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UPCOMING EVENTS



Feb 5	**Social Media Awareness for Parents** @ 6:30 PM
Feb 13	**Intermediate Program** @ 7PM
Feb 17	**President's Day** NO SCHOOL
Feb 26	**Ash Wednesday**
Mar 6	**eLearning / Teacher Work Day**
Mar 23 -27	**Spring Break** NO SCHOOL
Apr 3	**SCHS Blood Drive #4**
Apr 10	**Good Friday** Early dismissal
Apr 13	**Easter Monday** NO SCHOOL
Apr 28	**SAT School Day** @ SCHS
May 6	**All School Mass & May Crowning**
May 15	**SCHS Branch Out Day**
May 21	**Elementary Awards**
May 22	**SCHS Awards**

A WORD FROM OUR SCS PRINCIPALS



To Our Seton Catholic Elementary Family,

First semester 2019 at Seton Catholic Elementary can be titled: Change Happens - and It's Good!" Fr. Sengole's initiation to our schools has been positive and powerful. He routinely visits both campuses for fun; to play kickball, to eat lunch with the students, to swing at recess, or to decorate Christmas trees! But he has also both shared and expected more advanced understanding of the mass with us. His children's homilies have outlined the gospel in meaningful, student-friendly ways. Sixth grade students have studied proper altar serving practices and are fully prepared to serve at any mass. Fifth grade students will be trained during second semester. Students have learned appropriate ways to share the Liturgy of the Word by being lectors and praying petitions. We are so proud of how maturely they have taken on such responsibilities to serve our families! Another change involves our academic restructuring. Some of the upper elementary grades have departmentalized subjects using teacher interests or strength areas in order to address student needs better as well as prepare them for jr/sr high school. Computer programs, such as Moby Max, have been utilized to assist math fluency and to direct students' individual skills. Physical education has included brain-balancing practices at the primary building already and will move toward intermediate very soon. Seton Catholic Elementary is not stagnant! Staff and students are growing and learning in order to meet individual needs. We are in an exciting age and this is an exciting place to be!

Sincerely,

Kimberly J. Becker

Mrs. Kimberly Becker
SCES Principal



Dear Seton Catholic High School Family,

The first semester of the 2019 -2020 school year has been a wonderful time of change and growth at Seton Catholic High School.

It takes roughly nine to twelve weeks for a student to adjust to a new school environment, and we were blessed this year with thirty-five new students. For some adjusting to having a locker and to others that was adjusting to an entirely new set of expectations. Students are now settled and we are seeing growth and maturity, both academically and emotionally, in all students.

Seniors participated in the fall SAT School Day and we saw tremendous growth (over 100 points!) for many students. English and Biology ILEARN scores from the spring for grades 7-10 came in and look very good. Students in grades 7-9 are spending a great deal of time sharpening basic math skills and working hard on new math skills in class, before and after school as well as during Student Resource Time.

Students in grades 9-12 are enjoying the addition of new classes like ACP Biology (high school and college credit!), AP Language and Composition, Radio and TV, College and Career Readiness. Sixty-five percent of seniors worked as interns in the community during the first semester. We are excited about the growing opportunities available to our students!

Sincerely,

Mr. John Markward
SCHS Principal





By Evalynn Aleman and
Ashley Lopez Hernandez
SCHS Class of 2021

The Latino Educational Summit was an amazing experience, and we are blessed to have had the opportunity to attend and represent Seton Catholic. We were able to hear a few speakers who helped sponsor the event, and they had great words to share about how important our future education is. We also had the wonderful opportunity to listen to NASA Astronaut José Hernández, who shared his life journey with us, and how he got to where he is today. He shared with us a story about the first time that he told his father he wanted to be an astronaut. His father ended up being very supportive, and gave him a speech about how you can do anything as long as you

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WHAT'S *the* WORD

Alumni News & Information

David Schroeder ('11) — David is a Manager in the Investor Relations department at Belden in St. Louis, MO. He and his wife, Elly, have a 9 month old son, Charlie.



Evan Schroeder ('11) — Evan is a Band Director at Zionsville Middle School in Zionsville, IN. He and his wife, Jasmine, have a 3 month old daughter, Quinn.

Matthew Clay Dolesh ('12) — Clay recently proposed to Rosemary Yost from Canton, Ohio. They plan to marry in September of 2020.

Adam Schroeder ('13) — Adam is a 3rd year graduate student in the IU School of Optometry in Bloomington, Indiana. He received his white coat in March 2019, and is preparing for his final year rotations. Adam was married in the summer of 2019 to Erin (Ingram).



Marshal Bane ('16) -Marshal was named to the Cedarville University Dean's List for fall 2019.

Jack Brenneke ('16) — Jack has been named to the Dean's List at University of Iowa for the recently-completed fall 2019 semester. Jack's major is Finance in the UI's Tippie College of Business.

Megan Schroeder ('16) — Megan is a senior preparing for graduation from Butler University with as a Pre-Med/Biology Major. She is now busy preparing for Interviews to Indiana University and Marian University Med Schools.

Lucas Westjohn ('16) — Lucas completed degree requirements at the end of the Fall 2019 semester at Trine University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in software engineering.



Jake Leverton ('17) — Jake is a junior at IU Bloomington double majoring in animal behavior sciences and English. He is on the Executive Dean's list and member of the Hutton Honors College.



Ashton (Wetherell) Severance ('17) — Ashton is married, living in Centerville, Indiana, and expecting her first child in July 2020. She stays plenty busy working full time at Lisa's Cakes as a baker and decorator. She is also the Catering Coordinator at Cordial Cork.

John (Jack) Albright ('19) — Jack was named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Bowling Green State University by the College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering.



ALUMNI: *Submit your news to nblakely@setoncatholics.org*

FOR I KNOW *the plans* I HAVE FOR YOU – *Jeremiah 29:11*

Dream Big

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have support from your family, receive the education that you need, and believe in yourself. A quote he said was "Se vale soñar en grande." This means "It is okay to dream big." Just because we dream big, doesn't mean that dream can't be accomplished. As long as never give up and try our best, we can do anything.



We were able to visit over 60 college and business booths, that informed us about their programs, scholarships, and the advantages of being a Latino going to college. It was very informative and beneficial in helping us think about life after high school. We are so glad we were able to attend!

FALL SPORTS ROUND-UP

Seton Catholic had several strong performances to highlight this fall sports season! Senior cross country runner Erica Barker earned All-Conference honors and advanced to semi-state this year with many outstanding races along the way. Seniors Will Brenneke (2nd Team) and Josh Brown (Honorable Mention) earned All-Conference honors while leading the varsity soccer team this year. The team lost a heartbreaker in the sectional championship match this year in a penalty kick shootout. Sophomore Lydia Reichley (2nd Team) and junior Grace Amyx (Honorable Mention) earned All-Conference honors while leading the varsity volleyball team this year. They, too, lost in the sectional championship match after showing much improvement throughout the season. Our junior high cross country and volleyball teams had excellent seasons as well. Our girls cross country team won their third consecutive PAAC Championship while the boys cross country team finished second at the PAAC Championships. The 8th grade volleyball team had an excellent season as well finishing with an 11-5 record.







2019-20 Seton Catholic High School Fall Sports Awards

We held our Fall Sports Awards Ceremony on November 13. While awards and honors are announced throughout the season, many awards were announced and handed for the first time that evening. Below is a list of these awards. Congratulations to our athletes and thank you to our coaches, staff, volunteers, parents, and everyone who makes athletics at Seton Catholic possible!

Junior High Girls' Cross Country

MVP: Gwynie Falcone

Junior High Boys' Cross Country

MVP: Wes Kitchin

8th Grade Volleyball

MVP: Hannah Johnston

Most Improved: Meadow Bane

7th Grade Volleyball

MVP: Bryn VanVleet

Most Improved: Isabella Caskey

Varsity Soccer

MVP: Will Brenneke

Most Improved: Mason Burkhardt

Varsity Volleyball

Offensive Player of the Year: Grace Amyx

Defensive Player of the Year: Suzanne Becker

Mental Attitude Award: Emma Berger

MVP: Lydia Reichley

Junior Varsity Volleyball

Defensive Player of the Year: Kaylen Ruble

Most Improved: Ella Berger

PAAC Academic All-Conference

Grace Amyx
Kara Amyx
Erica Barker
Suzanne Becker
Will Brenneke
Xen Cartwright

Why a Classroom Pet?



Many can agree that there are a number of children out there who don't have the opportunity to experience the joys, sorrows, and responsibilities of keeping a beloved pet. Some are truly hungry to give and receive love, and they are able to do that when their classroom has a pet. According to the American Humane Association, a class pet can teach children important values like compassion, empathy, respect, and responsibility for other living things, as well as give them much-needed leadership skills and stress relief. Certain challenges still remain like teaching children to cope with pet loss, the cost of ownership for teachers, and responsibility for the animal when school is not in session, but of course these are valuable life lessons which are important to learn. Learn more at http://site.americanhumane.org/Resources/PETS%20IN%20THE%20CLASSROOM%20CKT%20R4.pdf

At Seton Catholic Elementary our students are blessed to have three classroom pets.



Mrs. Wetherell's Class

Mrs. Wetherell's first grade class has two fish. One is named Nemo and the other is Blackie. We also have a panda hamster named Spots. Mrs. Wetherell chose pets as a way to teach responsibility to her students and for them to be able to extend love to all creatures. The students in her class are responsible for feeding and cleaning the pets. Each week she has a student who will be responsible for caring for all of the pets.

Mrs. Falcone's Class

Mrs. Falcone's fifth grade class has Fergus, a Goldendoodle, and he is officially certified as Good Canine Citizen Canine and is a certified Therapy Dog! Both certifications are through Therapy Dog International. Their family and current and former students are very proud of him. As a therapy dog, Fergus specialized in the area of emotional support. He interacts with students in the classroom throughout the day, which helps decrease stress levels and is entertaining. They pet him, play ball and help care for him. Each week there are two pet care takers who learn how to take him out and are responsible for keeping his water bowl full. As of yet, he is only in Mrs. Falcone's classroom. But as soon as his official card and documentation come at the end of January, he would be available to other classrooms if there is a need.

Mrs. Brown's Class

One of Mrs. Brown's favorite things to do is ask former students what they remember about being in her class and almost all of them remember having some sort of critter in her classroom. Her first grade classroom has a fish tank and they typically don't name them, but identify and create field guides so visitors will know who they are looking at in the fish tank. She also has many short-term visitors to her classroom like caterpillars, frogs, salamanders, insects, and butterflies. The students love to research and identify these visitors. Several times in the fall, you will see her class marching out to the playground to set free a beautiful butterfly that has hatched from its chrysalis. The class pet that most students remember however is the guinea pigs. For the last 2 ½ years Oreo has been a faithful friend to her students. Every student has the opportunity to hold, feed, and groom Oreo. They also learn how to clean his cage.





At the beginning of the 2019 -2020 school year, Seton Catholic High School juniors were presented with a challenging new addition to the school's Christian Service program. According to the students' Theology instructor and parish Catechetical Leader, Kyle King, "The new facet of the program, is called the Servant Leadership Project. Developing students who are effective servant leaders in their community and world permeates everything we do here at Seton Catholic inside and outside the classroom."

The new program requires students to team up with area non-profit ogranizations and perform a service project that will benefit members of the community. Beginning in the junior year, and concluding at the close of the senior year, the students are responsible for all facets of the project including: organization of work teams, fundraising, marketing, theological reflection papers and presentations to the school and organizational partners.

One junior, Luke Leverton, wasted no time in getting his project off the ground. As a baseball player verbally committed to play college baseball at Miami University (OH), Leverton tells, "Obviously I love baseball, and I also love McBride Stadium. I remember going to McBride when I was young, and I couldn't wait to play there. But, when I finally got to play there, the stadium wasn't anything like I remembered. Through the years, it has gone downhill and is in need of much attention. I want to restore it to that condition."

John Cate Field at McBride Stadium has been the home field to four minor league baseball teams, one college and two high school teams, including Seton Catholic, since it was built 83 years ago in 1936 on the west side of Richmond. Conveniently located near the city pool, several youth league ball fields and a park, it was a true "field of dreams" to many young baseball players from the Richmond and Wayne County area.

Luke told us, "My original idea was to raise funds to use for field improvements. To do that I set a challenge to throw or hit 50 balls a day for 50 days with the goal of raising $5,000. I met with Mayor Snow and the parks superintendent in September to discuss my idea and ask permission. They were very excited and supportive of me doing this project for the community."

Starting on October 1, Luke drove to McBride every single day for 50 days, and either threw or hit with a different person each day. "When I started, it was super hot. I also threw or hit in rain, snow and single digit temperatures. Every person that came out was so nice about dealing with the weather if it was bad. I decided to have someone different throw or hit with me each day to raise awareness of the stadi-

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Luke's Story

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um that has been forgotten by many, and to make it a community event."

Family members along with teammates, area high school coaches and players, Seton Catholic alumni, and community members have all sponsored his challenge. Mayor Dave Snow, local radio personality Jeff Lane, Tyler Lairson (owner of the Jazz), and John Cate (who the field is named after) stepped up to help Luke meet his goal. "I met so many people I did not know prior. I threw and hit with young kids all the way to older folks and even people who had never thrown a baseball before," Leverton shared. "I had a mother reach out to me that had lost her son in a plane crash. She sent me a very personal email about how her son had played at McBride in high school and she felt connected to me through her son. She asked for donations in her son's name be given to McBride. I had many others send me notes about McBride or notes of appreciation for my trying to do something positive in the community."

So many people were willing to help that Leverton ended up throwing or hitting with over 50 different people. "Some days, I had to throw or hit with multiple people on a couple days. I threw with Don McBride's grandson and great granddaughter as well as John Cate. I have raised over $9,400 to date and am still accepting donations for anyone interested in donating."





Luke is now working on a list of field improvements that he would like to see done. The city of Richmond is going to work with him using the money that has been raised to work through the improvement list.

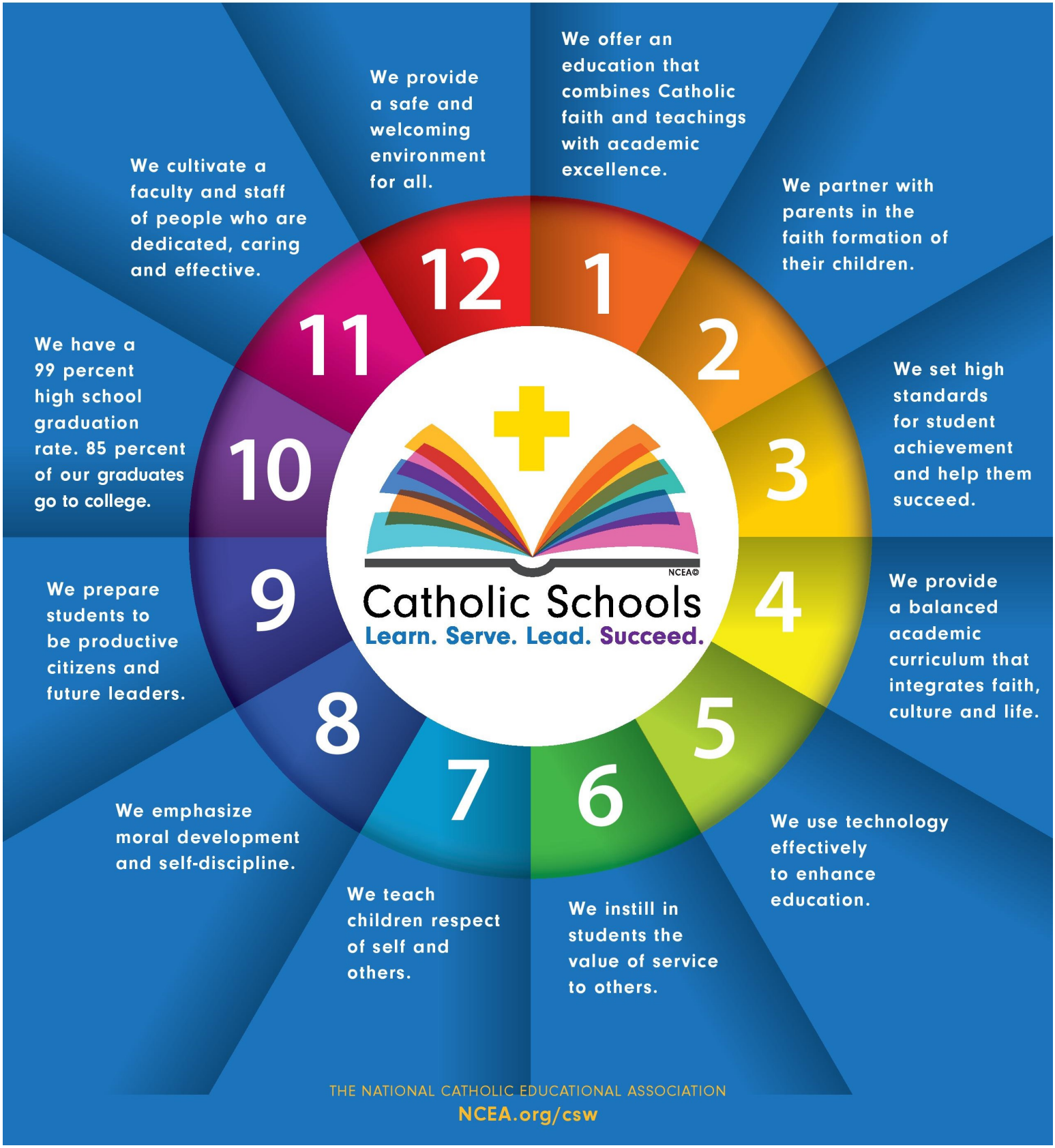
"My first priority is to move the bullpens back to their original location and have them put in correctly. I also plan to have the field leveled since it has many holes and bumps in the infield and hopefully get a new batting cage as well. I will be meeting with the city again in the spring to get started on those projects," said Leverton.

Luke and his Cardinal teammates will call McBride Stadium home again for the 2020 season. Seton Catholic Athletic Director, Mr. Trent Tremain shared, "We started playing at McBride Stadium in 2010, and have hosted sectionals at McBride the past six years (since 2014) and will host again this year. The life and community excitement being brought back to the stadium through Luke's project is going to make this season extra special."

Anyone interested in donating to Luke's project can contact him at levertonluke1@gmail.com . All donations are tax deductible.

a dozen reasons

to choose Catholic Schools





1. SLEEP

Students should get 8-10 hours of sleep a night.

2. LIMIT ELECTRONICS & BLUE LIGHT DEVICES

Let the brain rest & problem solve

3. HEALTHY DIETS

Students should limit sugars and simple carbs (processed foods)



4. STAY HYDRATED

Drinking water helps the brain function properly

5. BE ORGANIZED



- Use a student agenda book EVERY DAY!
- Check grades in RenWeb
- Check assignments, to-do list, and grades in CANVAS (grades 7-12 only)
- Manage student time wisely

6. ASK FOR HELP

- Teachers – ask questions or send an email
- Classmates – ask fellow students for help
- Use SRT time to get help (grades 7-12)
- Take advantage of free homework help (grades 3-12 find more information at https://www.setonschools.org/academic-advising)

An Invitation To

YOU!

Did you know that EVERY Thursday following 8:15AM Mass until 7PM at Holy Family campus there is a special time set aside to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? This special time is called **"Thursdays with Jesus"** and it began in our parish back in 2004, The Year of the Eucharist, by parishioners Cathy Funkhouser, Herb Lahmann and John Wright.

All are welcome! What do you do? Come as you are and stay as long as you like...spending time with Jesus in Adoration is a peaceful experience and who couldn't use some peace these days? His 'classroom of silence' is a place to praise Him and seek His guidance...you'll walk away feeling refreshed and longing for more!

An "Hour of Power," as it's been affectionately named, was added to **Thursdays with Jesus** last spring after losing Fr. Kevin to a fatal car crash. Parishioners Vicky Roosa, Mary Terkoski along with Beth Graf, Cheryl Schnitzius, Jackie Schlichte and Kathy Senese felt led by the Holy Spirit to pray for our new pastor and the path for our parish. Vicky Roosa explains, "We were all humbled by the way the Holy Spirit used us that day to get His way for our parish to pray for a new spirit-filled pastor, and for our parish to be open to receive him. The Holy Spirit landed on a Monday. On Tuesday Mary and I presented it to Fr. Dustin at a Faith Formation meeting, and the following week or so the parish was kneeling before God in Adoration in the "Hour of Power!" So amazing! God moves swiftly if we only let Him!"

This intentional hour of prayer is from 6-7PM and all parishioners are welcome to take a turn praying for our pastor and path for our parish. RSVP to Marilyn Dolesh at mdolesh@setoncatholics.org or call 765-962-5010 to sign-up for an upcoming hour of prayer.

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At Seton everyone here is like family. All of the students are good friends to each other, and all of the teachers and staff members care about the students inside and outside of the classroom. Here at Seton I know I am building lifelong relationships.

~ Grace Amyx, grade 11

I like Seton because you get to have an experience of a lifetime! It is so fun! And our priest is awesome.

~ Jenna Johnston, grade 6

I like Seton because the teachers are so dedicated and you can tell they really care about the students.

~ Leah Miller, grade 8