



Sentinel



Anne Carroll, Director

A Weekly Newsletter for Seton Parents & Students

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Thursday ♦
Sep. 8th
- Friday ♦
Sep. 9th
- Saturday ♦ **Opening Mass**
Sep. 10th 10:30 AM
- ♦ *Welcoming Reception immediately following in Faustina*
- Sunday ♦ *Anniversary of 9/11*
Sep. 11th
- Monday ♦ Choir rehearsal
Sep. 12th
- Tuesday ♦
Sep. 13th
- Wednesday ♦ Jazz Band practice
Sep. 14th ♦ Holy Hour 11:15 AM
- Thursday ♦ ASVAB Testing for
Sep. 15th Juniors



FROM THE DIRECTOR

My sincere thanks again to all those who have and continue to support and prayer for Dr. Carroll and me. May God send you abundant blessings for your generosity.

OPENING MASS

This Saturday is our annual opening Mass. The time of the Mass has been changed to 10:30. We encourage all of our families to attend. Please be on time so that the Mass does not have to be disrupted by latecomers. This Mass is a grace-filled way to begin the new school year, to beg God's blessings on everyone in the Seton community, and to thank God for His goodness to us. There will be a Welcoming Reception immediately following Mass. **Each family is asked to please bring a plate of finger food to share.** Drinks and coffee will be provided. Attire should be Sunday best for all family members.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, October 8, is the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Those of you who have attended the pilgrimages in the past know what an inspiring and uplifting experience it is to join with thousands of Catholics from all over the Diocese to honor our Eucharistic Lord and His Blessed Mother. This year there will be a procession at the beginning of the Pilgrimage with student representatives from all the schools and CCD programs in the Diocese, including Seton. Each representative will carry a box with petitions from that school or program. If anyone would like to be Seton's representative, please contact me. I also request that all of you send in petitions to the school to be placed in the box. Please put your petitions in an envelope marked Diocesan Pilgrimage and send it to the office. All the many pilgrims at the Shrine that day will be praying for your petitions. How can you pass up an opportunity like that?

UNIFORMS

Many thanks to all of our families for your cooperation with the new uniform code and dress code guidelines. The students looked great this past week. Let's all encourage them to keep up their obedience to the guidelines. Even though changes always involve a few difficulties, the uniform committee and I are grateful that the majority of you accepted the changes with a smile. Thank you for this example of respect for Seton and of the virtue of obedience.

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MASSES & ROSARIES

Monday Mass
All Saints 8:30 AM
Rosary
Tues. - Fri. 8:00 AM
in the Chapel



Prayer & Praise Requests

Please pray for
Mrs. Monica Curran,
mother of Kathleen '13
and Margie '15, who is
recovering from serious
surgery

Debbie Turner
mother of 8 (she is in her
late 40's), end stage cancer,
entered hospice care in July

Maria Garvey O'Grady
Cecilia Garvey (7th
grader)'s aunt, hospitalized
with an undisclosed illness.
CT revealed anomalies in
lungs. Maria's email address
is balgarvey@aol.com.

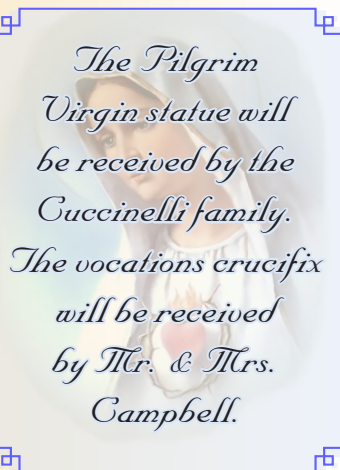
Please continue to pray for
Mrs. Ann Brien

Please pray for the repose of
the soul of

Frances Mantooth,
grandmother and
Pauline Muzik,
great grandmother of Clark
'14, Siena '15, and Grant
'17 Mantooth

Mildred White
for a happy death

Dr. Carroll



NEWS

Thank You
Mrs. LaVigne for
providing the priests
lunch and
Thank You
Father McGraw
for saying Mass

SETON HAS A DROP BOX FOR YOUR
CONVENIENCE

Our drop box is located to the right of the supply cabinets just outside Aquinas in the foyer of the High School building. If the item does not fit in the drop box, PLEASE use the morning announcement bin located on the office door (across from the box). PLEASE DO NOT SLIDE ITEMS BEHIND THE SLIDING GLASS WINDOWS OF THE OFFICE. Thank you for your cooperation.

MONDAY MASS
PROCEDURES



We attend Monday Mass in All Saints Church. Seton students sit in the center section. Boys will sit on the right of the altar and girls on the left. Seniors should sit in the first three rows, juniors in rows 4-6, sophomores in rows 7-9 and so on. Before Mass students should not congregate in the vestibule. They should come into the church to pray, or if they are quite early they should remain outside. **It is important that students be on time for Mass in proper and neat attire (no rolled sleeves or untucked shirts).** It is not respectful to Our Lord to be late for Mass. Please allow plenty of time so that traffic or other delays will not make your children late. Students who are late for Mass without a valid excuse will receive demerits.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

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MONDAY MASS

This Monday will be our first Monday Mass at All Saints. The Mass begins at 8:30 PM. Please schedule the departure time so that the students will arrive at least ten minutes early. It is important that students be on time, especially so that they can have a little time to prepare themselves for the Mass and Holy Communion. Attendance will be taken so please explain to your children that Mass time is not for finishing last minute homework or sleeping in the car. Students remain after Mass for the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

HEADLINES

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Thank you to all of our parents of girls for helping us complete a difficult but needed task. We are very aware of the extent to which you worked to help us meet our objective of returning to a path that will lead to modesty and uniformity. We made a significant step forward this year, in enforcing a strict skirt length requirement which will continue to be enforced. We did our best to accommodate parents who had substantially altered their girls' skirts with the intention of bringing them into compliance with the new standards. As these "exempted" skirts become too small or wear out, replacement skirts must be in strict compliance with the approved styles. Thank you again and please continue to be patient with us and with each other as we go through this process in all the dress codes. **Any uniform skirts, that have not yet been approved, must be checked even if it was approved for another student.** Please see Mrs. Griffith during lunch or contact one of the other members of uniform committee. The following ladies are on the Uniform Committee: Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Quinan, Mrs. Genoese-Zerbie, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Cooper. Any of them may be contacted if you have any questions or concerns.

Uniform Shoes

Students have been given an extension on complying with the Shoe Uniform Dress Code until the end of the 1st Semester. Please follow the guidelines as closely as possible until then.

UPCOMING LETTER

In the next few weeks you will be receiving a letter from me regarding Seton's needs for this school year. Please give it your prayerful attention.

Due to a scheduling conflict

**Our Opening Mass Time has
Changed to 10:30 AM**

There will be a Welcoming Reception Immediately following Mass. Each family is asked to please bring a plate of finger food to share. Drinks and coffee will be provided.



FOUND IN JR HIGH PARKING LOT

On Tuesday, August 16th, some money was found in the parking lot following the Summer Lecture Series with Fr. Peffley. Please contact the office to claim it. Thank You!

PUT IT AWAY OR LOSE IT

WEEKLY CLEAN UP AT SETON

Every Friday all personal belongings including books, food, clothing and projects **MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE TOPS OF LOCKERS AND THE FLOOR.** If items are found including and especially projects, they will be placed in the trash.

Please Please Please take the time to be sure you have all your belongings before leaving school, the school can not be responsible for your belongings.

**ONLINE VERSION OF THE SENTINEL
COMING SOON!**

Please see the enclosed flyer in this weeks envelope re: the option to receive the weekly Sentinel online. The Flyer has a portion that must be returned to the office. Please return it via the purple envelope as soon as possible. Thank You!

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INFO FOR NEW PARENTS And A Reminder For All

You can help the attendance coordinator by calling the absent/tardy line when your student is absent or even going to be tardy. If you know the evening before or early in the morning that you're going to be tardy due to illness or an appointment, or that you'll be absent, please call and leave a message on the answering machine—it's available 24 hours a day! This helps tremendously with attendance for 350 students. There is a student message board just outside the front office. If a parent needs to leave a message you can do so on the board. Students are reminded to periodically check the board in case a message is left for them.

SETON FLEECE JACKETS

As the cooler weather approaches fleece jackets and windshirts, Seton appropriate outer wear, are available for purchase from East To West Embroidery. The store is located at 9153 Key Commons Ct., Manassas. A sample of the jacket, in a size Medium, is available for you to look at or try on. For more information or to order one please contact East To West Embroidery at 703-335-2397.

MEETING OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS will be held Sept. 17, 2011 at 9:15 am in Room No. 1 in All Saints School, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, Virginia. For information call Irene Hamblen at (703-801-6291). Visitors welcome.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE AND VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

Seton has a Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima and a special vocations crucifix, which circulate among the Seton families during the school year. During the week that Our Lady is in your home, we ask that you pray the Rosary for the conversion of sinners as well as for your family's intentions. During the week that the crucifix is in your home, please pray for vocations. If you are especially generous, you will pray as Bishop Loverde frequently suggests: Pray that a member of your family will be called to the priesthood or the consecrated life. Though it is a sacrifice, it is also a great blessing when a family gives a son or daughter to the service of God and His Church. Please use the enclosed form to sign up for these two devotions. The families to receive these sacramentals will be announced on the front page of the Sentinel each week. Pick up the statue or crucifix on Friday afternoon after school and return it to school on Friday morning.

*If a man wishes
to be sure of the
road he treads
on, he must
close his eyes
and
walk in the
dark.*



JUNIOR HIGH PIZZA PEPSI POLAROID PARTY



Attention all Junior High Students!

The Pizza Pepsi Polaroid Party will be held

Saturday, September 17

9:30am – 1:30pm

Cost \$5 cash for pizza and gas money
*Sign up with your friends and a parent
driver with a digital or Polaroid camera.*

The Pizza Pepsi Polaroid Party for all Junior high students will be from 9:30am until 1:30pm on Saturday, September 17! Students should organize teams and make sure they have a parent driver/chaperone and a camera. There can be as many people on the team as the driver can fit in his or her car. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in Corpus Christi. Every student must turn in \$5.00 cash and a permission slip to the office by September 14th in order to attend this fantastically fun photographic scavenger hunt. All junior high students come enjoy an awesome day filled with friends, fun, photos, and food! Questions? - Ask any of the SSC officers. *Activities Dress Code*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES



Notice for any parents of students who need to carry an Epi-Pen – *We request that an extra Epi-Pen be provided for the school to have on hand at the front desk.* Please clearly mark your child's name on

the medication. Parents, please notify the secretaries if your child has any special medical needs that they and the teachers should know about to care for your students well while they're at Seton.

Welcome to the Seton Sentinel for the 2011-2012 School Year!

The Sentinel is the school newsletter that contains important information for the parents and students of Seton School. The newsletter comes home in the purple envelope every Thursday. It is recommended that each parent sit down with a pen and calendar in hand when reading it so that you can mark down the important information. Please remember that if you misplace your copy of the Sentinel that it is always available on line.

The Purple envelopes will be distributed on Thursdays. It contains **IMPORTANT** information that every family **NEEDS** to know. **STARTING OCTOBER 1ST**, Students must turn in their Purple envelopes no later than the end of school the following Monday. An irresponsibility demerit will be given if the envelope is not returned.

The articles in this issue are to help you if you are new and to remind you if you are a seasoned family, of the logistics here at Seton.

Please read these articles carefully and review them with your student(s) as necessary.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Opening Mass

Saturday, Sep 10th
10:30 AM

Welcoming Reception follows

JHS Pizza Party

Saturday, Sep 17th

Back to School Nights

JHS Wednesday, Sep 21st
HS Monday, Sep 26th

Back To School Dance

Saturday, Sept 24th

Picture Day

Wednesday, Oct 5th

IF YOU LIKE IT AND WANT TO KEEP IT...

LABEL LABEL LABEL

Attention Parents - please take the time to note your family name in all articles of clothing including shoes and most importantly - calculators. Every week there are a number of lost items left around the school. Mrs. Zadnik will be taking the items home weekly. If your name is on the item, you may then be notified by phone and pay \$1.00 per item (donation goes to Haiti) and pick up your belonging at the Seton office. Please encourage your students to take their belongings home. If you are already missing something please call Mrs. Zadnick as she has a large box full of items from the summer.



LIBRARY HOURS

The Seton Library, located on the second floor past Bethlehem, is open daily during 5th and 6th period lunches. If you are interested in helping out in the library, please contact Connie Zapiaín.



What is the ASVAB Test?

ASVAB stands for Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. This is a battery of 8 tests identifying the knowledge and skills level in the areas of verbal, math, science and technical skills including electronics and mechanical comprehension, and a short sub test on auto and shop information.

Will the Armed Services contact students as a result of taking the ASVAB?

No. The Armed Services recruiters only receive names and scores- no other information is released about the students.

Who administers the test?

A specially trained testing administrator is provided by the Armed Forces to administer the ASVAB test at Seton. Then an educational specialist returns 6-8 weeks later to administer a 90-item interest inventory and provides the results of the battery with an explanation and interpretation.

What does the test provide?

By answering a "battery" of questions, Career Exploration Scores are broken down to show the knowledge and skills in three general areas: Verbal, Math, and Science & Technical Skills. Interest codes from the inventory combined with their Career Exploration Scores help show students their interests that should drive career exploration.

Who takes this test?

All juniors take this test.

Is there a cost to take the test?

No cost. No registration. All materials needed are provided.

Do you need to prepare?

Simply put, no.

ASVAB TESTING FOR JUNIORS

Attention all juniors and parents: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be administered on Thursday September 15th from 8:30-11:30 in Faustina. No registration is required. Please report to your first period class for roll call and morning announcements then proceed immediately to the testing room in order to commence testing at 8:30. All materials required for the testing will be provided. However, please bring a book to read between subtests in case you finish early. This test is to assist with college choices, skill levels, and career interests. Students will receive their results along with an interpretation by an educational specialist by December 1st. Students' names and ASVAB scores will be released after July 2012 to Armed Services Recruiters. Addresses and phone numbers will be withheld. In the past, Seton students interested in the military had to retake the ASVAB since scores were not available. Students will not be contacted by the Armed Services as a result of taking the ASVAB. (Note: students are often contacted by phone during their senior year; however, this has no connection to the ASVAB.) If a parent does not desire to have his or her student's score released, the student may opt out of the ASVAB. Please contact Mrs. Amy Godeaux in advance if choosing to opt out. (703) 730-2824. For more information about the ASVAB and its benefits please visit the following website: [http://www.asvabprogram.com/downloads/ASVAB fact %20sheet.pdf](http://www.asvabprogram.com/downloads/ASVAB%20fact%20sheet.pdf)

IS THIS YOUR CHECK?

Seton School has received a cashier's check from Capital One Bank dated 8/29/2011 but we don't know who the check is from! Please contact us!





ATTENTION PARENTS

We are all tardy from time to time but it is important to try our best to be on time for school. If your student is tardy, please be sure they have a note signed by you when they come to school. A note from the parent avoids you having to park your car to come into the school.

If your child drives, and they are more than **15 MINUTES LATE** for school, they must call a parent so the parent knows they are late. *If you cannot be reached, a note must come from you the next school day.* ALSO, if your child has a dental or doctor appointment or will be tardy and he/she **WILL BE COMING** to school that day, please call the Seton absent/tardy line **BEFORE 9:30AM** at (703) 368-6604 and leave a message.

As for absences, if you call the school the day of your child's absence, you do not need to send a note the next day. Thank you for your cooperation!!!

THE IMPORTANCE OF EARNESTLY EATING BREAKFAST

Breakfast may be the meal that is most often neglected or skipped. Eating breakfast is very important for the brain and the body first thing in the morning. Studies have shown that students who eat breakfast do much better with concentration, memory work and problem solving abilities than those who do not eat breakfast.

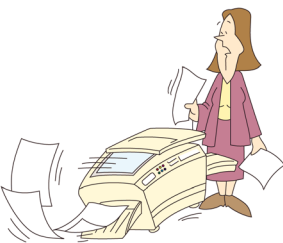
Students should eat something for breakfast before coming to school!

If you don't have time to sit down for a breakfast, suggestions for a quick meal include: Cereal bars, Oatmeal squares, Carnation Instant Breakfast drink, Ensure, yogurt with fruit and/or granola, whole wheat bagel or toast with peanut butter.

On Monday mornings before Mass you can grab a cereal bar, bagel or toast with peanut butter and while riding to school after Mass you can eat your portable breakfast. Please, Please don't skip Breakfast!



FRONT OFFICE BUSINESS A REMINDER FOR PARENTS



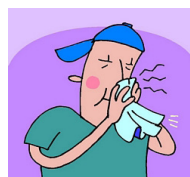
Please **DO NOT CALL OR TEXT** your child during the school day on their cell phone. For students to use a cell phone, they **MUST** ask a teacher or faculty member for permission. Also note the Office phone should be used only for emergencies. With 350 students and two phone lines, we can't let everyone use the phone. Thank you for your cooperation.

CLEAN HANDS

All students need to please bring in one new soap dispenser bottle (max-two per family). Refill soap bottles cannot be used. These items may be dropped off at the front office. We will be asking for these items again in January to keep our supplies adequately stocked. Thank you for your help.

A BIG REMINDER ABOUT TISSUES

Students should bring their own tissues if they have a cold or allergies.



THINGS TO KNOW!

- If your child is not picked up at Corpus Christi within 30 minutes of dismissal, they should wait at Seton School not sit outside of Corpus Christi.
- Please be mindful of others in the carpool lanes (see carpool etiquette article). It is critical that we work together to make this work.
- If your child has a calculator; please put their name on it.
- If your child tends to forget their belongings, please check lost and found at Seton HS and/or Corpus Christi or call Mrs. Zadnik. If you have labeled your items they will be easily identified and be able to be returned to you. Please note that all unlabeled items in the Lost and Found are placed on display during each PRO meeting then donated to charity if not claimed.
- **No ball playing in the parking lot in front of Seton School at any time.** If any of the panes are broken the replacement costs is \$500 per window. Please help take care of Seton School's new windows

SETON LUNCH MENUS

Seton has available different lunches for purchase during the week. Items cost between \$1 and \$2.50.



MONDAY - Burger King (cheeseburgers or hamburgers and french fries)
only sold in JP11 gym

TUESDAY - Chic Fil A

WEDNESDAY- Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza

THURSDAY - Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza

FRIDAY - Cheese Pizza

Soda, water and Gatorade are available from our vending machine

DEMERIT PROCEDURES

For those parents that are new to Seton and reminder to the returning parents: If your child receives a demerit, the copy will be sent home in the purple envelope. After three category I or two category II in the same quarter, the student will receive a pink detention slip that will go home with the student Tuesday. Detentions are served Wednesday 3:15 to 4:15 in Aquinas.

Debbie Cooper's e-mail Address
setonoffice@gmail.com

REMINDER TO SENIORS

The first day of each month seniors may dress out of Uniform into Classroom Dress. If the first day of the month falls on a weekend or holiday the first day in school is the day you may dress out. The next dress out day will be Monday, October 3rd. Please be sure to review the updated Classroom, Activities and Casual Dress codes.

BACK TO SCHOOL BAGS

Being sold during the first two weeks of school.



Parents: Do you want to wish your child good luck with the new school year?

Students: Do you want to welcome back your friends or meet some new ones? The SSC will be selling Back to School Bags during the first two weeks of school **Orders will be collected until September 9 and Bags will be distributed on September 12!** These cheerful goodie bags are available for \$1 each. SSC members will be available to take your Back to School Bag orders during lunchtime and after school in the carpool lines. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!!! Questions? - email SSC President Michael Hill at MichaelHill12@gmail.com

CHIC FIL A & BURGER KING NEED YOU!!

Please consider volunteering once or twice a month to help sell lunches at Seton. It only takes about an hour on either Monday or Tuesday during lunch periods. This is a great way to earn PRO points and to visit with your child during lunch! We could really use your help this year!! For more details or to volunteer, please contact Debbie Wykowski - Wykowski@mindspring.com or 703-203-9130.

2011-2012 YEAR BOOK ORDERS

In order to help decrease confusion, a change has been made in the time of year that Seton Yearbooks are ordered. **Orders for the 11/12 yearbook will be taken in April 2012.** The yearbooks will be delivered October 2012.

SETON UNIFORM CLOSET

Seton has a used uniform closet that has a great selection of larger sized items including pants which are all in very good condition! We are in need of small and medium sizes.

I am asking all of you to check your closets for uniform attire that you no longer need and donate them to the closet so other families can outfit their children at minimal cost. Donations may be dropped off at the school office, in the bin marked "donations" in the school foyer, or at my home.

Anyone with adult sized students who are in need of uniforms, please call me or send an email and we can set up a convenient time for you to come by my home. We live just 10 minutes from the school and you will find most shirts just \$2 and pants just \$5. There are plenty of larger sized skirts, including grey.

If your student wears a smaller size, you may still contact me. Thank you all for your generosity and may God bless you!
 Doreen Nagurny 703-393-7987



CLASSIFIEDS

NEEDED: PLANTS!

I'm looking for any and all available plants that Seton families might let me borrow. If you have any portable plants (real or plastic) of any size that you would not mind being borrowed for a very short time (several days maximum), please contact Michael Hill at MichaelHill12@gmail.com or 703-266-6569. I can arrange to transport the plants if needed!

FOR SALE

Oak table (72" x 47" w/ two 18" leaves) and 8 arrow back Windsor chairs. Honey (light) finish, good condition. Matching table pads included. \$200. Also, Dark Oak china cabinet with glass doors and drawer, early American style, 75" x 38". Good condition. \$75.00 Call 703-257-7677 right away!

CAR POOL ETIQUETTE

☞ The car pool lines at both schools are similar. They both have two lanes that should be utilized during car pool times.

☞ If you are stopped still on Maple Street waiting for the inside lane- try to move up and go to the outside lane. Once you are in a lane be attentive to the parked cars that need to get out of their parking spaces.

☞ Please Do Not park your car and get out of it, even if you think you are only going to be a minute!

☞ Please do not park your car along the curb closest to the school- there are many people with larger vehicles and making the turn to avoid hitting a parked car means they are driving up on the curb and putting stress on their tires.

☞ Please try not to stop and block the flow of traffic. If your child is not ready or you don't have all your carpool riders, (please look behind you to make sure you're not blocking someone who is trying to get out), simply go around while one of the other riders collects everyone. Sometimes this may take two or three times.

☞ Most importantly, please try to be charitable and a little patient.

PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons at my house or yours. 15 years of experience. Former Seton mom. Many references available. Please call Peggy at 703-369-5613.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

Lovely 1 bedroom garden apt, recently refurbished including French doors and an expanded patio. Located 5 min from Seton and walking distance from the VRE (Amtrak train to Washington), in a well-kept neighborhood. Full equipped kitchen, w/d, and tiled bathroom with tub and shower. Generous closet space. Large enough for a living room, dining room, kitchen set, and "office". Cozy enough for 1 but roomy enough for 2. Utilities included. House owned by former Seton parent. Call 703-369-5613

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications for the 2012-2013 school year will be available on:

Monday, October 3, 2011.

The last day applications will be accepted will be:

Friday, January 13, 2012.

The Admission Testing Dates are as follows:

- Saturday, October 22, 2011
- Saturday, November 12, 2011
- Saturday, December 3, 2011
- Saturday, January 28, 2012

Current Seton families are encouraged to come to either the October or November testing date.

How to submit an article to the Sentinel

We knew you were just about to ask!

The Sentinel is published weekly and your inputs are welcome. Although we try to take inputs up to the last minute (we publish the draft on Monday evening for review and approval), there are some things you can do to help the process along. By far the easiest way to submit an article or classified is by email. Simply type your input directly into the message and we'll take it from there. If you want a specific format or special graphics then create your masterpiece in Microsoft Word and attach it to the email. As always, the following rules apply:

☑ Articles may be submitted handwritten or via email.

✉ Handwritten articles should be submitted to the front office by **3 pm on Friday**.

✉ Electronic submissions may be sent to sentinel@seton-school.org.

* Please note if you do NOT want any part of your submission (e.g. your phone number) posted on the Seton web site.

⌚ The deadline for ALL article submissions is 10 am Monday morning.

All submissions subject to approval and space.

THE SETON IMPROV TROUPE

Improvisational comedy is one of the most popular forms of live theatre. It is an exciting, accessible and inexpensive art form with a long history dating back to the Commedia Del'arte in medieval Italy.

In addition to being tremendously enjoyable to watch, it is a phenomenal activity for aspiring actors and young people in general. The student of improvisation quickly learns poise and grace under pressure, the ability to think rapidly on their feet, a strategic approach to response and debate, and most important, working on a team where the primary goal is to help all members of the team be successful before one's own success. An improv performer of talent is extremely versed in current events, personal interaction skills, music, literature and theology (appropriate behavior on stage is expected in a proper troupe, and knowledge of theology and how it applies to one's life ensures that this occurs). Improv comedy is not about being jokey or funny. The humor that is its hallmark stems from quick thinking and clever interactions with others, based on powerful teamwork developed over a period of time.

Many high schools around the country now field a team that performs in various improv competitions. It is becoming a popular activity in Catholic schools as well. Seton can and should be a leader in improv performance in our Diocese. The theatrical program is top notch. The students are bright, energetic, and wonderful. They work well in teams and have sharp and highly creative minds. There is a strong proclivity towards performance and a real joy in watching on another on stage. In short, it is a perfect school to offer such a program.

The club mentor, Matt Moore, has directed, produced and performed in a professional Catholic improv troupe (Fools!) for the past fifteen years. This nationally recognized troupe has performed all over the Washington DC area and has a strong, loyal following. Mr. Moore, a Seton parent, has decades of youth ministry experience on both the diocesan and local level and has been involved deeply with professional stage and film production for several decades. Additional adult mentors would be welcomed and encouraged to participate and they do not need heavy experience in theatre but would need to be Virtus trained due to the direct one on one nature of the program.

Any Seton student in eighth grade or higher can participate.

The heart of good improv is regular performance. Rehearsals will be two Wednesday afternoons per month plus at least two public performance opportunities per year, and will not conflict with the spring musical. Stay tuned for the first rehearsal date!

The Seton Improv Troupe will be a wonderful opportunity for the student body to expend it's creative horizons in a moral, exciting, instructional and often hilarious manner. Improv holds not only better performers but confident, clever, fast thinking young people able to take on today's tough challenges.

Any questions? Contact Matt Moore at matt.moore@trieneproductionstudios.com



LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.
Nationally recognized expert in bioethics,
St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish
Saturday, September 17, 2011
9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Free and Open to the Public
Register by email: straychrch@aol.com

PRESENTATIONS AT HOLY TRINITY

Sr. Maria Stella, CJD
Church's mission in Far Eastern Russia
September 13th at 7:30pm

Sister M. Angela Macari
"How to Be A Marian Woman"
September 24, 2011, after 9 AM Mass.

Mass of Saint Padre Pio
and Blessing with his Glove.
Monday October 3, 2011, at 7:30 pm.
For more information, call 703-753-6700.