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March to the Finish!

Science, technology, engineering and math are essential areas of education in a competitive, global marketplace. Worldwide these areas of study are collectively termed STEM. STEM Education attempts to transform the typical teacher-centered classroom by encouraging a curriculum that is driven by problem-solving, discovery, exploratory learning, and requires students to actively engage a situation in order to find its solution.

In just over a decade, STEM has become an acronym that is common place among educators around the globe. The addition of "arts" to this already higher level discipline of education came just a few years back, leading many to change the acronym from STEM to STEAM. Once coined as having "boring jobs," engineers were revived with the addition of technology, and the ability to use the arts to transform their careers.

At Seton Catholic our focus has been on STEAM too! Work on the Seton Catholic High School renovations continue with the building of two brand new science labs, two classrooms for lecture space, and an acoustically designed space for the band. When completed we will be able to provide our students with top-notch facilities to prepare them for college and beyond.

We have been incredibly blessed this month by two anonymous donors that believe so passionately about the education of our students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, that they have challenged our community **with a $60,000 matching gift to the renovation fund**. The dollar-

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$60,000 MATCHING GIFT TO THE RENOVATION FUND!!!

The dollar-for-dollar match will double the effects of each donor's gift to the fund now through ***March 31st.***



Say "Yes!" to God

by Hannah Stamm

"Life is very good" is one of the many inspirational quotes that I will never forget after the March for Life. This means that all life, even the lives of the unborn babies in their mothers' wombs, has value. When we marched, we weren't just marching to try to get the law that made abortion legal changed. We were marching to change people's hearts on the subject of abortion.

While we were on the bus to go to Washington, D.C., we stopped to pray the rosary. This was the first thing that made me realize that this trip was going to have a huge impact on my life. Praying the rosary with all of the other youth group members and adult chaperones showed me the power that we can have when we work together to stand up for the lives of all babies. The rosary reminds me of Mary's "yes" to have baby Jesus. She could have taken the easy route and said "no" to the angel, but instead she decided to say "yes" to all of the suffering and hardships she knew she would have to endure in Jesus' lifetime. This trip taught me that all women should remember Mary's "yes" to God.

The first thing that we did on the day of the march was go to a rally. The rally included a wonderful concert by the Ndolo band and an inspirational talk by Chris Stefanick. After we were thoroughly pumped up from this concert and speech, we had Mass. This Mass was truly breathtaking. Paraded in from under the bleachers of the giant stadium were hundreds of seminarians, deacons, priests, bishops and even several archbishops. The homily by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano opened my eyes to the real meaning of this rally. We were trying to change people's hearts about abortion, not their minds. This put the march in a whole new perspective for me.

It was an extremely cold and windy morning to march for four hours, but we did it anyway and it is difficult to find the words to express how amazing it was. First of all, there were so many people. There may have been more people than I had ever seen in my entire life. It was absolutely crazy to think that all of these people believed the same things that I believed about abortion. There was one group of young men and priests that we walked by who had bullhorns. They were chanting into the bullhorns songs that they had changed the words to fit the pro-life theme. I thought that this was really creative and fun. Our group and the people around us joined in with these men. The energy from all of these people chanting was fantastic. Even though some of these chants were silly ("Obama, your momma chose life") they still portrayed the same message. Although I have to admit, chanting about how Obama's momma chose life was way more fun than saying "choose life".

At the end of the day, after seeing some amazing sites in D.C., I was absolutely exhausted. Even though I was tired, I knew that what I had done that day was extremely important and I would never forget it. I knew that what I had seen in one day had changed my life forever. This trip taught me to always stand up for what I believe in, and that all life, no matter who they are or what they do, is very good.



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for-dollar match will double the effects of each donor's gift to the fund now through March 31st. With this match we have the potential to raise $120,000 by the end of March.

Collecting these funds by April 1st means so many things! First the new science labs will be able to open by May 1st. Second this will complete the current renovation and the final phase of the original renovation of Seton Catholic High School. A true milestone in our history! Director of Development, Mrs. Kelly VanVleet would also like to recognize and thank the tremendous amount of support that we have received on this pro-



ject from Danny Stamper of Thor Construction and Carroll Electric, as well as, Earlham College. Their contributions to the project have been incredible.

No gift is too small! Thank you for your support!

Walking with Jesus

Ms. Cass Schibley grew up in Liberty, and never expected to return to the Richmond area until last summer. After seven years teaching AP Psychology at Pike High School in Indianapolis, Ms. Schibley realized that God had a different plan for her. "He led me on a path that became all too obvious I was supposed to move to Richmond. Every stone for the path was placed in front of me. It was an amazing, exhausting, terrifying journey but I see now that He made it all happen. I just had to supply the belief, hope, faith and love," Ms. Schibley says.

Just days before the 2014-2015 school year, Schibley and her family moved to Richmond and she began the school year teaching 6th grade at Seton Catholic. "I always was on the fence between teaching and nursing. Everyone said I'd make a better living in nursing, so that's the direction I took." After a couple of years, Schibley decided nursing wasn't the right path for her. "I quit college and entered the business world for the next decade, while still working on my college teaching degree. I finished at IU but continued working because I was making good money. I worked in HR, customer service and lastly as the executive assistant to the President of Indiana University. It was at IU that I started wrestling with what I was supposed to do with my life again,"



Schibley explains.

While making great money, Schibley received a call from Bishop Chatard High School during the summer of 2004. She jumped on the teaching position they offered, even though it was less than half of what she was making at the time. "Money isn't everything and God really wanted me to take this opportunity." One thing led to another and Cass Schibley was an educator for the long haul.

"Seton is a perfect fit for my family and myself. I absolutely love teaching here and having my children as students here," says Schibley. She has three children, Ava (5), Luke (8) and Noah (9) and says that it is "awesome to see Ava and my boys grow and thrive in a nurturing, safe and faithful environment."

Ms. Schibley makes time for prayer and self-reflection every day, and loves to read, cook, hike, garden and spend time with her children in her free time.

Lending A Hand

Meaning. Students at Seton Catholic Schools are called to action on their spiritual journey. Christian principles and values are integrated into the classrooms, through extra-curricular activities, and community service. Students are taught at an early age about love, forgiveness, and Holy choices. By being a part of this faith-based educational community, students learn to find meaning in their life, and to live their lives according to Gospel values.

At the elementary level, students serve their community in many ways. Kindergarten classes participate in the Salvation Army's Dress a Living Doll program each year, students collect for St. Vincent De Paul, have a canned food drive each fall and deliver fruit baskets to the elderly at Christmas. They are doing what Jesus wants them to do! ***2 Thessalonians 3:13 - As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.***

For the student of grades 7 -12, a great deal of effort is given in the way of Christian service. Students are required to complete a minimum of 20-32 hours of service throughout a school year depending on their grade level. Students can volunteer within Seton Catholic Schools, the student's home church, or at an approved non-profit organization. By the end of a school year, students have completed about 3,000 hours of service to their school, church and community!



Intermediate Student Council delivering fruit to the residents of Interfaith Apartments.



SCHS students delivering canned food to Richmond's local food pantry.



Kindergarten collecting for Salvation Army's Dress-A-Living-Doll Program.

Many student hours are filled by volunteering to help with Market Day, the elementary carnival, serving at mass and raking leaves – responding to calls from the parishes or schools for help. Some students, however, look outside of their immediate surroundings for opportunities to make a difference in the greater community. One such student is sophomore, Claire Linginfelter.

Claire is involved with the local group Youth As Resources (YAR) acting as youth treasurer and board member. YAR exists to empower youth to realize their potential and positively influence their community. YAR develops responsible, involved, caring citizens through positive youth development, youth/adult partnerships, and youth community involvement. "I go to board meetings and help with fundraisers,"

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Growing…

by Mrs. Kim Becker, Principal SES

As humans, we always look for growth or change. Little children look for it as they get excited when shown they are getting taller. Adults look for positive change as they desire growth in their investments. High school students look for growth in their GPA in order to enter a college of their choice. And now that we are in the middle of Lent, we look inward for change and eventual growth or renewal that moves us closer to Christ.

It's no different for schools. Seton Catholic Schools look for changes that spur growth too. We get rejuvenated and excited watching that growth!

We are in the midst of enrollment for new students. We welcomed many new faces at our New Family Open House in February. We look forward to adding those students to our Seton family! Our technology tools and use of technology is growing. Teacher electronic stations have been broadened to assist instruction. New Chromebooks have been added to the Intermediate school in order to utilize mobile labs. Teachers and parents alike are navigating our new student management system called Jupiter. And have you noticed changes and additions to our website lately?

We are also growing in the arts. We have enjoyed a full time art teacher this year and are planning to augment our music programs for next year. Teachers are growing and learning too. They are concentrating their studies on better instructional strategies to assist learning in literacy and math. Our deacons have even assisted us in our learning environments!

All of these efforts help our school and students grow. Growth and improvement is exciting, whether it's growing 2 inches taller to a 4 year old or growing in math skills to pass high stakes assessments to a 10 year old. Come join us and be part of that growth!

Perhaps This Lent…



by Mr. Rick Ruhl, Principal SCHS

At least once a week, I have the distinct privilege of leading the entire school in our Morning Prayer Assembly. At Morning Prayer, I read aloud the day's Gospel passage and then give a very brief reflection on what the words are saying to me. One of the obvious themes that is interwoven throughout the Gospels is the notion that we are our brother's keeper. We are responsible for others, following the example of our God, and we must search out the lost of all kinds with gentleness and concern, with real and self-sacrificing love.

Kids say the funniest things! Back in the fall of 2011, the senior class (Class of 2012) was busily preparing for their senior retreat/class trip to Chicago. In the days leading up to the trip, I sat down with the seniors and reviewed some helpful hints about surviving the big city life that awaited them in Chicago. I warned them against talking to strangers, the mentally imbalanced, and the homeless and street people. The seniors reminded me that one of those individuals just might be ***Jesus***. My response was, "Well, you are going to have to politely ignore Jesus." During that very brief exchange, our roles were reversed—they became the teacher and I, the student. They taught me that they possessed a deep understanding one of the core teachings of the Gospel.

We need to actively seek out all the lost, the clueless, the self-defeating, the depressed, the hungry, the ignored and neglected—anyone who seems less than we are or who is in any kind of need, especially any need that we can supply. We do not have to go all the way to Chicago to find them. In fact, we can do something as simple as walk across the lunchroom.

Loving service of others involves an inward action as well: we need to focus on the other, and that leads us to forget our selves.

At Seton Catholic High School, we work hard to remind our students daily about the need to serve others. They continually show me through word and deed that they get it. I know that I can always grow in this area of my own faith life. Perhaps this Lent is an excellent time to start…….

Making Joyful Noise

Students at SCHS enjoy breaking out of the traditional classroom experience for clubs once each week. Students choose from a wide variety of clubs like euchre, photography, cooking, and more. Earlier this year, longtime Band Director Mr. Love decided to start a Worship Band. Worship Band has fast become an integral part of student Mass each Tuesday morning at SCHS. Serving church and community, these dedicated musicians have learned to perform solos, as well as, work in small group settings.

Worship Band is comprised of instrumentalists, vocalists and planners. Mr. Love leads the instrumentalists "Band Worship Music Club". "Early in the school year prior to clubs I asked students that had experience, could sight read, be available and wanting to contribute to some of the student masses to be in Worship Band Club," said Mr. Love. Junior Megan Schroeder believes, "The opportunity helps with sight reading, plus it's nice to have the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom." Since inception of Worship Band they have participated in just about every other student mass, for the Salvation Army and for combined mass at Holy Family.

Another group of students participates by singing during weekly school masses. Youth Minister, Mr. Waters would like to see this group grow. He says, "Currently









Mrs. Stracener plays piano, I play guitar, and our students sing. We would love to have as many singers as possible, but we would also welcome students who want to share their instrumental gifts as well, like guitar, piano or percussion. Students do not need to do anything other than come up before Mass on Tuesday mornings and be brave. Actually not that brave, we have a large group of students that sing with us."

The third level of participation in Worship Band includes students who also meet during the "Band Worship Music Club", and they help Mrs. Stracener and Mr. Waters choose liturgically appropriate music for weekly school masses. "We would welcome any students who would like to participate in that aspect as well. They would just need to notify Mr. Ruhl that they would like to placed on that club roster," encourages Mr. Water.

So how do the students feel about it? Junior, Jack Brenneke believes, "Not only does it help us as a band, but it helps us as a community." While Ian Kinsey states, "It makes Church feel more alive."

In reflecting on Worship Band, Mr. Love shared these sentiments, "This is a wonderful group of dedicated student musicians that have done an excellent job with their service to the church and also our community. So far it has been a wonderful experience for me and I hope for them too."

Summer Fun Time!

Swimming, playing outdoor games, taking long walks, and doing scavenger hunts… what do these things all have in common? They are activities that the Seton Summer Camp kids are commonly found doing! Plans are underway for the 3rd season of our summer camp. Students entering grades PS- 6 in fall are welcome from 7:30am to 6 pm, and are provided with a safe, loving and fun environment to spend their summer days.

"We offer a theme for each week of the camp, and plan most activities for the week around that theme," says Mrs. Natalie Blakely, camp coordinator. "Plans are already underway to make this our best summer yet."



Sabrina Retherford, parent, has utilized Seton Summer Camp the last two years. When asked why her family chose our camp she had this to say, "I like utilizing the Seton Summer Camp because I feel my child is in a safe place. First and foremost, my husband and I feel that this is the most important aspect for child care given the difficulties in our world today. The flexibility of attending one day, 1/2 day or 5 days a week adds greatly to the convenience of the camp, along with the affordability. Plus, the importance of continuing the practice of worship, prayers at meal time and attendance of mass on Thursday's as well."



Mrs. Retherford's daughter loves to come to camp, and Mom says her favorite activities are, "walking to the museum, the candy factory and the library. Of course, she really enjoys swimming at the pool and water activities!"

Summer Camp will be adding a second pool day this summer, and is actively seeking out fun, new games and activities. Mrs. Blakely says, "I am most excited about the 'We are Family' theme that we will be doing in July. It centers on teamwork and interpersonal relationships."

Watch for more information and registration details to come home in May.

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Claire told us. "I think YAR is a wonderful organization and I am grateful to be a part of it. It is important to learn about how to cooperate with others and be vocal about proposals. It is interesting about the way grants are formed and the steps that lead up to a grant." To learn more about YAR please visit http://yarwayne.org/ .

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Save the Date!

4/3 **No School, Good Friday**

4/6 **No School, Easter Monday**

4/7 **Varsity Tennis*- Home Opener**
5PM @ Glenn Miller

4/10 **Varsity Baseball*- Home Opener**
5PM @ McBride Stadium

4/12 **First Holy Communion**
2PM @ St. Andrew Church

4/15 **Athletic Booster Meeting**
6PM @ SCHS

4/17 **SCHS Branch Out Day**

4/17 **Seton Catholic's Chili Cook-Off**
6-8PM @ Primary Building

4/18 **Flying Cardinal 5K,**
9AM @ Hayes Arboretum

5/2 **1st Annual RCC Spring Festival**
@ Taggert Atrium & Chuck Mosey Gymnasium

5/5 **All School Mass**
8:15 @ SCHS/St. Andrew

5/7 **Varsity Golf *-Home Opener**
5PM @ The Elks

5/9 **Sacrament of Confirmation**
11AM @ St. Andrew

5/12 **Spring Band Concert, Art Show & Picnic**
5:30PM @ Fr. Hillman Hall & Chuck Mosey Gymnasium

5/26 **No School, Memorial Day**

5/29 **Last Day of Classes**

5/31 **10th Annual Commencement Exercise**
1PM @ SCHS/ Chuck Mosey Gymnasium

**full schedule can be found at http://setonschools.org/cardinal-athletics/*

Congratulations 5th grade Science Fair Winners: Katelyn Reed (left) and Molly Mendenhall!



