



## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 3/12/20

March is quickly going by! Our hope is that the recent weather continues right through to April! So many wonderful things are happening here at Seton Catholic School and the year is racing by. Next week alone we have St. Patrick's Day with Irish Dancers, Chess Club, Music for Little Angels, K-2 STEM Club, Midtown Tennis, Soccer-shots, and practice for our musical: **Frozen Jr.** We are continuing some service projects with the collection of personal care items for **Saints' Place**, and our **Rice Bowl** project continues through Lent. Thank you for helping your children get into the habit of thinking about the needs of others.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Within this Brown/Green Envelope, you will find a letter from **Superintendent Tazel** regarding the preparations the diocesan schools, including **Seton**, are taking due to growing concerns about **COVID-19**. Please help us to help our children remember to wash their hands well and frequently, and exercise respiratory etiquette (only using tissues once and coughing into your elbow).

As with the flu, everyone should stay home if they display symptoms, such as a fever, cough or difficulty breathing. Please contact your primary care physician or seek medical attention if you, or your child, have these symptoms.

At school, in addition to teaching personal care, we will continue to routinely clean high-touch surfaces, such as door knobs, desk surfaces, and light switches. We will also provide hand-sanitizer throughout the building and disinfecting wipes to clean shared electronic devices. We will continue to encourage the use of "personal space" into our learning whenever possible.

As always, we also are dedicated to handling any situation proactively and positively without creating fear, panic or misdirected blame.

## RICE BOWL

As you will recall, Operation Rice Bowl is one of our Lenten service projects. Monday, 3/30 we will ask all students to return their Rice Bowls to school. We will have our school "Counting Day" on 3/31, with the older students helping the younger students count their change! We can't wait to see for ourselves how much change we were able to collect for this important cause. Last year we raised over \$2,000.00!

## ALUMNI RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to all of the Seton Alumni recognized at **McQuaid** for their academic achievements. The list is again long and is included in the Green Envelope! McQuaid consistently complements us on how well prepared our students come to them and it shows through their success. We are proud of all of you.

## STAR STUDENTS

We recognized **Quinn Smith** and **Zach Carroza** at a recent school assembly for their outstanding kindness and hard work! Both boys were nominated by teachers in the building as examples of what it means to be a Seton student! Congratulations boys!

We recognize two Seton students every month through out the year.

## FAITH THROUGH SPORTS AWARDS

As you know, our athletic program at Seton is outstanding. Once again this year, we had 6 basketball players who were recipients of the Faith through Sports Award. **Bishop Matano** made the presentations to **Sienna Fallone, Tessa Tombs, Lizzy Creary, Elizabeth Ellias, Marco Fallone, and Owen Compisi**.



## CHESS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to all of our chess players who participated in our school's annual Chess Tournament over the weekend. We had a record turnout and a lot of fun.

Special recognition goes to **Roxanna Coyne, Renzo Tanega, and Sol Sohn** for placing top in their sections!

All of our Seton players played great chess and earned **TWO** team trophies for our school! If you see **Jack Benoit, Arwen Gamez, Ella Wood, Sanitino Gianettino, Sol Sohn, Dante Campolieto, Donovan Coyne, Ben Milano, Julia Payne, Renzo Tanega, Noah Pensgen, Roxanna Coyne, or Adele Pensgen**, congratulate them!

## VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

Diane Herrick (Tessa Tombs' mom) has graciously volunteered to facilitate our Science Club on Thursdays after school. Starting today she will have 20 very active K-2 graders eagerly waiting to discover the wonders of science! She could really use some help. If your child is enrolled in this club or you'd just like to help Diane, let the office know and we will give her the good news! The next session will be geared toward 3-6 graders.

## NYS TESTING FOR GRADES 3-6

Please try not to schedule appointments during New York State testing for ELA and Math. The dates are as follows:

- ELA Grades 3-6: Wed. Mar. 25-Thurs. Mar. 26
- Math Grades 3-6: Tues. Apr. 21 – Wed. Apr. 22
- Science: Grade 4 **ONLY**: Tues. May 19 (Performance test), Mon. June 1 (Written test)

Tests are given in the morning hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PARKING REMINDER

The Novitiate Community has asked us to remind parents that the small parking lot, by the playground, at the back of the building is shared with them. Their spaces are the ones on the convent side of the parking lot. Many times the sisters come home from a long day of work only to have to wait for parents to move their cars from their spaces.

Please refrain from using the spaces on the convent side. You are welcome to park on the school side for short pick-ups and drop-offs. If you will be in school longer, please park in the street.

## REGISTRATION UP-DATE

Our auto-registration period is complete. Thank you to everyone for choosing to continue here at Seton! We are so happy to say almost every family will be returning next year. If you have not yet signed and returned your auto-registration form, please do so at your earliest convenience. This form confirms that you understand the financial policies of the school. Please remember, if you have not sent an email stating that your child(ren) will not be returning, you are considered to be returning and have been charged the non-refundable family registration fee of \$150.00.

Preschool families, be on the lookout for an email from Karen Johnson about selecting your child's preschool program. It will be sent out soon.

Extended Day Program registration is now available in our website: [setoncs.org](http://setoncs.org) under the "Get Connected" tab. If you are planning to use the extended day program, there is a discount on the registration fee if the registration is turned in before March 15th. This fee can be added to your F.A.C.T.S. payment plan.

Don't miss the **Financial Aid deadline of May 1st!** Be sure to log on to **F.A.C.T.S.** to complete the process.

We are happy to report that we are continually scheduling tours for prospective families. Our 6th graders serve as our school ambassadors and are giving those school tours. Our next Prospective Family Open Houses will be on **March 18 & 19** from 9:00am-1:00pm.

A special thank you to all of you who are helping with our "Word of Mouth" campaign! Please continue to spread the word about Seton and all the good things happening here! And don't forget the Ambassador Program! It's a win-win situation.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 15 OLOL+SA St. Patrick's Day Party in Gym
- Mar. 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 18 -19 Open House for Prospective Families
- Mar. 25-26 NYS ELA Assessments Grade 3-6
- Mar. 27 Spirit-wear day
- Mar. 30 Rice Bowls Due to School
- Mar 31 Rice Bowl Counting Day!
- Apr. 2 School Mass at OLOL at 8:30am
- Apr. 3 No School: Teacher Scoring Day
- Apr. 3-13 **Spring Break:**  
**Return to school on Tuesday 3/14**
- Apr. 12 Easter Sunday
- Apr. 14 **Return to school**
- Apr. 21-22 NYS Math Assessments Grade 3-6
- Apr. 22 Preschool International Dinner 5:30-7:00
- Apr. 30 St. Joseph the Worker Prayer Service
- May 4 No School: Teacher Retreat
- May 5-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6 Nurse's Day
- May 8 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Mother's Tea
- Seton Got Talent Dress Rehearsal
- May 14 Spring Concert (Grades 4-6)  
1:00 dress rehearsal, 7:00 show
- May 15 May Crowning Prayer Service
- Seton Got Talent Show
- May 21 Ascension Thursday School Mass  
at OLOL at 8:30am
- May 22-25 **No School: Memorial Day Weekend**
- May 28 Primary Theater Arts Show "Pajama Party"

