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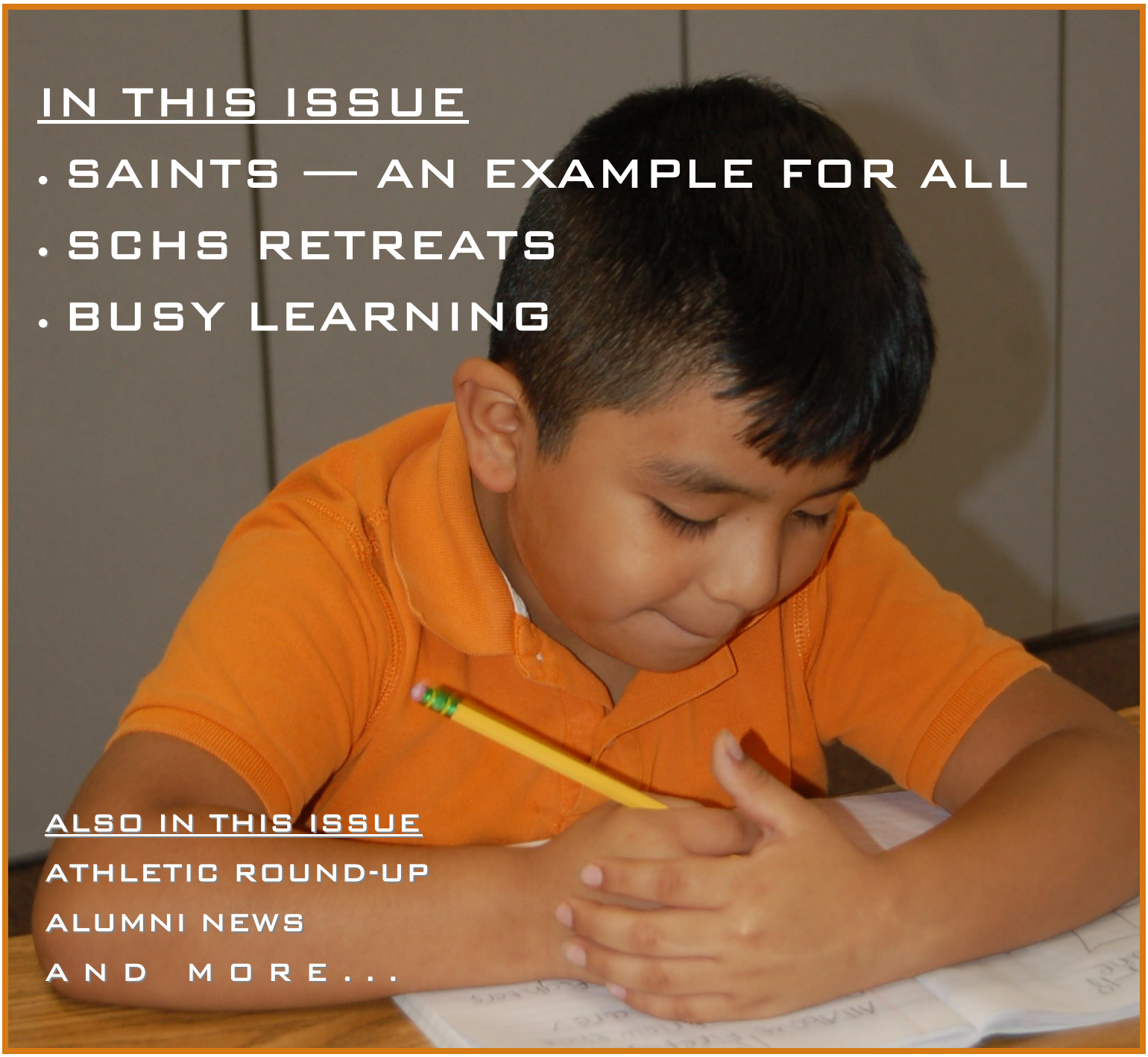

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A WORD FROM OUR SCS PRINCIPALS





Parents and Guardians,

The first half of the 2018 -2019 school year is off to an amazing start! Seton Catholic High School has expanded its course offerings and is looking to add even more next year. Members of our staff have worked diligently to add a Middle School Speech team, and we look to expand to grades 9 -12 in the 2019-2020 school year. Our enrollment continues to stay steady, and we are hoping that some of our course additions will help us to see an upward trend in this area. At the elementary we are conducting curriculum and instruction reviews, and we foresee changes in the near future! At the intermediate level, we are evaluating, curricular strengths and interests of staff in order to restructure teaching assignments to create more in depth and robust programs. At the primary level, we are adding brain balanced physical curriculum and assessments to grades PK-1. This will enhance student development.

As the year continues to blossom the high school is reviewing and evaluating its policies. Recent highlights include updating the Late Homework and eLearning policies. Students and staff are off to a great start with Canvas, our school learning management system. Canvas has allowed the high school staff to do more to include technology into the classrooms than what has been done before. We know that the world is continually advancing, and we want to make sure that our students are prepared for that and this is a part of that preparation.

High school retreats have been a great success this school year, thanks to Mr. Kyle King and Deacon Jim Miller. Students have been able to participate in retreat experiences that are different at each grade level. All retreats for grades 9 through 12 have been overnight to different places; from Camp Rancho Framasa to a retreat center located next to the University of Notre Dame. Seeing the students reflect on these experiences has been wonderful!

School-wide we are also in the process of re-evaluating our safety procedures. Thanks to parishioners Matt Strittmatter and Todd Barker, we just completed a threat assessment of all three facilities. We were able to gain valuable information from these assessments and are looking at more ways to continue to increase the safety and security of our students. The primary building renovation is coming to a close. Thanks to an Archdiocesan grant and the work of a loyal parishioner, we are able to complete the gym and cafeteria doors. Work is underway currently on the doors and should be finished in a month.

We would like to thank all of the people that have given their time to continue the missions of Seton Catholic Schools. We have an endless list of people that volunteer their time in our classrooms, in the lunchroom, and at after school activities. We are blessed by the continued support of our community! We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 27 –February 1. During this time, along with our students, we will be celebrating and thanking our parish, our community, our students, our nation, our faith, and our faculty, staff and volunteers. For without any one piece, we could not continue to do what we do. We are blessed beyond measure to have Catholic Schools in Wayne County. Thank you!

Best Wishes,

Mr. John Markward
SCHS Principal

Kimberly J. Becker

Mrs. Kim Becker
SCES Principal

Saints –an Example for All

The Catholic Church believes that saints are ordinary and typical human beings who made it into heaven. In the broader sense, everyone who's now in heaven is a saint. They are human beings who lived holy lives in obedience to God's will and are now in heaven for eternity. Canonization is the process by which someone becomes an "official" saint in the church.

During the month of October, before All Saints Day on November 1, our students spend time learning about various saints, their feast days and what they are the patron saint of. Each grade carries a tradition of their own when it comes to learning about the saints. Here is what some of our intermediate building teachers had to say on studying saints.

"We study saints because they are the men and women who forged a sometimes very dangerous path to free Christianity for us. They are the heroes of our faith; many of whom died rather than denounce their belief in Jesus. That spiritual fortitude is important as the very ideals of Christianity still today come under fire. 6th graders write interactive saint books for children."

~ Terri Schroeder

"We do saint reports in 5th grade so our kiddos can learn about true Christian role models. All too often, athletes, musicians and actors tend to be our role models, and not all of them are worthy of that title. We like to give students a different type of role model to look up to! We do triptychs because we visit St. Meinrad as a class, and the idea came from a large wooden triptych that the Archabbey church has on display of St. Meinrad."

~ Mary Leverton

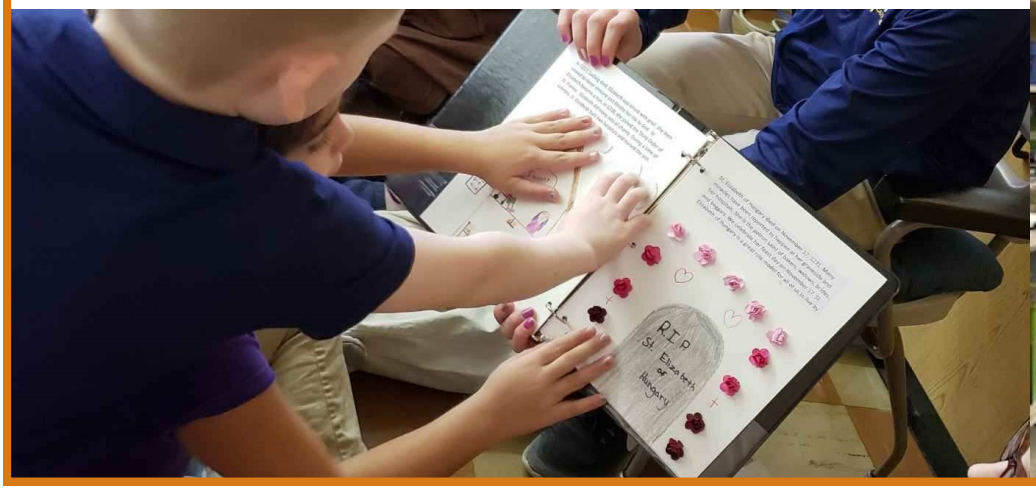
"The fourth grade did saint posters this year that had them do research on why the saint became a saint along with finding interesting facts to share with the class about the saint. They had to end with a prayer to their saint. This was our first year doing this project. We changed it up this year."

~ Angi Harvey









Retreats Offer Many Benefits

Seton Catholic High School exists to educate and engage the whole person, and this value could not be more on display than when each grade attends their annual retreat. Pope Benedict XVI summarizes the purpose of these experiences: *"To go on pilgrimage is not simply to visit a place to admire its treasures of nature, art or history… but to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where he has revealed himself, where his grace has shone with particular splendour and produced rich fruits of conversion and holiness among those who believe."*

Whether they are hiking in nature, doing the rope course, having Mass in a grand cathedral or praying in a simple retreat house, rocking out to a worship band in a conference setting, or listening to a dynamic priest, each experience is designed to help our young people look at life with a new set of eyes and be more open to the exciting plan God has for each of them. Though we are their parents and educators, they are ultimately not ours but His. This is why we '*send them away' so that they can discover that they really do have a Father in heaven who deeply loves them and wants to transform them from the inside-out.*

Our Seton Catholic retreat experiences also affect the academic setting of the classroom. We believe that when students find greater meaning in their lives, it is easier to motivate them toward an exciting future and career where they feel like they can make a difference. To put it simply: *Meaning leads to motivation. And no one wants to downplay what young people can do when they find meaning and God's place for them in the world; they can become world changers. As St. Catherine of Sienna once said, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."*

Parents and volunteers play a vital role in the retreats as well – sacrificing time and resources to make these retreats possible. We wish to thank these volunteers for their sacrifice, as well as the Hubbard Fund for financially supporting the majority of these experiences. Please pray that our students will continue to have powerful encounters with God through the Campus Ministry department at Seton Catholic High School. From Mass, theology courses, to prayer gatherings and service projects; we believe God is shaping our students to be *lifelong learners and servant leaders who will impact our community and many others for years to come.*















Meet Fergus!

Mrs. Falcone's fifth grade class is excited to announce that their class pet Fergus has completed testing at Ball State University and is now officially certified as a Good Canine Citizen and Therapy Dog. Both certifications have come through Therapy Dog International, and the class is very proud of him.

Fergus is a Goldendoodle specifically trained in the area of emotional support. He interacts with students in the classroom throughout the day, decreasing stress levels and entertaining. They pet him, play ball and help care for him. Each week there are two pet care takers who take him out and are responsible for keeping his water bowl full. Now he is only in Mrs. Falcone's classroom, but once his official card and documentation arrives he would be available to other classrooms if there was a need.





Busy Learning!

Primary Building students are busy! They move at high speed – both physically and mentally. They are absorbing everything that they see, hear and touch. They are learning all the basics of socializing –sharing, manners, spatial concepts and managing emotions. This is in

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Upcoming Events

Jan 26	Cardinal Spectacular
Jan 28 – Feb 1	SCS' Catholic Schools Week
Jan 29	Girls Basketball Sectional Kicks Off
Jan 30	5th Grade Science Fair
Jan 31	All School Mass
Feb 1	Open House
Feb 2	Family Celebration & Concert
Feb 18	President's Day – No School
Feb 26	Boys Basketball Sectional Kicks Off
Feb 27	School Commission Meeting
Mar 6	Ash Wednesday
Mar 8	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 11	eLearning Day
Mar 19	Intermediate Music Program & Open House
Mar 21	SCES Early Dismissal
Mar 25 -29	Spring Break

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Busy Learning!

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conjunction with learning to read, write, add and so much more. They are learning the alphabet and the sounds each letter makes, along with words and putting them together to read sentences -sentences that soon become paragraphs and paragraphs that become stories. Learning the numbers, adding and subtracting, and even counting money are all new concepts to our youngest students.







Hands-on learning is great at this age, and our teachers provide as many opportunities as possible to our students. Field trips to the fire station, Wendel Farms, Hayes Arboretum, Cope Environmental, Richmond Civic Theatre and the Wayne County Historical Museum have helped to provide these "out of seat" learning experiences. As well they were blessed with a visit from violinist, Carolyn Klemperer-Green. It has been a busy first semester with much growth and progress for these students!

Get the Best Out of Your Student!

Sleep – Students should get 8 -10 hours of sleep a night

Limit Electronics and blue light devices – Let the brain rest and problem solve.

Healthy Diets – Students should limit sugars and simple carbs (processed foods).

Stay Hydrated – Drinking water helps the brain function properly.

Be Organized (grades 3 -12)

- Use an assignment book <u>every day</u>!
- Stay on top of grades –check RenWeb.
- Check assignments, to-do list in Canvas (grades 7 -12).
- Manage time wisely –always consider what you have going on in the evenings and communicate it with your students so they can better plan their available time to do homework/study during the day.

Ask for Help

- Ask specific questions of your teachers (grades 7 -12 use SRT).
- Take advantage of tutoring opportunities through National Honor Society and other special sessions hosted by teachers.

<u>Small changes to increase educational time = Results</u>

Fall Sports Round-up



What an incredible fall sports season! Our soccer team earned a #1 postion in 1A. That #1 ranking was earned by knocking off previous #1-ranked teams University and Oldenburg Academy on the road. The team also captured its first PAAC championship with an incredible 3-2 comeback win over Greenwood Christian. Next, they won their third straight sectional championship in convincing fashion. Sam Brenneke surpassed several amazing milestones this year including scoring 100 career goals. He now has 127 goals for his career and is among the state leaders in goals scored this year with 38. Nick Berger also leads the pack of Cardinals by surpassing the previous career assist school record and being among the state leaders in assists this year. Coach Kyle Dunn also became the winningest soccer coach in school history this year. The season ended with only 1 loss, which occurred during the regional championship game. Great season!

Varsity Volleyball Coach Jennifer Martin recorded her 200th career victory while senior Taylor Haager continued her excellent play and eclipsed the 1,000 career dig mark. Senior Paige Klaine also reached 100 blocks for her career.

On the cross country course, Erica Barker earned All-Conference honors and also advanced to regionals. We successfully hosted the PAAC Championships for the first time for both the high school and junior high.



SPORTSMANSHIP
IT'S WHAT MAKES
A GOOD ATHLETE
GREAT!

Speaking of the junior high, we have some outstanding runners. Three boys finished in the Top 12 at the PAAC Championships while the top three finishers on the girl's side were all from Seton Catholic. The girls won their second straight PAAC Championship and Lauren Guiley was the conference champion. Guiley also finished 13th at the Indiana Middle School State Championships.

In junior high volleyball, both teams have improved greatly. The most notable result for the teams was a 2nd place finish by the 7th grade team at the Monroe Central Invitational.

Remembering His Roots

Seton Catholic alum Desmond Bane ('16) was in town for a couple of days over the holidays. He shared some of his short time shooting around and talking with some of our Seton Catholic basketball players from grades 5-8. He spoke to the young athletes about his experiences at Seton Catholic, how thankful he is for completing his education here, and reminded them that the grass isn't always greener on the other side. Desmond is in his 3rd year at Texas Christian University where he studies psychology and is a starter for the Horned Frogs basketball program.



HUMILITY IS NOT THINKING LESS OF YOURSELF,
IT'S THINKING OF YOURSELF LESS.

~ RICK WARREN



Hard Work Paying Off

Hard work has never scared Seton Catholic alum Jourdan Brouse ('11), whether it was in the classroom, on the athletic field, in the community or at home. He is no stranger to tough work. Following his graduation from Seton Catholic High School in the spring of 2011, Jourdan struggled with what he wanted to do with his life. Initially, he thought elementary education was his calling, but after two and a half years in the program at IU East he decided that wasn't for him.

He took a job at the Richmond Baking Company while sorting things out and eventually accepted a job with the Richmond Police Department, graduating from the Police Academy in June 2017.



JOURDAN BELIEVES THAT HIS SETON CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE LARGEST BLESSINGS IN HIS LIFE.

Jourdan believes that his Seton Catholic education is one of the largest blessings in his life. He says, "The higher standard of education that Seton provides is more valuable than you realize while you're still in high school." His advice to current students is to take advantage of the many resources that Seton Catholic has to offer – AP and Dual Credit courses, personal interactions, faith opportunities, and more.

"My job lands me in situations where the outcomes depend on my ability to talk to people. One of the best lessons I have been able to apply to my work is that if you treat other people in a way that you would like to be treated it often leads to a much better result. Seton Catholic teaches that," Jourdan shared.

In high school he was a member of the National Honor Society and attended mission trips with the parish youth group, but his favorite memories include the first basketball sectional game win in 2009 and playing first base on the first baseball sectional championship team in 2011.

We would like to extend a thank you to Officer Brouse for his dedication and service to our community!

What's the Word?

Alumni News & Information

David Schroeder ('11) David and his wife returned to the United States after living abroad in Wilmslow, England. He currently resides in Saint Louis, Missouri and continues to work for Belden as Global Sales Controller and Investor Relations Manager. He and his wife are expecting a baby boy in March.



Evan Schroeder ('11) Evan returned from active duty with the United States Navy in June and resumed as Seton's Music Director this school year. He teaches preschool through 12th grade and teaches music, band, and choir.



James Miller ('11) James is currently a member of the U.S. Army and is stationed at Ft. Lewis in Washington State. He is married to Mary Shaw ('13) and they have a young daughter.



Audrey (Shake) Burchfield ('12) Audrey is currently living in Washington state with her husband, Joseph, and their 9 month old son, Christian.

Adam Schroeder ('13) Adam is in his 2nd year of optometry school at Indiana University School of Optometry in Bloomington. He and Erin Ingram, who attended Seton Preschool through 8th grade, will be married in July.





Matthew Westjohn ('15) Matt is a senior at Trine University majoring in Software Engineering. He was recently named to the President's List for the Fall 2018 term. Matt continues to play his oboe, and performs with the Trine University Chamber Orchestra. Matt has accepted a position with Doxpop in Richmond, Indiana and will start in May.

Megan Schroeder ('16) Megan is a junior at Butler University majoring in Biology, Pre Med. She spent the last year as Vice President of Member Development of the Butler Chapter of Pi Beta Phi. She is continuing with Indy SPAR Research Project; a research project she started with her biology professor. She will travel to Belize and conduct aquatic biology research in March. She was also named one of Butler's Top 100 Students and will be honored at a banquet in April.

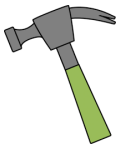


Jack Brenneke ('16) Jack is a junior at the University of Iowa pursuing a bachelor's degree in Finance with a Risk Management and Insurance Certificate. He will be interning full time this spring semester at Transamerica in the Investment Reporting Department in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is looking forward to graduating in May 2020 and beginning a career in corporate finance or commercial banking.



Lucas Westjohn ('16) Lucas was recently named to the President's List for the Fall 2018 term at Trine University. Lucas is majoring in Software Engineering.

Brooke Gray ('18) A freshman at University of Cincinnati, Brooke spent part of her Christmas break in Winston-Salem, NC participating in the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge. She learned how to cut ceiling joists and put on roofing shingles.



Leann Brenneke ('18) Leann is a freshman at Florida State University and is studying in Valencia, Spain this year. She was on the Dean's List first semester and has been busy traveling all over the Schengen Area.

Fiona Jackson ('18) Fiona is currently participating in the Rotary Exchange Program and lives in France. She is in the process of applying to colleges and universities here when she returns next summer.



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