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Parents and Guardians,

We have been blessed with another fantastic semester at Seton Catholic Schools. With several new staff members, students and families, everyone has become accustomed to the new routines and procedures. Somehow change never really ends, does it? There is always something "new and improved" out there in the world, but one thing never changes, and that is God's love for each one of us.



If each of us embraces that love, and listens to the call of our faith to give thanks, to honor, and to trust, change will come much easier. We are sitting in the middle of a shift at Seton Catholic Schools. We are looking at our rich history, capitalizing on our successes, and prayerfully considering our weaknesses as we strive to take Seton Catholic to the next level.

With new leadership in place at the high school, all of our students have a bright future as plans are underway to broaden our course offerings, to strengthen our Christian service plan, and to travel abroad with our students. ISTEP scores came in this fall, and we edged out local competition on our Spring 2017 scores for grades 7, 8 and 10 (grades 9, 11, and 12 do not take the test). Tenth grade scores rivaled those of larger Catholic schools like Guerin Catholic (Archdiocese of Lafayette) and Cathedral (Archdiocese of Indianapolis), as well as public schools like Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern high schools. SCHS received a B letter grade in the fall. Our students continue to test higher than the state average, and we continue to have a higher than average graduation rate as well.

Thanks to our caring and committed staff, our elementary remains at the top in the county. Our students edged out all of their local competition and state averages for the Spring 2017 ISTEP, with scores similar to those at Christ the King and Saint Roch (Archdiocese of Indianapolis). The elementary also received a school accountability letter grade of A in the fall. Our students are working hard every day to increase their knowledge and to grow in their faith in the classroom, on the playground and at home.

What's next for Seton Catholic? Expanding our academic advising down to the fifth and sixth grade students is on the list. Looking for new ways to give back to our parish and community also makes the list, as well as, growing as ONE school and ONE family. It takes a village to raise a child, and it takes a village to run a school. We thank each and every one of you for all that you do in our schools and at home.

Best Wishes,

Mr. John Markward
SCHS Principal

Mrs. Kim Becker
SCES Principal

Cyber Bullying: Protect your kids

Catholic schools take proactive measures against cyber bullying

by Aaron Lambert

Bullying can take many forms, but in this cyber era, the most prevalent kind of bullying often goes unseen, yet the consequences are anything but.

Cyber bullying is a very real and serious issue kids face every day. In 2014, the Pew Research Center reported that 4-in-10 internet users have been victims of online harassment, and 73 percent of internet users said they had witnessed online harassment in some way.

Of course, the majority of cyber bullying happens on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, the use of which has become standard fare for the primary targets of cyber bullying. Add to this the countless stories of cyber bullying victims who have attempted or committed suicide, and suddenly the problem seems much bigger.





"I am afraid that [cyber bullying] is probably the most pervasive form of bullying children deal with today," said Mary Cohen, Assistant Superintendent of Denver Catholic schools. "It impacts our schools in that it breaks down the Christ-centered community we are attempting to build with our students and their families. Social media allows bullies a much greater audience and the impact of this type of bullying is far reaching. I cannot imagine the pain a child must feel when they have become the target of a social media campaign that belittles them on such a large scale."

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>
> *~ Mary Cohen, Assistant Superintendent of Denver Catholic Schools*

Archdiocesan schools are taking proactive measures in the fight against cyber bullying. Last year, several schools piloted an internet monitoring program called Safe Students Online (SSO) that enables

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parents to play more active roles in their children's social media use. Tim Polizzi is the Vice President of SSO, and he said the goal of the program is ultimately to keep kids safe online and promote an open dialogue between kids and parents.

"The challenge right now is kids are [technologically] savvy and parents are at somewhat of a disadvantage and may be intimidated," Polizzi said. "There's stuff going on that they would like to know, but they're not sure how. Our approach is really about giving parents better awareness so that they can be parents."

Polizzi started Safe Students Online out of a desire to provide a different sort of solution for internet monitoring. He said he noticed that many of the current solutions are either very heavy-handed and monitor every little thing, or they invade the child's privacy by having full access to their accounts, passwords and all. SSO does neither of these. Parents configure the program via the web and work with their children to install it.

"It's definitely not something you do behind your kid's back or some way spy on them," Polizzi said. "Part of the reason we think the kid can buy into it is because unlike a lot of other programs out there, it's not showing the parent 100 percent of what happens online."

SSO currently is able to monitor the most popular social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Google+. Parents send an authorization request to their child's social media account, and the child gives the app permission to monitor it. Parents never receive their child's passwords. Instead, using a filtering system, SSO monitors keywords, language and topics, and alerts parents via email if it detects problematic or questionable behavior.

Polizzi said that privacy is an important component of the program and clarified that even though the program is paid for and distributed by the school, school administrators never actually receive any alerts.

"The school does not come between the parent and the child, and that's a very important distinction. [This] is the parent's responsibility," he said. "Schools want to get on board now and be proactive. As with a lot of things, parents look to the school for guidance, and if you can provide a tool that makes this difficult part of parenting a little easier, I think it's worth it."

Christ the King School in Denver is one of the schools that participated in the pilot program for SSO last year. Detty Hensen, principal of Christ the King, saw employing the services of SSO as a smart proactive move. Hansen offered the program to the parents of the school's

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Bulletin board in SCHS main hall to create awareness and inspire conversation .



Just Go For It!

Fiona Jackson joined our school family in the fall of 2016 when her family moved here from New York. Adopted from Korea at just a year old, Fiona has lived in America essentially her entire life. But, big change is in store for her during the 2017 -2018 school year –her senior year. She was recently accepted as a Rotary Youth Exchange student and will be setting off for other parts of the world in just a few months.

"I won't know what country I'm assigned to until January.* The countries I'd especially love to go to are France, Italy, and Denmark. I'm really focused on western Europe," she stated.

In January she will spend a couple of days in Lafayette, Indiana, with other selected exchange students. Fiona believes "the air will probably be alive with the excitement as we wait to discover what our designated country is."

"What I'm definitely looking forward to is really experiencing a whole new culture that I've never seen firsthand before. Because I'll be in my assigned country for 11 months, I'll truly be able to immerse myself into their way of living. Seeing the world in a way I never have and living in a way I've never lived is what I'm most eager for."

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Getting used to being away from family will be the hardest part of this experience for Fiona. Her current living situation is with her parents, Mary Jo and Michael Jackson, along with eight siblings. There is always something going on at their house! Fiona describes herself as an independent person at heart, but knows her family has always been there for her when needed.

In fact, Fiona learned of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program several years ago, when an older sibling was involved and spent a year in



Mexico. Local Rotary member and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioner, John Kelley helped Fiona through the process.

Fiona's advice to anyone who is contemplating studying abroad, "Just go for it! Though it might seem scary and intimidating, there are so many wonderful things that come out of it that outweigh the cons. It's a chance to experience a new culture, make new friends from across the world, and even learn so much about yourself. I don't regret my decision to be a Rotary Exchange student one bit. And I look forward to the day I leave for what will be one of the greatest adventures of my life."

Fiona will return to Seton Catholic High School to graduate with her peers in June of 2019.

**Fiona just found out she will be going to France!*

Opening Your Heart & Home

Have you ever considered hosting a foreign exchange student, but didn't know what it entailed or how to get involved? We have some answers for you!

• Families are asked first and foremost to provide a loving home and to treat the exchange student as a true member of their family. The exchange student must have their own bed, but may share a room with a host sibling of same sex and close proximity in age. The host family is expected to provide meals and/or access to food. Host families must also provide or secure transportation to/from school. All host families must pass a background check through the Department of State as well as interviews by FLAG. Every effort is made to make sure that exchange students are placed in homes compatible to them.

• There are different programs ranging from a semester at a time to a year at a time. Programs allow for students to return for additional terms.

• Hosting a FLAG (Foreign Links Around the Globe) student is a very rewarding experience that allows families to not only learn about another culture, but to learn more about themselves and our own culture as it is shared and experienced with the student. Differences become learning experiences. The students are so appreciative of the home and family environment provided to them. They are very focused on academic success. Opening your heart and home to a foreign exchange student is a positive experience that will leave a lasting impression. Also, it is important to note that FLAG coordinators are local and remain in contact with students and families throughout the exchange program.



For More Information:

Seton Catholic parent and parishioner, Mrs. Kay Brown, is a local coordinator for FLAG. Kay would be happy to talk to anyone who has questions or who might be interested in hosting. She can be contacted via email at kbrown@flag-intl.org .

For additional information, visit www.flag-intl.org .



Top 10 Reasons to be a Seton Catholic Student

by Brooke Gray

1. It is a much smaller community than that of a public school.
2. It feels like a family.
3. Everyone is super nice and inclusive.
4. We get to learn more about our faith.
5. We get to go deeper in our faith by attending things like retreats.
6. It is a well-rounded education.
7. You get to know your teachers and classmates very well.
8. We have the opportunity to do community service and better ourselves as a whole person.
9. The staff not only teaches education, but also stresses community and loving one another.
10. There is a mutual respect between faculty and students.

Enjoying the Experience

This year Seton Catholic High is blessed to have two foreign exchange students with us, Shangchong "David" Tan from China and Luong Luu from Vietnam. We recently had a chance to catch up with one of them, Luong Luu. A member of the SCHS junior class, he is currently residing with Chris and Stephanie Coleman. Luong makes Seton Catholic student #4 in the Coleman household.

The number of subjects a Vietnamese student is required to study a year in his homeland is 14, compared to about half of that in the United States. "In Vietnam, we study a lot, from 7 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon, then tutoring after school, and with that, we don't have a chance to play sports," Luong shared with us.

Luong cites an American education as the reason he wanted to be here in the U.S., as well as, the experience of living with an American family. "The major difference from Vietnam families to American families is how parents treat their children," Luong said. He shared that being paid for chores is something that would never happen in Vietnam, "In my homeland you have to do what your parents want you to without asking for anything." Another difference he mentioned was that after high school, most of the American students are going to go to college and live separate from their family. In Vietnam, college doesn't necessarily mean more freedom, as you continue to live with your parents.



Luong Luu and Shangchong "David" Tan

Back home, he cannot get a driver's license until age 18, and he shares that most people really only need bikes to get around. "If you walk 300 feet away from the house there are so many places to go. In U.S. people just stay at home (if they cannot drive)."

"I studied in Virginia last year. But I don't get the things that I get here. Seton, it's like a different life here. It's great to be a part of Seton. I can say that I have more friends here than in public school despite Seton is a small school. I'm a Buddhist, at first I thought it would be really hard to go to a Catholic school and to church. But 'when in Rome, do as the Romans do'. Going to Catholic school makes my life change a lot, making me think differently," said Luong. Seton Catholic High is happy to have him with us with this school year.

"We came from Rwanda located in east central Africa. Our kids Kenny and Keith were also attending a Catholic School there called Saint Paul International School in Rwanda. We arrived here with no info about where to find a Catholic School. On our way looking around we saw a school and came in. We are thankful to Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Linda (Westjohn) who welcomed us, and made us feel like joining a Catholic family again. Catholic Schools are not there to teach science or math but help grow the real person and that is the soul. Catholic schools help children to grow in the faith and make kids becoming real people in societies. We really do not know how to express our appreciations and thankful heart. Thank you God for tracing our way and placing us in Seton School!

~ Kalisa Dieundonne



"We choose Seton Catholic Schools for the one on one attention and the great staff/teachers. We also like the personal attention when needed to solve any issues that may arise. It also helps that the staff knows your children personally and they aren't just another number."

~ Aaron & Ginny Matthews

Pen Pals

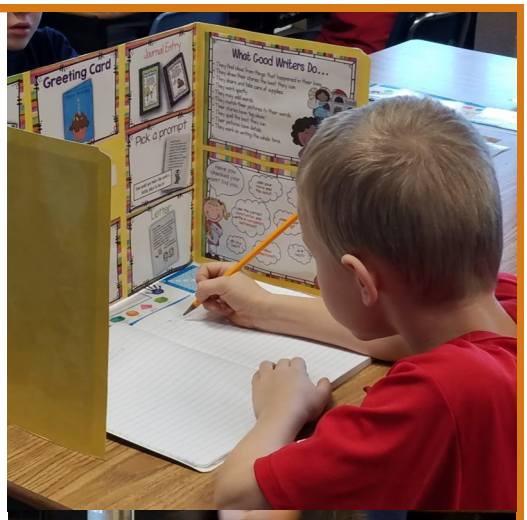
This year the second grade students are making some fun connections outside our school walls through a Pen Pal program. Mrs. Wetherell's second-graders are exchanging letters with a fourth grade class in California, while Mr. Gilbert's class is exchanging letters with residents at Friends Fellowship.

It all began with a field trip to the post office, where the students learned all about the mailing process. Then they headed back to class to 'get writing'!

For now their letters are typed or printed by hand, but will transition to cursive as the semester goes on. Mrs. Wetherell says, "We fulfill a couple of different state standards for Language Arts through the pen pal experience. Developing topics, adding details, editing and providing an ending, all strengthen their writing skills."

In a recent classroom discussion, Mrs. Wetherell's students were delighted to share some details from the letters they've received; each student making comparisons between their pen pals and him or herself. By asking their pen pals questions, the students are realizing they have a lot in common with kids over 3,000 miles away, such as favorite colors, love of sports and science! Through their correspondence, Seton Catholic students are able to picture their California pals' classroom and what their days are like and vice versa.

Is the mail here yet?









Inaugural Induction



This fall Seton Intermediate added an exciting new opportunity for fifth and sixth grade students. Our very first group was inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society. The National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) chapter of Seton Intermediate is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of the national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of initial evaluation: scholarship (academic achievement) responsibility, service and leadership.

Students are selected to be members of NEHS by a faculty council. This group awards the honor of membership to qualified students on behalf of the faculty of the school during each school year. Our NEHS chapter conducts its selection procedures during the spring semester, except for the initial selection process in the fall semester of 2017.

Students in the fifth and sixth grades are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a 90% or higher in all subject areas. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a candidate's form that provides the faculty council with evidence of the candidate's responsibility at home, at school, and in the community. In addition, to evaluate a candidate's level of responsibility, the faculty council uses two types of information: school administrative records and faculty input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's personal responsibility qualities. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all of the criteria that led to their selection.





NEHS will be collecting items for Birthright as we celebrate life that month. Service to the school and community is an important facet of our NEHS chapter.

Our first group of inductees included: Robert Bagby, Mary Daoud, Abby Deitsch, Olivia Dudas, Mason Harvey, Michael Henry, Sammy Humphrey, Lilly Null, Trey Pipenger, Bess Scheiben, and Andrew Warner. These young men and women have certainly set the example for our other students to emulate. We look forward to welcoming new inductees in the spring!

As a member of the Seton Intermediate Chapter of the NEHS, inductees are expected to represent themselves and our school in the best possible light at all times. Members will be completing service projects throughout the year, the first one being a fruit drive for Interfaith Apartments. NEHS members will be packing sacks of fruit and delivering them with Christmas cheer to the apartments in December. In January,



Upcoming Events

Feb 3	**SEAS Speaker: Alveda King**
Feb 7	**Fifth grade Science Fair**
Feb 10	**SEAS Parish Chocolate Fest**
Feb 14	**"Love One Another" Food Drive ends**
Feb 14	**All School Mass**
Feb 15	**SCS Open House**
Feb 16	**SCES Hosts Stations of the Cross**
Feb 16	**SCHS Homecoming Basketball Game**
Feb 19	**President's Day (No School)**
March 16	**SCHS Blood Drive**
March 18	**Pops Band Concert**
March 26 -30	**Spring Break (No School)**
April 2	**Easter Monday (No School)**
April 7	**First Communion**
April 14	**Flying Cardinal 5K**

"We love Seton! Layla has been attending Seton since pre-school. The faculty and staff are simply amazing -they are loving, caring and supportive. Over the course of the years, I can see how Layla has grown in the spirit of truth. She loves participating in religious studies classes and attending weekly Church service. Layla has been participating in the Seton Catholic Annual Cardinal 5K since she was 5 years old, is also a cheerleader and is currently playing basketball on the Seton 4th grade team. In short, I cannot imagine her in more capable hands."

~ Scott & Veronica Cosby



Fall Athletic Round-Up

Varsity Cross Country:

The girls team finished 5th at sectionals and advanced to regionals. The boys team finished 6th at sectionals and just missed advancing. Both teams, coached by Todd Barker, finished second at conference. The boys team won their first meet in program history this season. In addition to the team success, here are several notable individual accomplishments:

- Jenna Barker was a sectional, regional, conference, and county champion. She also advanced to the state meet for the second consecutive season. She finished 27th at state. She was named an Indiana All-Star and finished 12th at the Mid-East Cross Country Championships featuring the top runners from four states. She was also named ICGSA Honorable Mention All-State.Earlier this month she signed her National Letter of Intent to run track and cross country at Indiana University.

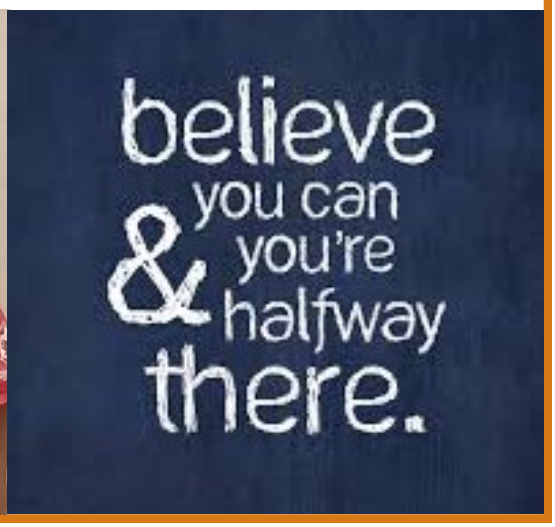


- Hanna Stamm, Paul Stamm, and Wil Stamm all advanced to semi-state this year.
- Jenna Barker, Hanna Stamm, Maria Jackson, Erica Barker, Paul Stamm, Wil Stamm, and Jonah Falcone all earned All-Conference honors.
- Hanna Stamm was named ICGSA Academic All-State while Jenna Barker was named ICGSA Honorable Mention Academic All-State.

Junior High Cross Country:

Both the girls' and boys' teams, coached by Chelsea Halderman, had excellent seasons. Both teams were PAAC Champions this year. Lauren Guiley was the individual conference champion for the girls. The girls team also won the Wayne County meet and Lauren Guiley captured that individual championship as well.







Varsity Boys Soccer:

The team, coached by Kyle Dunn, battled many injuries this year and still finished with a 15-5 record and captured its second consecutive sectional championship. The 15 wins established a new school record. They finished in 4th place in the PAAC, which is a very strong soccer conference. The team was recently awarded the WKBV Wetzel Auto Wayne County Fall Team of the Season Award, which recognizes the top team in Wayne County during the fall sports season. Here are several of the notable individual accomplishments:

- Sam Brenneke was named the PAAC Co-Player of the Year. He also set a school record for goals in a match (6), tied his own record for goals in a season (33), and extended his own record for career goals (89).
- Trent Reichley was named Honorable Mention All-Conference.
- Adam Deitsch tied the school record for career assists (25).
- Will Brenneke tied the school record for goalkeeper wins in a season (12).
- Nick Berger tied the school record for single game assists (4).

Varsity Volleyball : The varsity team, coached by Jennifer Martin, finished with a record of 26-9. They won their fourth consecutive sectional championship and it was their fifth straight 20-win season. This year, they finished in a tie for 3rd in the PAAC. This year's senior class completed their careers with a total of 105 wins. The junior varsity team, coached by Jessica Jurgens, finished with a record of 6-11. Here are several of the notable individual accomplishments:

- Sarah Dickman set a new school record for career kills (1,333) and single match kills (28).
- Abbey Schmidt extended her own school record for career assists (2,655)
- Dickman and Schmidt were both named All-Conference and 1A IHSVCA All-District.
- Dickman, Schmidt, and Grace Deitsch were all named ICGSA Academic All-State.
- Rita Deitz and Sarah Gray were named ICGSA Honorable Mention Academic All-State

Junior High Volleyball

The 8th grade team was coached by Salena DePew and the 7th grade team was coached by Maggie Westjohn. The 8th grade team advanced to the semifinals of the PAAC Tournament. Both teams improved a lot throughout the season and represented our school well.



New Faces @ Seton Catholic



Mr. Clayton Smith has joined our staff at SCHS as the new English teacher. Mr. Smith comes to us with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, as well as, being a Seton parent. He possesses a Bachelor's Degree in English from Purdue University, a Master's Degree from Earlham College, and an Education Supervision Degree from Ball State University. Clayton is married to Michelle, and has four children –Preston and Madelyn are students at SCHS. Outside of school, Clayton owns a small tutoring business, and enjoys spending time in Michigan doing lake activities with his family.

Mrs. Shantel Cartwright recently joined the SCHS staff as the new Academic Advisor. Shantel possesses an Associate's degree in Business Administration, a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and some Masters work in Special Education. She enjoys teaching Business and Career Exploration, and loves to show students how they can connect to the business world no matter what they want to do as a career. Shantel is married to husband, Tony, and has two children – Allison and Xen. She is also leading the student trip to Italy in the summer of 2018.



Joining our school this year teaching music to students from Kindergarten to grade 12, is **Miss Rachel Burger**. Rachel attended Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education K-12 with an Instrumental Emphasis. This is her first teaching position, and when she is not at school she enjoys the outdoors, board games, road trips, and playing the clarinet.

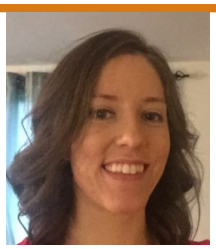


An alumnus of SCHS (Class of 2010), **Mr. Luke Reimsnyder**, has come back to SCHS to teach! He is a graduate of Indiana University East and a current student in their "Transition to Teaching" program.

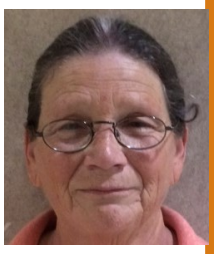




Miss Mallory McKnight is joining Seton Catholic Elementary as a 3rd grade teacher this year. She is a 2013 graduate of Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia. She holds a degree in elementary education with a special needs minor. When she is not working, Mallory enjoys watching football, crafting, scrapbooking, cleaning and organizing.



A 2013 graduate of Indiana University East, **Mrs. Stephanie (Dargie) Hornak** is teaching Environmental Science, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, and Health this year. Stephanie is a 2009 SCHS alumna, married to her high school sweetheart, Steve Hornak ('10). Outside of teaching, she enjoys Crossfit and being a volleyball coach.



Ms. Cecilia Holler has taken on the position of custodian at SCHS. Cecilia is the mother of two grown children, and also works for Empowering People Incorporated providing care for those in waiver homes. She has a huge heart and enjoys cooking, music and caregiving.



Mrs. Kim Moore joined us as the Primary Building secretary this year. Her friendly smile is a perfect fit! Prior to accepting the position, She has served as room parent, participated numerous activities through both the Home & School and the Parent-Teacher Partnership, and also sponsored one of the SCHS cooking clubs the last two years. She enjoys cooking, knitting and being crafty, as well as, spending time with her husband Brian, of twenty years, and children Mandy (grade 5) and Matt (grade 12).

What's the Word?

Alumni News & Information

Amy (Vogelgesang) Coffey ('09) - Amy is married to Ronnie Coffey. They live in Richmond, and she has a Criminal Justice degree from IU East. Amy works in the Clerk's Office at the Wayne County Courthouse, sells Mary Kay Cosmetics, and helps her husband with his business, Coffey's Auctions.

Kyera Shelton ('10) –Kyera is a Certified Radiologic Technologist working at Dr. Johnson's office. Kyera has a four-year-old son, named Colter.

Benjamin Smith ('10) -Ben is a Surgical Technician in the main operating room at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus, OH. He is attending school to become a Physician's Assistant or a Surgical First Assist. He likes "big city" life and loves his job. Previously, Ben worked in the Labor & Delivery Department for three years.



Jourdan Brouse ('11) Jourdan graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy early this past summer and is currently an officer with the Richmond Police Department.



Elise Armstrong ('12) In May, Elise will be graduating from the University of Tennessee with a Master's degree in trumpet performance. Currently, she is in search of doctoral destinations in the hopes of being awarded with an assistantship. In the meantime, Elise is teaching private lessons to high school and college students in Tennessee, while also taking live orchestral auditions throughout the U.S.



Audrey (Shake) Burchfield ('12) -Audrey is living in Guam with her husband, Joseph. They are expecting their first child in March.



Samantha (Elstro) Floyd ('12) Samantha and husband, Andrew, had their first daughter, Charlotte Jo, in October.

Daniel Marsee ('12) Daniel graduated from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor's degree in Electronic and Computer Engineering Technology and is currently working for Belden's Global IT Infrastructure.



Nathan Brouse ('13) In the spring, Nathan graduated from the University of Southern Indiana with a degree in business and is now working for First Bank Richmond.

Alex Ruger ('13) -Alex graduated from DePauw University in the spring of 2017. He spent his 2nd summer in South Dakota with the Black Hills Institute. Currently, Alex is in Palm Beach, Florida working for Americorps.

Rhett Butler ('14) –Rhett is currently working on his degree at IU East in communication; while working full time at Dot Foods in Cambridge City.



Craig Heyob ('14) Craig is a Sergeant in the US Army currently stationed at Joint Base Lewis McCord in Washington State. He just re-enlisted for six more years.

Maggie Kinsey ('14) –Maggie is heading into her final semester at Franklin College, studying graphic design; and is set to graduate this May. She is Chairperson for Tri Delta Sorority Public Relations Committee and for Franklin's "Up All Night" fundraiser which raises funds for St. Jude Hospital.

Patrick Marsee ('15) Currently, Patrick is a junior at the University of Dayton majoring in computer science. He has been on the Dean's list the last 2 semesters. This past semester Patrick was chosen to be on one of UD's two teams to compete in the ACM Intercollegiate Computer Programming Competition with his team of three students finishing 18th in the East Central Region.

Santiago Velandia ('15) Santiago is currently serving as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corp stationed in Okinawa, Japan.



Ian Kinsey ('16) Ian is a sophomore at Trine University where he is studying engineering design and graphics. He is also a member of the Trine Marching Band.

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Well Adjusted Across The Pond

In early December, we had the pleasure of catching up with 2011 Seton Catholic graduate, David Schroeder. At SCHS, David was an excellent student, involved in band, a multi-sport athlete, and committed to the parish and youth group. There was no doubt that his future was bright, but not even David himself could have predicted his current situation.

SCS: Where do you currently live?

DAVID: Currently, I reside in Wilmslow, United Kingdom, about 10 miles south of Manchester with my wife, Elly, and our bulldog, Pippa. After looking at Google Maps, it's about 3,800 miles from Seton Catholic.



SCS: How did you end up there?

DAVID: While at Butler University, I served consecutive internships with Belden Inc., a well-recognized company with a plant and division offices just down the road from Seton in Richmond. I began full-time employment with Belden as a financial analyst in June of 2015. Belden asked me to relocate in March of this year to take the job of Finance Manager for our Europe and Middle East division.

SCS: What is your favorite thing about living there so far?

DAVID: England, in general, is much older than the US. I have loved going to a pub that is 500+ years old, visiting castles with rich histories, and hiking through ruins. For me, it has been an incredible opportunity to see the world. Belden has kept me on the move often, with trips to Germany, the Netherlands, Canada, and most recently Croatia. In my day-to-day job, I interact with employees from all over Europe and the Middle East, and very much enjoy experiencing the cultural differences throughout. Living only 10 minutes away from the airport, Elly and I have been able to travel quite cheaply throughout Europe on 3-4 day weekends which served as a huge selling point to me for taking this role.

SCS: What has been the hardest adjustment?

DAVID: I think there are two major adjustments we had to make outside of the obvious things like currency change, climate change, culture change, etc. One, we do not drive here, so public transportation is my new way of life. Living in a city where public routes are easily accessible and public roads are the opposite (and you drive on the wrong side of the road/car), we have found this new transportation method both convenient at times, and limiting. A simple task of getting groceries becomes complicated, while a trip downtown now removes the need to find a parking space after sitting in gridlock traffic.

The second hardest adjustment, which is actually the hardest itself, is being so far away from familiar faces – our family and friends. When in Indy, Elly and I both had easy access to our hometowns. My family often visited and we could pop in and out while we pleased. Now, a few flights away, we have learned not to take for granted the weekly FaceTime sessions with our families and friends. We look forward to welcoming more family and friends in 2018 who will be visiting us. We have loved having both my brother, Evan and his wife, Jasmine, and Adam and his girlfriend Erin visit us early this year. Elly and I can't wait to be back for Christmas/New Year's this year to see all of our family again, drive a bit, and hopefully have some great home-made biscuits and gravy –that's not a thing over here…

SCS: How has your faith helped you during this time?

DAVID: The world doesn't slow down upon graduation from high school. It doesn't slow down upon graduation from college. In fact, it speeds up faster than most can compensate for, including me. Things change rapidly, but to me, there are two constants - Faith and Family. I already mentioned the tough adjustment having moved miles from family, but the cool thing about faith is that it never has to move. In England, it is actually harder to find a Catholic Church than in the U.S. because of the church's history in this country, but luckily enough we live down the road from a Catholic Church that El and I try to attend every Sunday. But faith in general has helped us overcome a lot with this move/change, and has really served as the foundation for who we are as people no matter what country we live in. The move was stressful to say the least; having to sell our house in less than a month from accepting the offer, live without our belongings here for upwards of two months due to shipment delays, leave all that we knew and loved for an adventure and a job that brought with it even more responsibility and uncertainty. Luckily for us, God is pretty mobile. He sat with us on the plane while our dog was below in cargo experiencing what I would categorize as potentially life-altering turbulence, comforted us while we dealt with the death of a best friend back home, and will continue to experience with us the many adventures left to be had across the pond.

SCS: How has Seton Catholic prepared you for your current position at Belden and life in general?

DAVID: As I tend to relate most things to sports, Seton serves as my home-base. Yes, I am from Richmond Indiana, but if you do the math (a large part of my profession) most of my Richmond life was spent at Seton having attended from preschool through 12th grade. I learned how to be a Christian at Seton in my every day, having developed a strong faith foundation. I learned how to think critically with my schoolwork, a skill that I try to

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utilize daily (though not specifically using Calculus in my day-to-day, but the brain muscles strengthened by doing Calculus, Mr. Feller) I learned how to deal with cultural differences, through the endless debates in Religion class about varying viewpoints and having hosted the infamous Tanik Ruangpanyaphot with our Seton family for a year from Thailand.

SCS: Please share with me anything else that God puts on your heart.

DAVID: If you would have asked me in high school at Seton if I would ever move across the world with my wife of a year to be a Finance Manager for a wire and cable company, I would have laughed and then turned up my guitar amp as if to suggest that rock-star producer was the path for me. Even after my first semester at Butler, I found it hard to leave the music studio and harder to remain just over an hour away from good ol' Richmond. What I could have predicted, though? I would be as close as ever to my family, despite physical separation. I would be a good person in general, striving to live a decent and Christian life. And I would always look forward to coming home to the Chuck to watch a game, or sit through a music rehearsal with the band, or peep in on a Mr. Reichley lecture. Seton has played a role in shaping me into the person I am today and helped to instill in me the values that make me ME, despite not having predicted the specific career path or location. If I could go back to my high school self and give some advice, I might tell myself … One you'll never fully be able to keep up, so just try to maintain and lean on God for the rest, two be open to change, and three cut the mop (hair) on my head, this isn't high school musical.



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5th through 8th graders, and saw a participation of around 45 percent. She said she wants to move forward and implement it more fully for the next school year.

"With all the negative influences our children are exposed to regarding the use of internet technology and social media, I jumped at the chance to pilot this program," Hensen said. "I think it is important for…Catholic educators to partner with our students' families to help kids realize that with the privilege of technology use also comes great responsibility."

Polizzi is hopeful that more schools and parents will jump on board with SSO to address this pressing issue. By having a social media account of any kind, kids put themselves at risk for cyber bullying without even realizing it, and Polizzi said it is essential for parents to be curious about what their child is doing.

"I'm trying to make this technology thing not so intimidating that parents can't be parents and kids can't be kids," he said. "It's more than just a hobby for kids; it's how they live their life. You need to be involved."



Tips for safe social media use:

- Keep the conversation open.
- Stay up to date with current social media platforms and learn how to use them properly.
- Be mindful of the images you post and the things you say.
- Use privacy settings to control which people see your social media accounts.
- Don't share personal information, such as home addresses or phone numbers.

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> ~ *Tim Polizzi, Vice President of Safe Students Online*

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Sal Vincent ('16) Sal is working on his welding certificate at Ivy Tech. After joining the cast of Seton's Lion King and Mulan Jr., he earned a role in Peter and the Star Catchers at Richmond Civic Theatre and hopes to do more shows with RCT in the future.



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