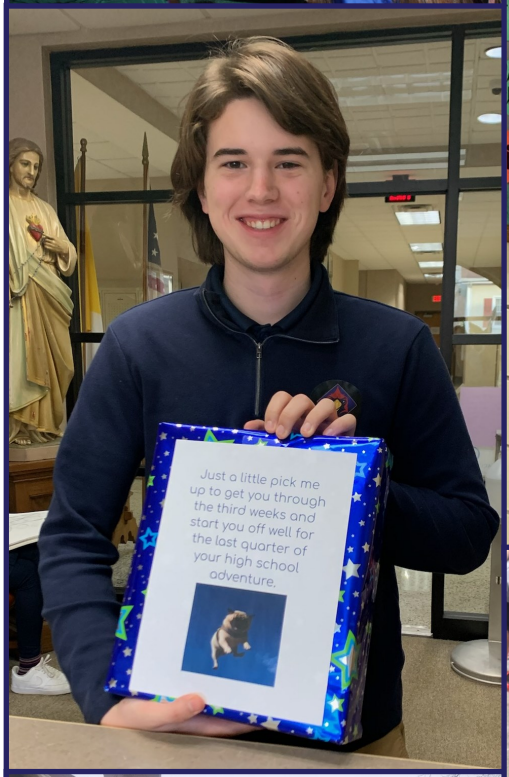

Just a little pick me up to get you through the third weeks and start you off well for the last quarter of your high school adventure.











RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted fourteen new members into its group this semester. Members of the society are selected based on scholarship, service, leadership and character. Join us in congratulating Anabelle Aleman, Ella Berger, Kara Berger, Kendall Coyner, Kyndal Davis, Tessa Hamilton, Connor Kitchin, Jack Martin, Josey Meeks, Ryan Murray, Nick Rader, Zach Teng, Kyleen Wilber

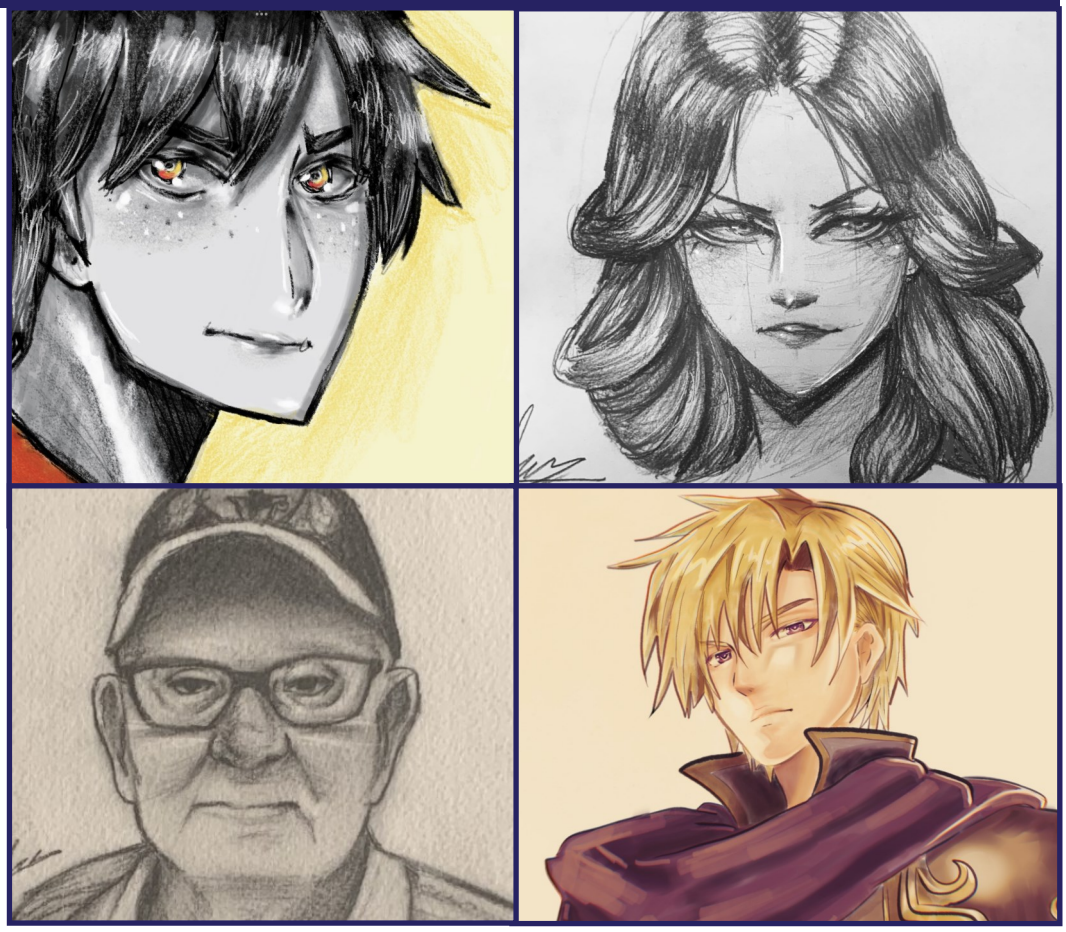


HE'S GOT TALENT

Shout out to our very talented artist, Jayce Cox!

Jayce will be heading into his senior year in the fall, eager for a bright future ahead in the art world. This summer though, Jayce will be spending two weeks at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago! It was a process of applications and submitting artwork to be accepted, but Jayce excitedly shared with us that he was selected.

While he will surely enjoy living the life of a Chicago resident for two weeks, he will also be taking art class and earning two college credits while he is there. Join us in congratulating him on this exciting adventure!



VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our many volunteers that help us keep things running!

Gina Stanley
Cathy Suthard
Linda Lafuze
Jim & Evelyn Miller
Mary Frazur
Nathan Lafuze
Bob & Linda McFarland
Logan Patterson
Mary Purcell
Sonny Stanley
Jim Knight
Cindy Baker
Julie Dersham
Dan Nufrio
Sherry Amyx
Nicole Eagles
Kathy Cibigas
Mike Thomas
Greg Killion
Toby & Angi Harvey
Robbie Falcone
Ruth Brown
Jane Bumbalough
Jessica & Josh Jurgens
Jon Blevins
Justin & Jodi Scheiben
Craig Towns
Lisa Bihl
Amanda Thomas
Carolina Healton
Derek Healton
Sue Chandler
Kathy Knight
Mark Dargie
Brian Cox
Nathan Dickman
Jim Meeks
Linda Westjohn
Maggie Westjohn
Matt Westjohn
Elizabeth Swinney
Art Clark
James & Jackie Hunter
Jessica Beare
Megan Johnson
Megan Carfield
Leah Killion
Julie Fallon
Sara Evans
Abby Burkhardt
Roby Wood
Brittany Pardo
Becky Lafuze
David Davis

TO DONATE YOUR TIME AND TALENT, PLEASE EMAIL

Mrs. Brack at jbrack@setoncatholics.org or Mrs. Becker at kbecker@setoncatholics.org

Congratulations and thank you to Mr. Jack Hughes for his service & dedication to Seton Catholic HS! Jack joined our team 5 years ago after retiring from the public school. He has been a huge asset and blessing to us. Enjoy your REAL retirement!



WINTER SPORTS ROUND-UP

Winter sports were again a wild season as we navigated COVID scheduling for the second straight season. However, our student-athletes and coaches stepped up to the challenge and persevered to find success. While they didn't win any team or individual sectional championships, there was great program growth across the board.



This was the third year for varsity swim at SCHS; and both the girls and boys teams took huge strokes forward. Ten of the twenty-two swimming school records were broken this season. Both teams showed tremendous consistency this season as well. The girls team finished second at the PAAC Championships while the boys finished sixth. Josey Meeks won her third consecutive PAAC title in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke. Bella Diehl also won the PAAC title in the 100-yard backstroke.

Our varsity boys basketball team finished the season with a 15-9 record. Mason Harvey earned 2nd Team All-Conference honors while Dorian Hill earned Honorable Mention All-Conference honors. Hill broke the school record for steals in a season and in a single game. The JV team had an excellent season and finished with an 11-6 record.

Both junior high boys basketball teams competed well this year. The 8th grade team finished with a record of 13-6 and won the Blue River Valley Holiday Tournament. The 7th grade team finished with a record of 3-14.

For the first time in three years, we had a junior high girls basketball team. The team showed great improvement throughout the season and enjoyed some success along the way. They finished with a record of 2-13. Their two wins were exciting, though! One was in the PAAC tournament and the other was in overtime against Lincoln. It was great to have girls basketball back!



After not being able to perform last year due to COVID restrictions, our dance team returned this year. They performed many new routines and did a great job of providing halftime entertainment at home high school boys basketball games.

We had not had cheerleading for a couple years as well and that program made a triumphant return this year. We had great participation and the girls did an outstanding job of supporting both our high school and junior high boys basketball teams.



LEARNING TO GIVE

An important part of our Catholic Identity is not only our love for one another, but also our service to others. Our high school students give many, many service hours to our community. Our elementary students are learning and practicing service too. The elementary students give either funds or goods to different charities per month:



As we practice service now with our students, we hope to see them continue service t oward others the rest of their lives!



MONTH	CAUSE	AMOUNT RAISED
Sept 2021	Hurricane Ida Relief	$559.42
Oct 2021	Church & School	Service
Nov 2021	Our community	Collection of non-perishable food
Dec 2021	Circle U Pantry	$399.00
Jan 2022	Gifts to Birthright	1600 diapers, 9 formula containers, 5848 baby wipes
Feb 2022	Our community	Collection of food
Mar 2022	St. Vincent de Paul beds for children	$560
Apr 2022	Our community	Prayer intentions and Stations of the Cross
May 2022	Catholic Relief Services for Ukrainian families	Still collecting

SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

A Honor Roll

12th Grade
Lydia Reichley

11th Grade
Kara Berger
Jack Martin
Josey Meeks

10th Grade
Robert Bagby
Mary Daoud
Andrew Warner

9th Grade
Kelsey Brim
Jacqueline Clemente
Jana Clemente
Isabella Cornell
Landry Cox
Gwyneth Falcone
Allison Hamilton
Amanda Moore

8th Grade
Elizabeth Daoud
Brayden Pipenger

7th Grade
Lena Allen
Abigail Bagby
Aubrey Bihl
Izabella Carter
Reagan Cauley
Lillian Feist
Grace Ferriell
Taylor George
Keith Gisa
Grace Hudson
Levi Marszalek
Katie Phillips
Sara Swinney
Gannon Vien
Hunter Vu
Bridget Witte

A/B Honor Roll

12th Grade
Keegan Bane
Nicklaus Chaplin
Camryn Ewing

11th Grade
Ella Berger
Theophilus Bose
Kendall Coyner
Tessa Hamilton
Nicklaus Radar



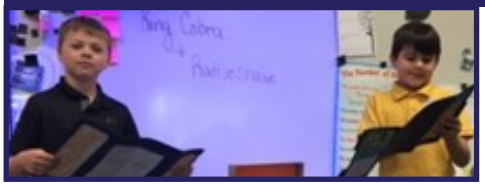
10th grade
Jack Fraley
Ryan Gethers
Mason Harvey
Diego Julian
Nguyen Le
Leah Miller
Sonny Stanley

9th Grade
Isabella Bentlage
Isabella Caskey
Kenny Gihozo
Grant Semler
Bryn VanVleet

8th Grade
Mackenzie Barrett
Gaige Dunkin-Natusch
Jackson Feist
Emma Fraley
Max Harvey
Jonathan Hewitt
Benjamin Holliday
Nicolas Markward
Makayla Means
Brayden Pipenger
Lillian Thomas
Tyson Tremain

7th grade
Kyaunna Bond
Lyla Brady
Bryce Cordova
Maddox Coyner
Maya Hamilton
Nelle Holmquist
Gavin Killion
Isabella Markward
Brayden Moore
Holden Piatt
Ravyn Towns
Adalae Turman

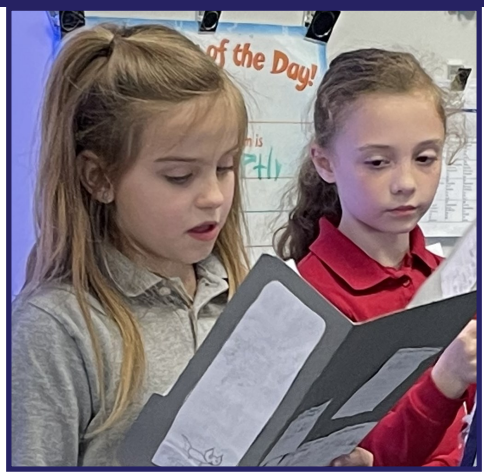
SCIENCE STEAM



For several years, STEAM in education has been a hot topic. That is, Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics - STEAM. Using STEAM in curriculum is thought to be great for preparing students for newer job opportunities in the sciences. But where should STEAM education begin? At Seton, it begins in grade 2! Following standards that we are obligated to teach in science, plus adding other components, second grade students are experiencing STEAM at their level. The science standard to study was "animals and their habitats." For the Science component, students selected an animal of their choice with the Technology component being the research of the animal and its habitat and writing about it. The Engineering and Mathematics components involved measuring and building the animal within his habitat. The Art component involved color, design, and presentation of the animal and its habitat. Five processes in one project completed! Students then presented their project within the classroom and offered a museum display of their projects in the hallway for all to enjoy and learn from. Students were very engaged with their choices and the creativity of their displays was amazing! A second grade STEAM project may very well be the impetus for a Seton student to develop an interest in a science career someday. We will wait to see!







RELIGION RESPONSE

In second grade, class elections were held to select our representatives to perform the honor of Crowning Mary during the May 4th Mass. Genesee Wetherell and Colter Shelton were elected to perform the honor, as seen in the pictures below.



Our first communion candidates Allison Sandlin, Katlynn Killion and Cora Killion were asked to carry and place the two vases of flowers our class collected for the ceremony. Unfortunately, Katlynn was absent due to illness.



On Friday, April 29, Mrs. Cheryl Kitchin visited our classroom to conduct a mock Mass. The goal was for students to observe and roleplay the significant parts of a Mass. This was part of the Religious training provided in preparation for First Communion candidates and the future third grade student transition.





ORTON GILLINGHAM CLASSES AND TUTOR SESSIONS

We have long known that students do not learn the same things at the same time. We all have average students, gifted students, and students that struggle. We can easily identify struggling students in reading, for instance, yet we need resources, time, and extra hands to help those students gain valuable literacy skills in a timely manner. In a small Catholic school, that has been a serious challenge. Just this past year, we have met that challenge!

Marian University in Indianapolis offered teacher training and materials through a grant to learn the Orton Gillingham process of teaching reading to struggling students. The Orton Gillingham program has existed for approximately 50 years. The program has upgraded through those years as newer, more effective techniques have been discovered. The program breaks down reading skills into minute sound and syllable chunks as students gain strength in decoding words and moving into comprehending what they read. Combining that with writing techniques helps the whole literacy process come full circle.





Terri Paul, Jennifer Wetherell, and Amanda Weaver experienced the training during the fall of 2021 and began using the methods in their classrooms and with individual students after school. They have greatly appreciated the growth in their students and plan to continue the program for the 2022-2023 school year. More materials are being purchased and put into place to augment the program this coming school year. Plus, we have been made aware of Orton Gillingham adding mathematics processes to their programs. More to learn, more to share, more growth for our students. We are excited to watch the progress!



BACK to SCHOOL

SETON CATHOLIC

MEET & GREET / ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Mass
10AM
(St. Andrew Church)

New Student Orientation
11:30-12:30
(all campuses)

All Student Meet & Greet
12:30-1:30
(Drop off supplies & meet teachers @ all campuses)

Ice Cream Social
1:30-2:30
(Ice cream, games and socializing @ St. Andrew's parking lot)

6TH GRADE D.A.R.E.

Adeleina Burket was the first-place winner, and Jai Thompson took second place honors. They each read their heartfelt essay at graduation. Adeleina's essay will be submitted to the state-wide contest where she will be eligible to win dinner with the governor and scholarship monies.



2022 GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 5, Seton Catholic High School graduated its 17th class since opening the doors in 2002. Family and friends gathered in St. Andrew Church to recognize and celebrate the class for their achievements. Lydia Reichley, Valedictorian, and Camryn Ewing, Salutatorian, both addressed their classmates as did Reverend Monsignor William F. Stumpf, Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

The class of thirteen has been described as a creative, clever and talented group. From music to dance, from visual arts to athletics they were an involved class. 70% were involved in the musical arts, 77% were student athletes, and 85% interned in the community during their time at SCHS. 54% of the class are blood donors having given blood three or more times throughout high school. They were accepted into 42 colleges and universities. Nine will attend college in Indiana, while three will head out of state. Together they accumulated over $1.5 million in merit-based scholarships. They are destined for success!

Lydia Reichley received the Cardinal Tobin Christian Leadership Award, the most prestigious award given by the school. It recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship, outstanding character, inspired leadership, and genuine generosity in service to the school community.

These students are now spreading their wings! We wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors!









Kristina (Brown) Mislan ('09) — Kristy continues to work as a travel nursed based out of Richmond since 2020. She enjoys being a mom and spending time with her 3 young daughters- Zoey, Eloise and Sadie.

Kaylee Cox ('14) — Kaylee recently graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Her next step is an internship in Colorado.

Matthew Moore ('18) — Matthew graduated May 14, 2022, from Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. He is working at CTI Clinical Trial and Consulting Services as a Research Associate and will be pursuing a Masters Degree in Psychology.

Noah Heyne ('19) — Noah is entering his senior year at Butler University and second year of pharmacy school (6-year program). He has an internship this summer and will be working at Walmart pharmacy!

Josh Brown ('20) — While Covid derailed his senior year and the beginning of his college career, he is thankful as it helped him to realize his calling. Josh completed National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) in 2021 and just recently graduated from the Richmond Fire Academy with Indiana State certifications for Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazmat Technician, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and Pump Operations. He has worked for Redline Ambulance and currently works as a NREMT for Richmond Fire Department. He plans on pursuing Paramedic certification next and is awaiting his 21st birthday this fall in order to be hired full time as a Firefighter, location yet to be determined.

David Seitz ('20) — David has been busy finishing up his second year at Purdue while serving as a Team Leader for the Purdue Grand Prix.

ALUMNI:

Reach out to us and let us know what you've been up to...







UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7: Back to School Meet & Greet

August 10: First Day of School

August 26: SCHS Picture Day

September 18: Cardinal Classic Golf Outing

October 17-21: Fall Break



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