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A New Beginning!

Again this spring, high schools across the country ended the school year with graduation ceremonies. Each school recognized and celebrated the students that had successfully completed their formative years of compulsory education.

Filled with nostalgia, seniors and their families looked back on those years with fondness; recalling such stories as that first day of kindergarten, their first best friend, their first overnight field trip, class retreat or carnival. They reflected on their favorite teachers, friends and classmates, and personal and collective accomplishments. They realized that this was the end of an era -the era of youth.

Seton Catholic High School held its eleventh annual commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 29th in the Chuck Mosey Memorial Gymnasium. Guests enjoyed the music of the Seton Catholic High School band as they arrived, under the direction of first year music instructor, Mr. Evan Schroeder. SCHS math teacher, Mr. John Markward was master of ceremonies for the event; while Megan Schroeder gave the Valedictorian speech, and Maria Stiens spoke as Salutatorian.

Principal, Mr. Rick Ruhl presented the graduates with their diplomas, and they were congratulated by Father Kevin Morris, pastor, and Ms. Gina Fleming, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The coveted Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin award was presented to two graduates this year who have showed tremendous leadership and involvement in the community. Those awards went to Jack Brenneke and Maria Stiens.

The Class of 2016 set a new school record in total college scholarship and grant dollars earned at $3,456,000. Of the twenty-one graduates, fourteen graduated as members of the National Honor Society, ten with highest honors, and 62% now possess an Academic Honors Diploma. This year, SCHS was pleased to graduate two students with the new Technical Honors Diplomas, as well as the academic honors diploma and highest honors. Those two students were Jacob Stamm and Lucas Westjohn.

This collective group of young people will be missed in the halls, in the parish and around the community. We wish them well in their future endeavors!

Desmond Bane
Texas Christian University
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Cedarville University
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Indiana University
Major: Accounting & Finance

Christopher Easley
Indiana Tech
Major: Business Management

Loren Falcone
Ball State University
Major: Athletic Training

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An Occupational Therapist's Viewpoint on Summer

During the summer months it is so easy to kick back, relax and forget about work, school and learning. Occupational therapist, and Seton Catholic parent, Mrs. Kim Wright, however, tells us that summer provides a great opportunity to work on handwriting and fine motor skills with younger children. "Young children learn best through play and so tasks should be meant to be played as a game with a sibling or adult," Mrs. Wright advises. She continues, "The tasks can be even more powerful when you let the child choose the activities and complete them for as long as it interests them rather than for a set time or number of repetitions."

When learning letters, Kim believes a multi-sensory approach is more effective. "Involving more than one sense can help a child learn while still being fun, especially for those children who hate to write as it is hard for them. Practice with an actual pencil and paper should be for no more than five minutes a day with a model given for each letter they are to do (A _____ A _____) across the page. Otherwise bad habits can form as a child copies the last letter he did and the results get more and more sloppy," says Kim.

Using common household items, Mrs. Wright recommends the activities found in this newsletter to be done with your primary age children over the summer. "They can be done inside or outside, rain or shine. Enjoy your summer break with your children, and keep the learning going."

Some Ideas To Help With Handwriting



- Use magnetic letters to sequence and match letters
- Use felt letters and alphabet cards to sequence and match letters
- Put plastic letters in a bag and let children put their hand in and guess what letter just by touch
- Write letters with you finger in: cornmeal, sand, pudding (dry or prepared), foam soap, shaving cream or bird seed
- Follow the shape of the letter by "painting" with a roller on a wall (paint free and dry of course)
- Make letters on the floor in tape and have child hop or jump along the letter lines
- Mini black boards or dry erase boards. These are especially good for letter reversals. Many upper case letters begin in upper left corner- can't reverse if begin there on a small chalkboard
- Finger paint
- Paint letters on an easel or on paper taped to the door or wall. This uses bigger muscles than are usually involved when writing at a desk. It also encourages proper wrist position for writing.
- Paper with sandpaper under it to feel the pencil as it makes a letter, giving feedback to the writer's hand.



- Write letters on: magna-doodles, cookie tray with play-doh and "write" with a dowel
- Make alphabet cards for matching (visually and by touch) and tracing with: colored or puffy glue, yarn, dry jello, puffy paint, glued sand or cornmeal



- Glue beans, noodles, cloth, cotton balls, miniature marshmallows, rice, or paper to make mosaics in the shape of letters
- Make body letters-make your body into a letter and have child guess what letter
- Trace a letter on your child's back and have them guess the letter.

Summer Activities To Improve Fine Motor Skills

1. Sewing cards
2. Pick up small beads or pieces of yarn using tweezers or tongs. Tongs help with the open/shut movement needed for scissors
3. Assemble/disassemble nuts and bolts
4. Toss and catch a beanbag or ball
5. Play finger games to songs to isolate finger movements
6. Tear paper in straight lines
7. String beads, buttons, or macaroni



8. Cut with scissors. Cut clay, straws, different weights of paper. Start with short straight lines and progress to straight edged shapes (triangle, square) and then to circles
9. Make chains with paper clips or paper strips
10. Identify common objects with eyes closed by touch only
11. Pick up 5-10 pennies one at a time in either hand and move into the palm. Move them back to the fingertips one at a time and then place on table
12. Retrieve requested item from palm one at a time from a choice of 2-3 objects such as small pegs, pennies, paper clips
13. Snap fingers
14. Marbles and jacks
15. Crafts
16. Reposition pencil from writing position to erasing position using only one hand



17. Table football with folded triangular pieces of paper as the ball
18. Origami
19. Pick up sticks, Legos, card sorting/shuffling
20. Games that use dice
21. Games such as Connect Four, tops, Bed Bugs, Operation, Don't Break the Ice, Perfection
22. Pick up objects with wooden salad tongs or tweezers
23. Finger puppets
24. Sort small objects such as beans, coins, buttons, paper clips
25. Perform string tricks like "cat's in the cradle"
26. Puzzles
27. Etch-A-Sketch
28. Play-doh is wonderful to strengthen the hand. Hide objects in it and have the child find them. Make snakes by rolling it and then form letters and shapes with the snake
29. Pick up small marbles small rocks, or small game pieces with your index finger and thumb. Transfer the objects into the palm without using the other hand. See how many objects you can pick up without dropping any This helps with the separation of the two sides of the hand that is needed to use scissors with skill You can also reverse this and have them move the object from their palm into their index/thumb and transfer the object into a bottle or other container.
30. Help in kitchen- measuring, stirring, tearing lettuce.
31. Have two buckets or bowls and a dishrag or sponge. Put water in one bucket and have the child transfer the water into the other bucket by filling the sponge/rag with water and then wringing it out into other container. This is a great game for a hot day and can be made into a race
32. Flashlight tag-using flashlights, have one try to follow and catch the other's light on the wall, trace large letters on the wall, draw letters and have child guess what letter you drew





All for the Honor and Glory of God…

by Mr. Rick Ruhl, Principal SCHS

At Seton Catholic High School, our daily focus is to spread the Gospel and grow closer to God. As we help our young people discover and cultivate their God-given talents and abilities, we continually remind them that we do all things for the honor and glory of God. In word and deed, our students demonstrated their commitment to this idea throughout the 2015-16 school year. Allow me to share some highlights…

Last fall, we opened two brand new science labs and a new, well-appointed band/music room. The rooms are simply beautiful and are a big hit with our students. These new spaces have already enhanced the teaching-learning process in the critical areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM).

The ICGSA (Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association) named Megan Schroeder an Academic All-State while Rose Chimenti, Ashley Miller, and Julia Reichley were named Honorable Mention Academic All-State.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Community Blood Center named Seton Catholic High School a Red Cord Honor School. According to the Blood Center, one pint of donated blood will save up to three lives. In 2015-16, students, staff and other members of the Richmond Catholic Community donated an impressive 117 units, which translates to saving more than 350 lives.

In 2015-16, our Girls' Volleyball team won the Regional; our Boys' Basketball team won the Sectional; our Girls' Track team won the first PAAC conference championship in any sport and they won the Sectional. In Cross Country, Jacob Stamm was Sectional Champion, Regional Champion and he ran in the State meet; Jenna Barker was Sectional Champion and she ran in the Semi-State meet; and Jack Brenneke, Leann Brenneke, and Hanna Stamm were all Regional qualifiers. In Gymnastics, Leann Brenneke was a Regional qualifier in Bars. In Track, Jacob Stamm was Sectional Champion, Regional Champion and he ran in the State meet; Jenna Barker was Sectional Champion and she ran in the State meet; Jack Brenneke, Leann Brenneke, Sarah Dickman, Ashley Miller, and Julia Reichley were all Sectional Champions; and Hanna Stamm was a Regional qualifier.

Branch Out Day, our annual day of Christian service in the community, took place in May. Often a highlight of student life each year, we had another great experience this year. Students, teachers, and parent volunteers comprised 15 service teams who fanned out across the area to do good for others. Cope Environmental, Hayes Arboretum, Reller Woods, Rose Garden, Veterans Park, Civic Theatre are among the many outstanding organizations that partnered with us in this venture. This year, the Class of 2016 took on an ambitious service project for Branch Out Day; a minor sprucing up of the YMI lot, currently used for student parking. They laid out parking spaces and painted lines, cleaned debris, pulled weeds and planted some perennials.

One hundred percent of the Class of 2016 earned a Core 40 Diploma. Thanks to the growing integration of Information Technology into our curriculum, along with our expansion of dual credit class offerings, the State DOE recently approved our request to offer the Technical Honors Diploma. The Core 40 Diploma with Technical Honors serves as a great complement to our other two diploma sequences; Core 40 Diploma and Core 40 Diploma with Academic Honors.

Congratulations to Maria Stiens (Class of 2016) who received a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to an Indiana public or private college of her choice after being named a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar by the Wayne County Foundation. Maria was chosen from a pool of 66 appli-

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Semester Review

by Mrs. Kim Becker, Principal SES

As I gaze through the calendar, January through May, I'm amazed at how busy we have been and how much we've accomplished at Seton Catholic Elementary! It's so good to review the semester and see the growth!

Catholic Schools Week at the end of January was both celebratory and philanthropic. Students wrote very moving articles of what Catholic education means to them and how they have benefitted from it. Our Winter Music Program stated the same thing as students sang various songs of praise to Christ. The music show is always a winner. Our students also continued their service to the community that week by hosting a "Souper Bowl" and a "Soaper Bowl" to collect canned soups and soap products for our community pantries. They are learning to give at an early age.

Early in February, our fifth grade scientists revealed their studies at the Science Fair. This was a 3 month project completing the entire scientific process. The projects were interesting and thought provoking too! We congratulated Tess Hamilton and Lauren Guiley as the winners of the Science Fair. They took their projects to the Regional Science Fair held at Ball State University.

Second semester is a time of testing. We administered the ISTEP, the IREAD for grade 3 reading skills, the WIDA for language proficiency, and ACRE for grade 5 religion skills, and the NWEA academic test for baseline levels of reading, language, and math. Wow! It seems like so much – yet we do receive valuable information about academic growth and needs through these tests. Our teachers analyze the material in order to determine next steps with instruction as well as preparing for the following school year.

Our students continued to offer several events through the semester as fundraisers. We enjoyed paying $1.00 on a certain day to wear a hat to school. Or we paid $1.00 for another day to wear jeans. The monies collected were given to Birthright and to St. Vincent DePaul Society! In total, students collected close to $1,000.00!

In late April, our preschool was reviewed by Advanc-Ed, our national accrediting organization. Our grades K-12 are accredited already by Advanc-Ed and only this year did they offer the opportunity to include preschool. We were reviewed for one full day over 378 indicators of quality in our program. During our verbal exit interview, the review team told us that we would surely be accredited as a quality preschool program! Official reports and certification will follow. What a great accolade for our preschool teachers and program! This accreditation will open many more doors for Seton!

Our teachers have gone back to school too! Many staff members attended the National Catholic Educators' Association conference in San Diego, CA this spring. They came home on fire!! They learned so much concerning curriculum, but also concerning how to grow in our faith as adults. They were part of Mass daily with about 5,000 other Catholic educators! Their next venture will be a literacy retreat/conference held in June. Again, they will gather so much information about how to broaden our literacy program. The learning does not stop for anyone!!

One of our biggest ventures this semester was the production of "Lion King Jr." A grant was written by Krista Falcone, grade 5 instructor, for seed money to purchase the play. Then donors were involved in adding to those monies to create costumes and props for the play. Students auditioned and rehearsed so many hours. The play was performed in late April and was a stunning act! Teamwork of staff and parents and community folks was sure evident! And what an amazing opportunity for our kids! The theater arts are

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Thumbs Up Mrs. Manchir!

Strong. Gracious. Kind. Thankful. These words are all used by her co-workers to describe retiring second grade teacher, Mrs. Mary Manchir.

Wanting to follow in her mother's footsteps, Mary decided to become a teacher, and received her Bachelor and Master degrees from Ball State University. Her career began in 1974 teaching at the Soldier's and Sailor's Children's Home in Knightstown. From there she moved on to teach 1st, 4th and 5th grades in Greenfield, Indiana.

While teaching in Greenfield, Mary taught a young man (Andy) whose mother had died of leukemia. She later ended up marrying that young man's father (Bob) and became mother to Andy and his sister (Amy); giving birth to a daughter (Michelle) a year later.

After staying home several years to raise her children, Mary returned to education while living in Pittsburgh. After moving to Indiana, Mary began her work at Seton Catholic Schools in 1994 hired by Mrs. Kathryn Schlichte to teach first grade. "I always wanted to teach in a Catholic school so I started applying to parochial schools in Indiana when we decided to move from Pittsburgh," said Mrs. Manchir.

In 2002, Mary moved to 3rd grade to be "on the cooler side of the building. It was a very hot building back then with no air conditioning."



Mary recalls, "That year my 17 year old daughter, Michelle, was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. My world was shattered. I told Michelle the day she was diagnosed that I would be with her every step of the way. I had no idea how this was going to happen because my husband was on disability and I was the insurance carrier."

With God watching over her family and working through the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the people of the Richmond Catholic Community, Mary was able to spend every day with Michelle while continuing to receive a paycheck and insurance.

A few short years later, Mary herself was diagnosed with aplastic anemia. Two in every million persons acquire this disease annually. Mary was one of seventeen people in the state of Indiana diagnosed with it in 2008. Once again she was blessed by God through the amazing support of the archdiocese, the parish and Seton Catholic Schools. Mary reflects, "Seton School and the Richmond Catholic Community literally saved my family and for this, I am eternally grateful."

In her 22 years at Seton, she has seen many changes in both technology and the look of our school. "I will miss my time in the classroom and interacting with the children, especially teaching them about God." She adds, "I will also miss my colleagues who have become my friends and supporters. I don't think one could find a better group of people with whom to work."

We offer Mrs. Manchir congratulations on a wonderful career, and thank her for the many experiences we have been blessed to share with her.

Favorite Memories of Mrs. Manchir

As told by our 6th grade students

Mrs. Manchir, we remember fondly the many games you played with us. From "Sausages," "Heads Up / Seven Up," and "Hot Spot" to many stolen moments in the "park."

We remember science and learning about composting. We were so surprised how long certain materials take to decompose, and how some never do! That led to many of us eating the entire apple, core, seeds and all!

We remember being so excited to learn our math facts with Rocket Ship! (We eventually grew to hate it, but still … lol)

We recall feeling very special when we would be honored with one of your "Pats on the Back" awards. Many of our parents still have them!

The religion skits were so much fun! We still remember that Ben was Philip, Lydia Reichley and Maria were Jesus, Kaitlyn was Andrew, Baleigh and Lydia Perkins were narrators. Ella was the sick girl who was healed, and who could forget all the cheerleaders! Thank you for leading us in our learning.

Many of us remember when you broke your arm and Ben was chosen to write the dates on the board. He had to stand on a chair, and it was still only half way up the board. We can't believe we were that little!

"Q" "U" "I" "E" "T!" ALWAYS worked!

We also remember your stories of your family being sick and overcoming illness with prayer and faith. You were an example to us.

Mostly what we remember, Mrs. Manchir, is your quiet calm. We always felt loved and safe in your classroom. Thank you for the many years you've given to Seton. You are loved!



Semester Review

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here at Seton now and we intend to grow with it!

With the inspiration of Drew Van Vleet and the financial help of Seton Home & School group, we have an outdoor gazebo on our Holy Family campus! It is a beautiful addition to the property. Students will be able to move their classrooms outside to learn. Deacons Frank Roberts and Jim Miller blessed the gazebo with grades 3-6 students present. Students and church community alike will benefit from it.

We celebrated people during this semester too. Our second grade students prepared all year to celebrate their First Communion in April. They are a welcomed group to our Catholic community. We celebrated our wonderful volunteers during masses at both buildings. Students created artwork for them and we enjoyed breakfast together. And we celebrate Mary Manchir, second grade instructor, as she retires this year. She has touched so many students' lives and we will miss her terribly.

What a busy semester! It's good to stay busy and good to grow. And it's very good to see that growth within the glory of our God. We can't wait to see what happens in the fall!

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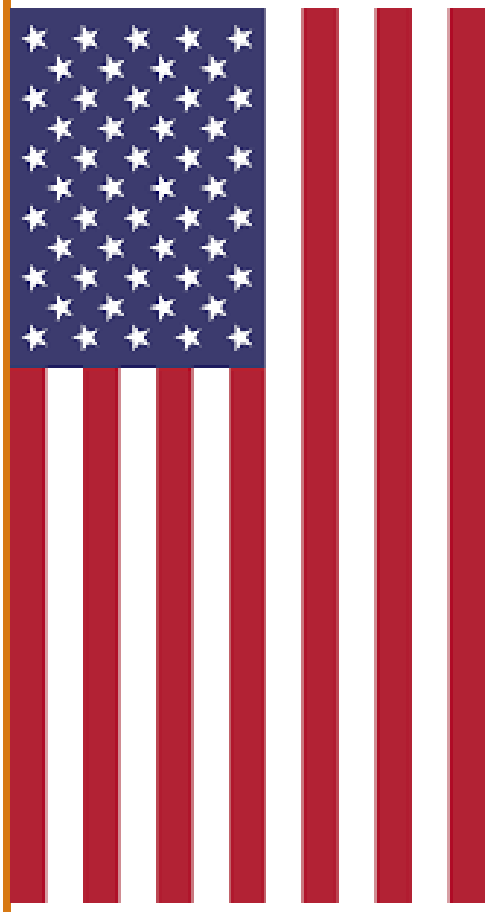


Part of an educator's role is to not only teach reading, writing and arithmetic to a child, but also to inspire within them the desire to find their special talents and figure out how to use those talents to benefit the world. As a young person one is often asked "What do you want to be when you grow up?" "What are your plans after high school?" More often than not answers include college and studying to become a doctor, a teacher, an engineer, an artist, a vet… but on rare occasion the reply includes "join the military."

In the last ten years, Seton Catholic High has proudly seen eight members of its alumni join a branch of the U.S. Military. James Miller ('11) and Chris Freeman ('09) have both completed their years of commitment with the U.S. Marine Corps. Alum and SCHS faculty member, Evan Schroeder ('11) currently serves in the U.S. Navy Reserves; leaving five of our Seton Catholic sons and daughters on active duty at this time.

Two graduates from the Class of 2015, Daniel Rheinhardt and Santiago Velandia are both serving in the U.S. Marines stationed in Hawaii and Okinawa, Japan respectively. Craig Heyob ('14) is in his second year with the U.S. Army, stationed in Washington state. Marine, Mathieu Blakely ('12) is entering his third year of service, currently stationed in North Carolina; while fellow classmate, Audrey Shake is finishing up her service with the U.S. Navy (Oklahoma) this month.

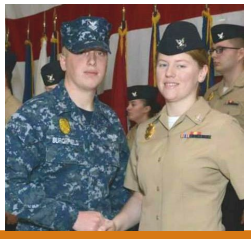
These young men and woman gained a foundation at Seton Catholic that is carrying them around the globe. Several are serving, or have served, as prayer leaders amongst their peers. When asked how Seton Catholic prepared them for their journeys with the military, this group responded with "strong work ethic, values, and integrity".

Mathieu Blakely shared, "Seton prepared my spirit. My time at Seton was not wasted. Seton prepared my mind for hardships in the military –taught me how to turn to the Lord. There was a quote by the cafeteria that says something like, 'Preach the gospel always, and if necessary use words' and that quote has always stuck with me. I share my knowledge of the Lord with all that will listen."

Audrey Shake said, "My time at Seton Catholic gave me a solid foundation of faith that I truly needed throughout my military career. I am so thankful for the teachers I've had that taught me the prayers I know because it is those prayers that lifted me up when I was feeling low. I didn't appreciate what I had at Seton until I left. I am blessed that I have parents who worked so hard to send me to a good school where I learned about Jesus Christ and could openly express my love for him. I am very proud of what I have done these past four years as a United States Sailor, I am proud of the family I come from and I am proud to be an alumni of Seton Catholic."

We asked each Seton alum still serving our country, "What's the hardest part about being in the military?" See their responses below (warning: you may want to get a tissue ready):

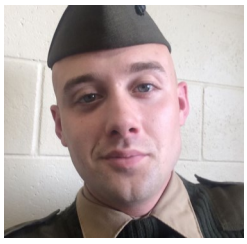
Audrey: "The hardest part about being in the military is the last five minutes of leave that you have with your



family before you have to board your flight back to base. The hardest part is sitting in the airport fighting back tears until you hear 'now boarding' and it's time to give your goodbye hugs. Everything you were holding back just bursts out of you like a bullet from a gun. The first and only time I ever felt a sense of regret for joining the service was the first time I ever went home on leave. I remember standing in the airport with my family and we were all bawling. Being home on leave is an indescribable feeling. You just feel normal again and your family feels whole. And knowing that my absence caused those tears; it's just heartbreaking. Being away from my family is something I've gotten used to over the years but saying goodbye never gets easier no matter how many times you have to do it.

My family and friends are what keeps me going. Ever since I graduated boot camp I have talked to my family and friends every day. There have been many times in my career that I just wanted to give it all up and go home but I kept my head straight and kept moving forward because of the people back home that love me. My parents and brothers have helped me through many dark times since I left home. Everything that I have accomplished I did it because they believed in me."

Mathieu: "The hardest part about



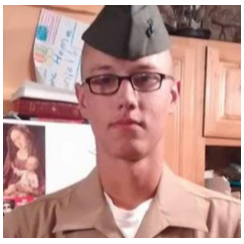
being in the military is not the lack of sleep or food deprivation or body aching training. The simulation of combat zones or the nightmare everyone calls the field. It's the things that you take for granted every day. It's the emotional attachments that you have vested in other people. It's missing your parents love, your sister's laugh, and your dog's whine. Those emotional attachments are hardest on me because I can't be with them all the time and go to the local O'Charley's. Instead in order to see them I have to make a plan to drive to some rural town in West Virginia just so I can have lunch with them. So not seeing them pains me but I know what I do is for the better. I do what I do to protect them and everyone else."

Santiago: "In my opinion the hard-

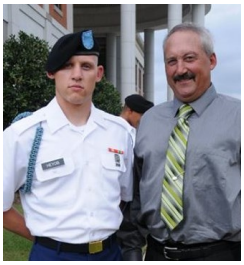


est thing about being in the military is being away from my family and missing out on many of the little liberties and freedoms that civilians get to enjoy and take for granted. Making my loved ones proud every day, faith in God and commitment to my brothers and sisters in the military and country keeps me going. Also, food and sleep motivate me!"

Daniel: "The hardest part of being



in the military is being away from my family and friends because I had such a close bond to them and the lifestyle has some very strict rules. I am lifted up knowing my parents are constantly praying for me and keeping in touch with them and friends."



Craig: "The hardest part of being in the service is being away from my family and friends."

If you are interested in sending letters, cards or care packages to our alumni in the military please contact Natalie Blakely at nblakely@setonschools.org



They LOVE to hear from us!



From the Class of 2016

The Class of 2016
would like to thank
our parents or guardians
for their unconditional love
and support.

In addition,
the Class of 2016
would like to thank everyone
in the Richmond
Catholic Community
for your commitment
to Catholic education
in the greater Richmond area.

We are humbled
by your loving stewardship
of time, talent, and treasure,
and we are well-aware
that such support has played a critical role in our formation and education in
Seton Catholic Schools.

Thank you!

Sports Round-Up

The varsity gymnastic team completed its second season, and were once again very competitive. Leann Brenneke (sophomore) and Rebecca Catey (sophomore) broke all of their school records from last year. Brenneke placed 6th on bars at sectionals and advanced to regionals.



The varsity girls basketball team finished the season with a record of 9-15. Their win total established a new school record. During the season, Megan Schroeder (senior) became the first girls basketball player in school history to reach 1,000 career points. Schroeder earned All-Conference and 2nd Team All-Area honors. Maggie Westjohn (junior) earned Honorable Mention All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-Area honors.



The varsity boys basketball team had another historic season. They finished with a record of 23-4, establishing a new school record for wins. They won their third consecutive sectional championship. They lost in regionals, but it was to the eventual state champion Liberty Christian in a very close game. The Cardinals also finished 3rd in the 16-team Bob Wettig Memorial Tournament at Richmond High School where they defeated Richmond (4A), Hamilton Heights (3A), and Warren Central (4A). Desmond Bane (senior) and Billie Webster III (junior) earned All-Conference honors. Five players earned All-Area honors. Bane was named the All-Area Player of the Year. Webster III was a 1st Team selection. Cliff Dickman (senior), Colten Pipenger (senior), and Trent Reichley (freshman) were Honorable Mention selections.

Desmond Bane also became Wayne County's all-time leader scorer during the season and finished with 1,991 career points. He was named to several All-State teams including being selected IBCA Supreme 15 All-State, All-USA Indiana 1st Team, and Associated Press 3rd Team All-State. He was also voted the IndyStar Fan's Choice Male Athlete of the Year. His most impressive accolade was being named to the Indiana All-Star Team. He recently signed to play at the college level with Texas Christian University (TCU).



Congratulations to all of our winter sports coaches and athletes!

Preach the gospel and if necessary, use words.

~ St. Francis Assisi

Tax Credit Scholarship

If you are an Indiana resident, and you would like to make a donation to help low and middle income students attend catholic school, now is the time. A program in Indiana called Tax Credit Scholarships allow individuals or businesses to make a donation to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) and receive tax credits equal to 50 percent of the amount donated.

Any Indiana taxpayer who has a minimum tax liability, and is interested in helping low and middle income families attain the dream of sending their children to catholic school, should consider a donation to an SGO. Not only can you designate the Seton Catholic to receive your donation, but you will also receive a 50 percent credit on your state taxes as well as a federal deduction. For example, with a 50% state tax credit, and a 28% federal deduction, a donor can give $1000 towards scholarships for as little as $360. That is a great deal for donors, and for catholic education.

Once Seton Catholic receives donations through the SGO, they in turn can award those funds to students whose household income meets the requirements as set by the state of Indiana. This is a great win-win for all. Donors have a huge tax advantage, and families from low and middle income households get much needed assistance in sending their children to Seton Catholic Schools.

To make a donation online right now, please go to https://sgo.i4qed.org/donations/new . If you prefer to send a check through the mail, you can print the form found here http://www.i4qed.org/pdf/sgo/donors/2015-16-IQE-donation-form.pdf to send in with your donation. If you are an Indiana resident, this is simply the best deal out there to stretch your donor dollars. Won't you consider helping students attain the dream of a catholic education?

Donors must make their donations through the Scholarship Granting Organization to qualify for these tax advantages. Seton Catholic Schools works with the Institute for Quality Education for all Tax Credit Scholarships available here. Please contact Linda Westjohn at 765-962-3902 ext. 21 or lwestjohn@setonschools.org with any questions.

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cants locally, and is one of 142 Lilly Scholars in the state this year. She is the second Seton student in recent years to receive this prestigious award.

For the first time in school history, at least one senior received athletic scholarship offers from Division I & II colleges and universities. In fact, we had two; Jacob Stamm and Desmond Bane. Bane also became the first student-athlete in school history to be named an IndyStar Indiana All-Star. Desmond is one of only 13 seniors from across the state selected to represent Indiana in its annual boys' basketball series with Kentucky.

Congratulations to the cast, crew, directors, and the other volunteers of the "Lion King" production which debuted in 2015-16. It was an amazing event. Seton Catholic Schools is certainly blessed with talented young people across the grade levels.

These are just a few of the many examples of ways in which our young people grow in spirit, mind, and body all for the honor and glory of God.

Sincerely,

Rick J. Ruhl

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What's the Word?

Alumni News & Information

- **Marissa (Stevens) Brim** ('06) is a VP BSA/Compliance Officer at West End Bank. Marissa lives in Richmond with her husband, and their three children, Anna (7), Clay (6), and Oliver (2 months).



- **Jennifer (Sugas) Jennings** ('06) is a regional manager for First Call Staffing. Jennifer and husband, Joe, live in Centerville with their two sons, Jenson (5) and Jayce (3).
- **Joey Beard** ('07) is a sales manager at U.S. Cellular in Grand Island, Nebraska. He is engaged to be married on October 7th.
- **Rob Funkhouser** ('07) just finished his first year of graduate school at Butler University. He is studying music composition, and was invited to study the same at Princeton University this summer. He has been performing in areas such as Indianapolis, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Bloomington.
- **Stephanie (Dargie) Hornak** ('09) has been named the Girls Varsity Volleyball coach at Centerville High School in Centerville, Indiana.
- **Mark Dirksen** ('09) will be married on June 25, 2016. Mark is currently the branch manager for the Fastenal Company in Gas City, Indiana.



- **Hannah (Simmons) Marinakes** ('09) is currently living in Fredonia, Kansas. Hannah and her husband are the proud parents of a son (Liam) and are expecting a second child in September.
- **Anne Zimnicki** ('09) is getting married to Eddie George on September 10, 2016 in Mokena, Illinois.
- **Kailyn Forrester** ('10) earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Indiana University East in May.
- **Brandon Funkhouser** ('10) is a graduate of Indiana University, and currently works for the NCAA in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- **Kyera Shelton** ('10) was accepted and is training in the Reid Health radiology program. She is on track to be a certified radiology technician in 2017.
- **Nathan Meckley** ('11) is currently a technician at Tires Plus, but is returning to Capital University in Columbus, Ohio in the fall to pursue his degree in History.
- **Elise Armstrong** ('12) has graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree Trumpet Performance and will be pursuing a Masters in Music Performance at University of Tennessee. Elise won a Graduate Teaching Assistantship there, which comes with the honor of rehearsing and performing with the faculty brass quintet while also teaching the trumpet to college students. The assistantship will accommodate her with a full tuition waver and a stipend. Additionally, she will teach private trumpet lessons to children of various ages in the area.



- **Megan Cooper** ('12) recently graduated from Earlham College with departmental honors and a degree in Theatre Arts.
- **Samual Dickman** ('12) recently graduated from Indiana University. He is now employed by the Indiana Department of Child Services in Bloomfield, Indiana.
- **Matthew "Clay" Dolesh** ('12) graduated from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology on May 28, 2016 and finished on the Dean's list his final quarter. Clay will begin work for ArcelorMittal in Burns Harbor, Indiana in June.
- **Samantha Elstro** ('12) graduated from Marian University on May 7th. Samantha was a double-major graduating with a degree in secondary education and English. She will begin teaching at Connersville High School in the fall.
- **Liliana Guzman** ('12) recently graduated with college and departmental (art) honors from Earlham College. Liliana earned degrees in art and French & Francophone studies.
- **Lauren Klaine** ('12) graduated with college and departmental honors in the top 2% of her class from Earlham College in May. Possessing a degree in art, she plans to apply to graduate school and obtain a Master's degree in Art with a goal of teaching. Lauren is spending her summer working at an estate on Martha's Vineyard.
- **Daniel Marsee** ('12) was recognized on the 2016 Spring Dean's list at the University of Dayton.
- **Audrey Shake** ('12) will complete her four year commitment to the U.S. Navy in June 2016. A wedding is planned for July 2016 as well.
- **Colleen Straight** ('12) recently graduated from Earlham College with a degree in Human Development & Social Relations.
- **Ryan Pipenger** ('13) coached the 7th grade basketball team at SCHS this past season, and is looking forward to his 2nd season beginning in the fall of 2016.



- **Alex Ruger** ('13) is interning this summer at the Black Hills Institute (BHI) in Hill City, South Dakota. The BHI discovered the only complete T-Rex fossil to date (Sue)! This summer he is preparing fossils, working on a Camarasaurus and another T-Rex.

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Alex is set to graduate from Depauw University in the spring of 2017 with a degree in Geology.

- **Kyle Westjohn** ('13) was named to the President's list at Trine University for the spring 2016 semester.
- **Adam Dolesh** ('14) is spending the month of June at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina playing collegiate baseball in preparation for his 3rd season at Lourdes University. Adam was also recognized on the Dean's list at Lourdes University spring 2016.
- **Tyler Dolesh** ('14) was named to the Dean's list at Xavier University for the spring 2016 semester.



- **Brady Gray** ('14) is currently spending his summer vacation recovering from ACL surgery. He looks forward to returning to IU Bloomington in the fall where he studies at the Kelly School of Business..
- **Maggie Kinsey** ('14) recently completed her 2nd year at Franklin College where she is a Grafic Design major and a member of the Tri Delta sorority. Maggie enjoys working on philanthropic projects to benefit St. Jude Hospital.
- **Patrick Marsee** ('15) was recognized on the 2016 Spring Dean's list at the University of Dayton.
- **Matthew Westjohn** ('15) was recently named to the President's List at Trine University for the spring 2016 semester.



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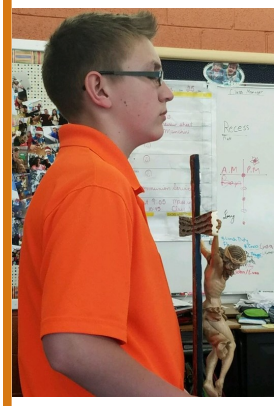
Mass in Class

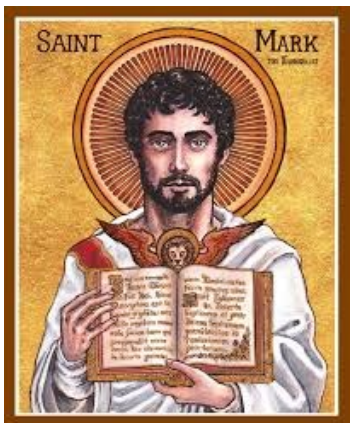
by Lindsey McClain

A couple of days ago my class and I were privileged with the opportunity to have a Mass in class. We got to have a Mass inside our classroom! So cool! Mrs. Schroeder set up an altar, a podium for the readers, and we even arranged our chairs like pews. When everything was set up Father Eric came in to start Mass. He told us all about the vestments he wears and why priests wear them. He began talking to us about St. Mark who was a martyr and had his feast day on the same day as our Mass. Father Eric explained that because St. Mark was martyr on that day, priests wore red to represent the blood that was shed.



Evan Lindley was the cross bearer at Mass

We started off singing while the cross bearer centered the cross near the altar. Father Eric began, stopping often to teach and explain to us the different components of Mass. I learned so much about the way readings are selected and how many are said each time. The most distinct thing I remember learning was the reasons why we stand, kneel, or sit, at different times. I learned that standing is a sign of respect, so we stand when God's words are being spoken and that kneeling is a sign of deep prayer and humility. Father Eric gave us an explanation of the readings and how they connected



to St. Mark. This explanation made all the readings very clear and easy to understand.

Overall my experience of having a Mass in class was phenomenal! So many things that I didn't know before now made much more sense. I think having a time when I could learn everything while watching it was really beneficial to me. Now I can effortlessly find God in everything and easily think about all God has done for me.



Fr. Eric Augustine celebrates Mass with our sixth grade students

A Look Ahead!

August 9
Back to School Night

August 10
First day back for students

August 17
Varsity Cross Country
@ Union County
Early Bird Invite

August 17
Varsity Soccer vs.
Providence Cristo Rey

August 17
JV /Varsity Volleyball
@ Lincoln

August 25
7th/8th grade Volleyball
vs. Connersville

August 27
Junior High Cross Country
@ Eastern Hancock Invitational

September 10
Cardinal Classic Golf Outing

September 29-30
6th grade visits
Camp Rancho Framasa

October 26 -28
Fall Break

November 3-4
5th grade visits St. Meinrad

**For more details, please visit
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History Enthusiast!

This month's teacher feature is spotlighting Seton Catholic High School instructor, Mrs. Kim Dorsten! Kim has been in education for seventeen years, with fourteen of those years at SCHS. She has a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and is licensed in Secondary Education Social Studies. She teaches 8th grade social studies, world history, advanced placement US history, government and economics. She is a favorite among students as she keeps them engaged through fun, learning activities!

When asked her favorite lesson to teach, Kim couldn't pick just one. "To eighth grade students – Revolutionary War and the Constitution; Industrial Revolution for students in World History; Triangle Fire and Early 1900's in the US for those in AP US History, and the "I Pencil" and "Pearl Exchange" activity for seniors in government and economics, " she responded.



Mrs. Kim Dorsten

"I love learning from my students. Best of all I love seeing their faces when they achieve and see success." We thank Mrs. Dorsten for her enthusiasm and love of learning!

New Beginnings
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Hayden Hamilton
Ball State University
Major: Undecided

Ian Kinsey
Trine University
Major: Computer Engineering

Ashley Miller
Ball State University
Major: Nursing

Colten Pipenger
University of Southern Indiana
Major: Sports Management

Julia Reichley
Xavier University
Major: Biology/Pre-med

Megan Schroeder
Butler University
Major: Biology/Pre-med

Shawna Shields
Ivy Tech Community College
Major: Criminal Justice

Jacob Stamm
IUPUI
Major: Biocomputing/Pre-med

Maria Stiens
Purdue University
Major: Applied Exercise & Health

Angela Straight
IU East
Major: Undecided

Salvino Vincent
Ivy Tech
Major: Welding

Mary Webster
IU East
Major: Social Work

Lucas Westjohn
Trine University
Major: Computer Engineering