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Celebrating Catholic School Values

Our Catholic schools have much to be thankful for! Our religious leaders, our staff, our parents all contribute to making our schools magnificent. Every fall, we honor those who give to our schools at the "Celebrating Catholic School Values" event.

This year's celebration marked the 20th year of Celebrating Catholic School Values. Since 1996, the event has honored contributors and raised $15.1 million for program sponsorship and tuition assistance for families in need so that they could choose Catholic schools for their children. The event recognizes both corporate sponsors and individual donors who give using the Tax Credit Scholarship offer along with other scholarship opportunities.

This year, the event celebrated Tom Dale of St. Barnabas parish, Dave Gehrich of St. Catherine of Sienna parish, and and Drs. Francis and Marianne Price of St. Monica parish. Dale has influenced the lives of hundreds of children through coaching for the Catholic Youth Organization; Gehrich works tirelessly in youth ministry; and Francis and Marianne Price have made a huge impact via eye health for people throughout the world. "We're each given talents to do different things, and you have to try to use those talents to help people," proclaims Dr. Frank Price.

This year, an added honor came to Seton Catholic High School. Six of our students were called upon to escort the honorees and the Archbishop during the evening. Students Jack Brenneke, Jacob Stamm, Michael Haber, Claire Linginfelter, Leann Brenneke, and Hanna Stamm gave up a November evening to represent our school. Dressed in tuxedos, they took care of the Archbishop and his guests. They were happy to serve!

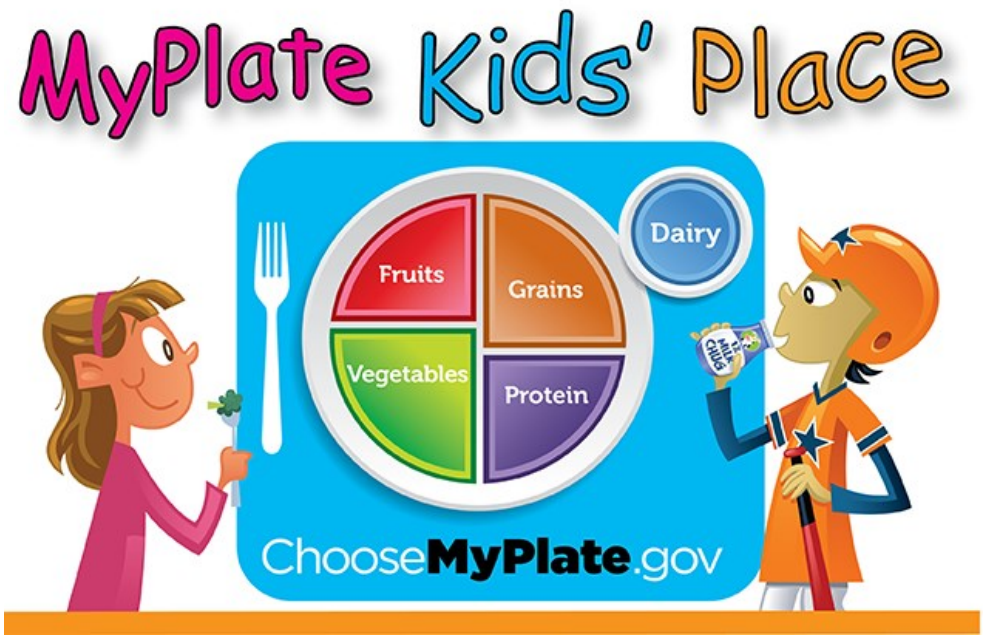
Catholic schools continually remind us that we are all part of something bigger than ourselves. These honorees clearly prove that their talents are put to great use to help those in need – and our schools and students benefit from that. We are ALL able to give something of time, talent, and treasure to our schools. When we do, what will the next 20 years look like?



Pictured left to right: Jack Brenneke, Leann Brenneke, Hanna Stamm, Archbishop Tobin, Jacob Stamm, Emily Linginfelter, Michael Haber.

Red White and Books

Do you have a great book? Convince us. Second grade learned the value of campaigning to garner votes. Each student chose a book and selected three attention-getting facts to fashion a speech. Sloganeering like *epic, great, and awesome* filled the room! Posters featuring original art and catchy phrases lined the hallway. After repeated practice the day came to deliver their speeches to their classmates. Listening carefully, classmates privately judged the speeches and cast their vote in the polling booth. One vote only! At last the voters chose the winners and the process reinforced in the students our national tradition for making choices. In this, everyone wins.



Aim for Superstar Nutrition in 2016!

by Christie Ferriell

The USDA's MyPlate program is designed to make balanced eating easy to visualize and apply to everyday life. Serving kids meals and snacks according to these guidelines provides the fuel they need to thrive — but how are you actually supposed to *get* them to eat it? Try these tips to make any meal a MyPlate superstar!

Fruits and Vegetables

Getting kids involved in the kitchen will increase their likelihood of eating fruits and vegetables. Including them in the prep work gets them excited about the food. Let them choose fruits and vegetables for the week in the grocery. They'll feel a sense of pride and want to eat what they picked.

A study by researchers at Texas A&M University on school lunch waste showed that whether kids eat veggies depends on what else is on the plate. Kids were most likely to eat vegetables when they were served with something less appealing. Use color to your advantage and play with fun shapes if that works in your house. At home, offer veggies in a dish your kid loves alongside something such as plain rice. Or, serve veggies or a salad as an appetizer, before dishing out the entree.

Lean Proteins

What is a lean protein? This category includes chicken, turkey, lean beef, fish and vegetarian proteins such as beans and tofu. When it comes to picky eaters start slow. Always serve something new with something familiar. Trying a bunch of new foods can be overwhelming for kids, but if they see something they know on the plate or mixed with something new, they're more likely to try it. Texture matters, too. If your kid won't eat a fillet of salmon, how about a salmon burger?

Whole Grains

Whole grains contribute fiber to the diet and also provide iron, B vitamins and other important nutrients kids need. To get your kids to eat more whole grains, serve more. If they're hesitant, start slow and mix it up — add options such as whole-wheat bread, pasta and brown rice in with what they're used to eating. If your child cannot eat gluten, try a gluten-free whole-grain option such as quinoa, brown rice or millet.

And a Drink on the Side

Get kids used to making water their main beverage by serving it at each meal. Or, try other good choices such as fat-free or low-fat milk, or an unsweetened non-dairy beverage. Limit sugary beverages and fruit juice. There are an abundance of great tasting sugar free alternatives on the market now too.

However you incorporate MyPlate suggestions into your kids' meals, plan to do it for yourself! Kids are smart! If they don't see adults following the rules they set, they're less likely to want to do so. If you want your kids to be MyPlate superstars, make sure your own plate is up to par too.

Called To Put Down My Net

by Terri Schroeder

The question was posed, "How spontaneous are you?" I laughed out loud. I am NOT. At all. I am a planner. But then the question was followed with, "Just consider coming with us on a whirlwind trip to Washington, D.C. to see the Pope!"

"When?"

"Tomorrow."

Are you kidding me? And I said yes.

We left at 6:30 p.m. on a Tuesday and drove through the night to arrive in Washington, D.C., at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday. After sightseeing for a few minutes, marveling at the beautifully lit monuments, we headed to our designated parking spot close to Immaculate Conception Church where we would celebrate Mass at 6:00 a.m. Excitement was definitely in the air!



The church was beautiful and full of largely Hispanic parishioners ready to pray together, sing together, walk together, and share an amazing experience together. We received our official wristbands allowing us access to the parade route. Signs of solidarity were passed out. Mass was lovely. It was primarily celebrated in Spanish, but we were told to celebrate a little Pentecost together and pray and respond in our own language, and it was wonderful. After, we joined many hundreds of other pilgrims on a journey to the Papal parade route.



It felt very much like we were headed to a concert with the security lines, t-shirts, buttons, flags, and other mementos being sold, but it was so completely inspirational that all of this excitement was for my pope! The excitement was for a HOLY man; not a rock or movie star. We were ALL there to celebrate his message of love, hope, Christian solidarity, celebration of family life, and justice. We are all ONE, and we are all responsible to live like Jesus, and spreading that message is all this man is famous for. How cool is that?

While waiting we shared stories with people from all over the world. We met reporters from Japan, a teacher from Ohio, a park employee originally from Alaska; pilgrims from near and far! We prayed together, sang together, listened to the ceremony and



speeches being broadcast over loud speakers for us to hear together, laughed together, cheered together, and were moved to tears by the Holy Spirit together. It was beautiful.

Mere minutes before we caught our glimpse, a strong wind blew through the crowd. Goosebumps rose on our skin as we looked at one another and knew the spirit was present. We shared ten seconds with Pope Francis. Ten seconds. And in those ten seconds was a journey of over two thousand years. He is our link to Jesus; our apostolic link to our Lord. And it was good, and I am forever grateful. When our superhero day came around there was no doubt in



my mind as I donned my Pope Francis t-shirt. 100% in. Talk about spontaneous, ***"Put down your nets and come and follow me,"*** said the Lord**.** I am so very glad I did!

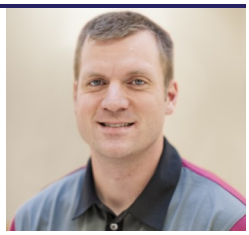
John Kelley



Chairman of the Board

John is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor and Master of Science in Police Administration. After serving for years in law enforcement, John is currently employed by Better Homes & Garden Real Estate. John is married to Bonnie Kelley (substitute teacher and volunteer for Seton Catholic Schools), and together they have two grown children.

Justin Burkhardt



Policy and Strategic Planning Chair

Justin received his Catholic elementary school education right here in Richmond, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University (Ohio). He now works for the Reid Health Foundation as a Certified Fund Raising Manager. Justin and his wife, Abby, currently have two children at Seton Catholic – Lucy (Kindergarten), Archibald(preschool) – and a newborn at home (Bo).

"HAVE THE COURAGE TO GO AGAINST THE TIDE OF CURRENT VALUES THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATH OF JESUS."

~ POPE FRANCIS

Marty Van Der Burgt



Vice President and Director of Directors

Employed by Belden for the past 25 years, Marty holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University where he studied electrical engineering. Marty and wife, Beth, are very involved with Seton Catholic Schools and the Richmond Catholic Community.

Craig Lichtenberger



Finance Chair

As a graduate of Ball State University with a degree in Corporate Finance Management, Craig Lichtenberger is very comfortable in his role on the board. Presently Craig works for First Bank Richmond, NA. Craig is the father of three; his youngest, Kimberlee, a freshmen at Seton Catholic High School.

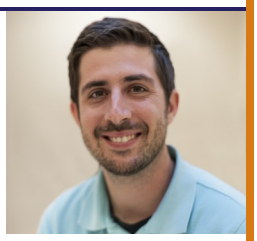
Maria Haber



Parent Teacher Partnership Representative

Possessing a degree in Graphic Communications and Design from Sinclair College, Maria shares her artistic talent and creativity at her local business, Paint The Towne. Maria and her husband, David, have one son Michael who is a junior at Seton Catholic High School.

Kyle King



Marketing and Catholic Identity Chair

Currently employed at Cope Environmental Center, Kyle comes into this two-fold position with business-world experience and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies and Christian Education from Taylor University. He is married to Sarah and they have three future Cardinals. Their children are Isaac (3 years), Rowan (2 years) and Shepherd (newborn).

Nicholas Wetzel



Development Chair

An entrepreneur, Nick is no stranger to the business world. He graduated from Highlands High School in 1997, and currently serves as the Executive Vice President at Wetzel Auto. Nick and wife, Melissa, have three children at Seton Catholic –Riley (8th), Izabelle (3rd), and Mason (Kindergarten).

Jacquelyn Teng



Secretary

Jackie is currently a stay-at-home mom possessing a Communications degree from Miami University. She has also studied radiography and received a diploma from Beaver Valley, Pennsylvania Medical Center. Jackie and her husband, Roy, have one son, Zachary (5th).

Kara Hamilton



Home and School Representative

Kara holds Bachelor degrees in Early Childhood Education and Sociology from Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. She is currently the owner and office manager of two McDonald's Restaurants. Kara and her husband have three girls at Seton Catholic –Tessa (5th), Allison (3rd), and Maya (kindergarten).

Gabriela Villalpando



Member-at-Large

Gabriela graduated from the Instituto Tecnologico de Queretaro, Mexico in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. Gabriela and her husband have two children, Adriana and Hector.

Thomas Seal



Member-at-Large

Thomas holds degrees from Indiana University, the IU School of Law, and Harvard University. He is a self-employed attorney in Richmond. Thomas has three adult children.

Joseph Clemente, MD



Member-at-Large

Joe holds degrees from Loyola University of Chicago, Northwestern University Medical School, and Penn State University Hershey Medical Center. He and his wife, Jules, are employed by Reid Health. They are the parents of Jackie and Jana (3rd).

Jim Mackey



Business Manager

Jim is a 1972 graduate of St. Mary University in Winona, Minnesota and has been the business manager of the Richmond Catholic Community 1997. Jim and his wife June, are members of Holy Family and have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Rick Ruhl



SCHS Principal (non-voting member)

Principal at Seton Catholic High School since 2006, Rick holds a Master's degree in School Administration and Supervision from Concordia University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Indiana University. Rick has been married to wife, Karen, for 28 years and are involved members of the Richmond Catholic Community.

LORD, PLEASE

SURROUND

MY KIDS WITH FRIENDS AND ADULTS WHO POINT THEM TOWARD

YOU.

Kimberly Becker



SCES Principal (non-voting member)

Kim and husband, Chris, moved to the Richmond area in 2010. Kim possesses three education degrees – Bachelor of Science from Butler University, and two Master's degrees from Indiana University. She is trained in the areas of elementary education, mild disabilities, cognitive disabilities, and administration and supervision. Kim's two children, Noah (11th) and Suzanne (8th) attend Seton Catholic High School.

Father Kevin



Pastor (non-voting member)

After graduating from Cathedral High School in Indianapolis in 1973, Father Kevin went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from IUPUI in 1978. Following the death of his wife, he pursued the priesthood, at the St. Meinrad School of Theology becoming a priest in June of 1997.

A Pilgrimage of Faith

National Catholic Youth Conference, also known as NCYC, is a conference that unites over 24,000 teens together to share their Catholic beliefs. The conference is held every two years in nearby Indianapolis. This year, Seton Catholic and the Richmond Catholic Community sent not just students and chaperones, but also volunteers to help with the event. We would like to share three individual reflections of their experiences.

The Student Perspective

by Ashton Wetherell, Junior

It truly is breath taking to be in one place with so many teens sharing the same belief as me. The first time you go you are not really prepared for how amazing it is. You end up meeting people from every state, even Hawaii and Alaska, who you can just talk to about the Catholic faith. When going to NCYC you have to go with an open heart and mind, ready to take in experiences and testimonies of fellow teens and speakers. You will realize that all the people around you are unique but you all share one thing in common - our Catholic faith. My favorite part of the conference is the concert at the end of each night when everyone gathers in Lucas Oil Stadium. You look around and almost every seat is taken and everyone is singing along and just happy as can be singing praise. You really feel Jesus' presence. It is life changing. I recommend this conference to all teens, it is an amazing experience everyone needs to have.



NCYC Attendees: *Erin Barrett, Jacob Berger, Nick Berger, Leann Brenneke, Sam Brenneke, Hannah Burge, Becca Catey, Gina Chimenti, Jared Clarke, Adam Deitsch, Grace Deitsch, Rita Deitz, Sarah Dickman, Ivan Fox, Joe Fox, Brooke Gray, Sarah Gray, Mackenzie Henry, Noah Ilano, Clare Kitchin, Kelsey Martin, Vincent Mosey, Maddy Langner, Jake Leverton, Claire Linginfelter, Hannah Reimsnyder, Anna Schmidt, Abbey Schmidt, Jacob Stamm, Hanna Stamm, Sal Vincent, Billie Webster, Maggie Westjohn,, Ashton Wetherell.* ***Chaperone Attendees:*** *Youth Minister Mike Waters, Deacon Jim Miller, Stephanie Kitchin, Laurie Miller, Terri Schroeder, Shaunna Stamm, Kim Vournazos.* ***NCYC Volunteers:*** *Marilyn Dolesh, Linda Westjohn.*

The Chaperone Perspective

by Mike Waters, Youth Minister

This past November I, along with a half dozen other generous and brave adult chaperones, took 32 of our youth from the Richmond Catholic Community to the National Catholic Youth Conference.

A lot goes on at NCYC, and there are plenty of good reasons for the youth of our Church to get involved. Imagine Mass with crowds large enough to fill much of Lucas Oil Stadium; imagine Catholics going to confession, forming lines that would rival department store lines on Black Friday; imagine walking through the Indianapolis mall and having the feeling that every person you pass is part of your family!

NCYC 2015 was my fourth experience of the conference, and every experience is a little different, but every time I want to encourage our youth to attend. There is something eye-opening about realizing how

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alive and well the Catholic faith is in our young Church outside of little ole' Richmond, Indiana. I think it inspires our youth to come back home and feel a little more excited about their faith. And what is not to be excited about the fact that the God of the universe loves US and wants to be a part of our lives every day?

It's nice to see when we can hold on to that excitement and re-experience in our own small ways here at Peer Ministry or at Sunday Mass. We can go to NCYC and bring a little piece of it back to celebrate in our own little ways.

So when November 2017 rolls around, I hope another excited group of our young people here in Richmond will set off to relive NCYC all over again and continue to bring the excitement back home to our community!

The Volunteer Perspective
by Marilyn Dolesh, SCS staff and NCYC Volunteer

NCYC was worth the trip!!! I've made this trip a couple of times before as a chaperone for our Richmond Catholic Youth Group and have marveled at how well organized this 3-day event has been.

This time I experienced it as an NCYC volunteer and am happy to report it was well done too! We received an identifying t-shirt and were given our instructions. Snack items and beverages were available for us, including hot coffee which was perfect for a very crisp fall day!

I had signed up for indoor traffic duty but was quickly recruited for the outdoor kind instead. I put on the yellow fluorescent vest and got to work. My job was to keep the kids/chaperones from "jay walking" across South Capitol as they migrated from Lucas Oil Stadium to the convention center a few blocks away. With many good volunteers in place, mission accomplished! What a great sight seeing 20,000 ENTHUSIASTIC Catholic youth parading down the street, chanting "God is good, all the time!" Followed by, "All the time, God is good!" I knew where they were headed and all the great things planned for them over the course of the event. I prayed they'd soak it all in and "Go Make A Difference In The World!" I walked away inspired to do the same!

NCYC will take place again in November of 2017. We hope that all students, staff and parents will prayerfully consider being involved either as an attendee, a chaperone or an event volunteer.

Teaching Through Life Situations.

In September we were blessed by two anonymous donors that offered us a $20,000 matching grant for a new bus. All we had to do as a school-parish community was raise the other $20,000.

At the Primary Building, first grade teacher, Miss Blanford decided to use this situation as a teachable moment with her eighteen students. They discussed all of the activities that would be missed if our school didn't have a bus.

"I gave them some history about how we received the original Big Blue bus 13 years ago. We discussed what we could do to help and even talked about how a little bit goes a long way. We had set a goal of having each student who could and was willing, to bring in $5 to put in our classroom bucket," said Miss Blanford. She explained how the numbers could quickly add up (counting by 5's) and incorporated it into a math lesson.

"I told them the collection was not attached to any prize it was simply a way that we could help our school, pure charity. It was to my surprise that by the 2nd day the students had already placed $289 in our bucket."

They continued to collect money until they had just over $800.

Their actions combined with the many generous donors throughout the community collectively raised in excess of $40,000! Combined with the matching grant, we had more than $60,000 for a new bus.

Thank you again to the many donors that made our new bus possible. It has made trips for various field trips and athletic events all over the county and state already. Without your support it would not have been possible!

Young American Writers

Freedom. Democracy. Some would consider these ideals to be the backbone of America. From the time the first settlers arrived from England they were seeking freedom - freedom of religion, freedom from taxes, and freedom to make their own choices. Democracy soon followed finding a formalized blueprint in the Constitution.

The Patriot's Pen essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. This year's theme was "What Does Freedom Mean to Me?"

Each year more than 125,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling $50,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of $500 at the national level. The national first-place winner wins $5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

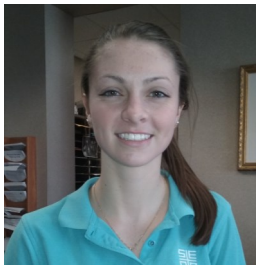
Three Seton Catholic eighth grade students were named top writers in the county for this year's contest.



Erica Barker received 1st place honors, while Suzanne Becker and Grace Blakely finished in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The three girls were presented with plaques and cash prizes, and their writings advance in the nationwide competition. Erica's writing went on to place 11th in her age bracket at the State Level.

Nearly 40,000 high school students from across the country also enter to win a share of $2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. The VFW established the Voice of Democracy program (VOD) in 1947 to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regards to democratic ideas and principles.

The national first-place winner receives a $30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. Other national scholarships range from $1,000-$16,000, and the first-place winner from each (state) VFW Department wins a minimum scholarship of $1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.



This year, Senior Julia Reichley was awarded a plaque and a cash prize for her submission to the contest. Julia moved on to district level, where she placed first with her essay and represented the 10th district. She ultimately placed 8th in her age group at the State Level. Join us in congratulating these young, patriotic authors!



Super Spellers!

Quagmire. Escarpment. Festooned.

What do these words all have in common? You can find them on the Spelling Bee word list!

Pictured left: Molly Mendenhall, Jana Clemente, Kaitlyn Reed

Twenty-four contestants competed in our mid-December Intermediate Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our winners! Molly Mendenhall (grade 6) finished in first place, Kaitlyn Reed (grade 6) finished in second place, and Jana Clemente (grade 3) finished in third place.



Top of the Class!

Congratulations to senior Megan Schroeder on being named Valedictorian of the SCHS Class of 2016. Megan, who is the daughter of Charles and Terri Schroeder, is a member of St. Andrew Parish. After high school, Megan will head to Butler University, where she will major in Biology/Pre-med.

Congratulations to senior Maria Stiens on being named Salutatorian of the SCHS Class of 2016. Maria, who is the daughter of Greg and Julie Stiens, is a member of St. Andrew Parish. After high school, Maria will head to college, where she will major in Occupational Therapy.

The salutatorian gives the opening address during the commencement ceremony each year. The valedictorian gives the farewell speech during the commencement ceremony each year. Valedictorian and salutatorian status are based on a cumulative GPA achieved after the first semester of the senior year. To qualify for these honors, one must have been a student at SCHS for at least six semesters, and be representative of a good SCHS student.

Congratulations Megan and Maria!

Fall Sport Round-Up



We saw tremendous growth this fall with our Varsity Soccer team! They grew in strength and numbers by adding eight freshmen to the roster. They finished with a historic soccer season and record twelve wins. They closed out the season 12-3-1. Sam Brenneke (freshman) and Cliff Dickman (senior) were named to the PAAC All-Conference.



It was another fantastic season for our Varsity Cross Country Team. Junior, Jenna Barker won the girls sectional; while senior, Jacob Stamm won the boys sectional. Both advanced to regionals, along with fellow runners Leanne Brenneke (sophomore), Jack Brenneke (senior), and Hannah Stamm (sophomore).

Jacob won regionals and advanced to semi-state, where he further advanced into the state finals. He finished 31st out of 208 runners. Barker placed 3rd in regionals and also advanced to semi-state. Both Jacob and Jenna were named IATCCC First Team All-State Class 1A; while Hannah Stamm received Honorable Mention All-State Class 1A.

The Varsity Volleyball team gained another sectional title this year moving them to regional action. The team became the first ever Seton Catholic team to earn the title "Regional Champions". This led them to compete at semi-state. They closed out their season with a 29-9 record. Megan Schroeder (senior), Julie Reichley (senior) and Abbey Schmidt (sophomore) were named to the PAAC All-Conference team.



Seven players received All-Area honors this fall. Schroeder (1st Team), Reichley (2nd Team), and Schmidt (3rd Team) shared those honors with Erin Barrett (junior), Sarah Dickman (sophomore), Ashley Miller (senior) and Rosie Chimenti (senior) all named to the Honorable Mention list.

Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA) named Megan Schroeder to the Academic All-State list. Rosie Chimenti, Ashley Miller, and Julia Reichley all received ICGSA Honorable Mentions as well.

Congratulations to all of our fall sport coaches and athletes!

A Look Ahead!

Feb 25
Seton Catholic Schools
Open House

March 8
SCHS Pops Concert

April 16
Flying Cardinal 5K

April 17
First Holy Communion

April 21
All School Mass
(Holy Family Church)

April 30
Lion King Jr. Production

April 30
Richmond Catholic
Community Spring Festival

May 1
Lion King Jr. Production

May 10
SCHS Spring Concert
& Art Show

**For more details,
please visit
www.setonschools.org**

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to setoninfo@setonschools.org



A New Face

Students at Seton Catholic High School were greeted by a new face when they returned to the halls in August. Mr. John Markward joined the SCHS Math Department working primarily with students in grades 7—9 teaching pre-algebra and algebra.

Mr. Markward comes to us with a Master's Degree from Earlham College and four years of teaching experience at Hagerstown High School. This comes on the tail of ten years in the beverage industry and earning a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University East.

"Teaching at Seton Catholic was an opportunity for me to be closer to home and my family, and to be a bigger part of the Catholic Church," Markward said.

Outside of school he enjoys coaching sports, playing with his children (Nicolas -8 and Isabella -7) and tinkering with electronic things. John has been married to his wife, Elizabeth, for fifteen years.

What's the Word?

Alumni News & Information

- **James Miller** ('11) recently completed four years of service with the United States Marine Corps and has relocated back to the Richmond area. ***Thank you for your service!***
- **David Schroeder** ('11) and Elly Dickinson will be married this April.
- **Samantha Elstro** ('12) recently became engaged to Andrew Floyd of Centerville. Samantha is in her senior year at Marian University, currently student teaching in Indianapolis. They are set to marry October 22, 2016.
- **Daniel Marsee** ('12) was named to the University of Dayton Fall 2015 Dean's list. Daniel is majoring in Electronic and Computer Engineering Technology, with a minor in Integrated Arts and Technology.
- **Brian Retter** ('12) announced his engagement to Haili Wright; They are planning to be married this July.
- **Audrey Shake** ('12) is engaged to be married to Joseph Burchfield on July 9, 2016. Both are members of the United States Navy.
- **Kyle Westjohn** ('13) was named to the Dean's list at Trine University last Fall. Kyle is majoring in mechanical engineering.
- **Abigail Dargie** ('14) was named to the University of Dayton Fall 2015 Dean's list. Abby is majoring in Pre-Med.
- **Nolan Hannah** ('14) recently joined the banking team at West End Bank in Richmond.
- **Matthew Westjohn** ('15) was named to the Trine University Fall 2015 President's list. Matthew is majoring in computer engineering.