



Sentinel



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A Weekly Newsletter for Seton Parents & Students

Note Date Change

Due to some scheduling conflicts with our Retreat Master the School Retreats have been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 28th (Boys' Retreat) and Wednesday the 29th (Girls' Retreat).

Please make a note of this change on your calendars!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday ♦
Feb. 9th

Friday ♦ Fiat Lux 7-8:30PM
Feb. 10th in Faustina

Saturday ♦ Musical Rehearsal
Feb. 11th ♦ Drumline Practice
♦ Valentine's Dance
7-10 PM

Sunday ♦
Feb. 12th

Monday ♦ Choir practice
Feb. 13th

Tuesday ♦ St. Valentine's Day
Feb. 14th ♦ Herff Jones -5th & 6th period

Wednesday ♦ Musical Rehearsal
Feb. 15th ♦ Jazz Band practice

The Pilgrim Virgin statue will be received by the Krebs family. The vocations crucifix will be received by the Harbour family.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The pro-life thought and the prayer power point included in the Sentinel this week were found on the catholicculture.org website. I encourage you to check out this website for great spiritual resources.



RETREAT NEWS

Father Viola of the Alliance of the Two Hearts, a priest who made a great impact on Seton students the two times he celebrated Mass for us, has agreed to be our retreat master this year, for both boys and girls. In order to accommodate his schedule, we have moved the retreats to February 28 and 29. Please clear your children's calendar for those days. And clear yours as well so that you can assist with the retreat. You'll be glad you did. Remember: All Seton students are required to attend the annual retreat, which is an important part of their spiritual formation.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

On Wednesday, February 1, the students heard a dynamic speaker, Mr. David Berit, founder of 40 Days for Life. He cleared away all the excuses any of us might have for not becoming an active prayer warrior for life. He challenged each Seton family to commit to one hour per week of prayer during the upcoming 40 Days campaign, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Palm Sunday. By sending your children to Seton, you have shown that you agree with one of Seton's main foundation stones: the sanctity of every human life from conception until natural death. Now it's time to make your commitment to life even more public and more sustained. Many Seton families are already deeply involved in building a culture of life. Now it's time for everyone else to step forward and meet the challenge. We want to see every Seton family make this one-hour commitment. Please fill out the form included in this Sentinel. Or you may e-mail the office with your commitment. The culture of death is powerful, as we have seen with the recent HHS anti-life and anti-religious freedom regulations. Prayers are more powerful—but only if they are prayed. What answer will you have when you meet Jesus and He asks you what you did for the least of His brothers and sisters, the unborn?



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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
Kevin Craddock
relative of the Spicer family

Please continue to pray for

Hope Shaw
Debbie Cooper
Jane Lightey
Mrs. Fontana
Joseph Troup '13
Stephen McGinley
Jon Paul Turner
Anne Elliott
Charles Grim
Michelle Martin
Mrs. Perez's Mother
Leoncio A. Chang
Matthew Charron
Dr. Rafael Madan
Mrs. Ann Brien
Kevin Craddock

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Mary Galvin's grandfather

Ben Magbitang

NEWS

Thank You

Mrs. Rosato for a
wonderful lunch and
Thank You
Father Fr. Puigbo
for saying Mass

SETON RETREATS 2012

The Boys' Retreat

Tuesday, February 28th

8:15AM -3:00PM

Girls do not come to school

The Girls' Retreat

Wednesday, February 29th

8:15AM -3:00PM

Boys do not come to school

Bring Your Lunch!

Both retreats will take place on the Seton School campus. Students should bring lunch as there will be no off campus privileges.

Chaperones, both teacher and parent, will also need to bring their own lunches as lunch will be provided only for the retreat master and priests



SETON PARENTS SPEAK OUT

This Sunday, Seton parent Federico Genoese-Zerbi will be interviewed on a national talk radio show regarding Catholics and our (political) response to the recent HHS directive. Since we are blessed to have a number of Seton parents who are also Catholics with public voices, please pray that their voices will be heard and that the words they say will be guided by the Holy Spirit. We are at a pivotal point politically. In order to defend our faith we must also preserve our country's founding values.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

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PRO LIFE THOUGHT

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

We live in a culture where our marketers and entertainment media compulsively mislead us about the sustainability of youth; the indignity of old age; the avoidance of suffering; the denial of death; the nature of real beauty; the impermanence of every human love; the oppressiveness of children and family; the silliness of virtue; and the cynicism of religious faith. It's a culture of fantasy, selfishness, confusion and illness that we've brought upon ourselves. And we've done it by misusing the freedom that other – and greater – generations than our own worked for, bled for and bequeathed to our safe-keeping.

- *Charles Chaput*,
Archbishop of Philadelphia,
Keynote address at the
John Cardinal O'Connor
Conference on Life,
January 22, 2012

Prayer Power Point

In order to pray well, we must learn to surrender ourselves to the will of God in even the most difficult circumstances. The following quote tells us why: Crosses and afflictions are such great graces that the wicked are rarely converted without them, and good people are only made perfect by the same means.... Fortunate disappointments! happy privations! which come from the goodness of God rather than his justice. It is thus that we ought to regard them. – Fr. Jean-Pierre de Caussade, S.J. author of *Abandonment to Divine Providence*



HEADLINES

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS



Herff Jones has and will be visiting the school during lunch periods (see calendar for dates) to take cap, gown and announcement orders. If you haven't ordered your cap, gown and announcements please remember to do so as soon as possible. You can also order online at www.hjgraduation.com

NEW POLICY: eBooks BANNED AT SETON
Because of their Internet and gaming capacities, beginning February 15th 2012, all eBook readers will be banned at Seton. This includes Kindles, Nooks, iPads and all other devices of this type. The rules are exactly the same as with cell phones: the devices must be completely out of sight and turned off during school hours. If they are seen or heard during school hours, they will be confiscated and parents will have to ransom them from the office for \$20. Please discuss this with your student if they have access to an eBook reader, and keep it in mind when shopping for him or her!

"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR" DONATIONS
The Haiti club is collecting items for Haiti with the "Love Thy Neighbor" campaign. A donation box will be near the front office from Feb 14th-Feb 17th. We are collecting hygiene products and first aid supplies. Please donate so we can help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Haiti and show that we truly "Love our Neighbor".



AP PROGRAM NEWS

The Bulletin for AP Students and Parents was sent home last Thursday, Jan. 26, with all students who have expressed an interest in taking AP Exams this May. Both parents and students should read the Bulletin which contains the AP Exam schedule, cost, and testing policies. In fact, students will be required to sign a statement on their AP Exam answer sheet(s) verifying that they understand, and agree to the policies contained in the Bulletin. If you are interested in AP Exams and didn't receive a copy, please stop by the main office at school or contact Mrs. Shaw at alshaw001@msn.com. You can also visit www.collegeboard.org/

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apstudents for information about each of the subject exams, along with sample free-response questions, test taking tips, and more.

LITERARY ARTS JOURNAL SEEKING SUBMISSIONS



The 2012 Seton Literary Journal is now accepting submissions! All students are invited to enter poems, short stories, and works of art at setonlac@yahoo.com. Artwork must be hand drawn - pictures should be scanned in and emailed (if this is a difficulty, contact the editors at the same email address for a different submission method). There will be monetary prizes for the top three submissions in each category! Hurry to submit your best work - Deadline is April 13.

BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S DAY

Help Brighten a Child's Day at the Children's Hospital of Fairfax by donating colorful band-aids, gently used DVDs and/or new craft supplies! Collection boxes will be outside both offices during the first two weeks of February. For questions contact Vivian Zadnik 703 494-6140 or viviz@webzone.net



SEEKING NEW LIBRARY COORDINATOR

After taking care of the library for 7 yrs I am stepping down. Seton will be in need of someone to keep it up. Basically that means making sure there is someone there during the 2 lunch hours Mon-Fri, sending out notices to let folks know they have a book due etc. It's very simple work and is a good PRO point getter! Any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at raguncajun@comcast.net or call me at 703.335.2277 If you are a librarian that's even better but not required.

BOYS' TENNIS COMING UP

Email Linda Laudiero lindalaudiero@aol.com if you're trying out and for further information

Try-Outs end of Feb/beginning of March
- GET OUT ON THE COURTS NOW
TO PRACTICE so you're ready.

Washington Times Columnist and Author,
Mary Beth Hicks, To speak on her latest book,

"DON'T DRINK THE KOOL-AID, CONFRONTING THE LEFTS'S ASSAULT ON OUR FAITH, FAMILY, AND FREEDOM."

When: February 12th, from 3-5p.m.

Where: Holy Family Academy
10580 Pineview Rd, Manassas, VA
Cost: Tickets are \$15 for 1 and \$25 for 2.
Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
For more info. and to purchase a ticket, call Susan Francis at 703-830-2135. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

SEEKING HOOKS AND NEEDLES

If you have knitting needles or crochet hooks (or come across some at garage sales) that you would like to donate to girls' Life Skills, we would love them! Please send them in to the office c/o Betty Wittman. Thank you!



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11th

9:00 am choreography and singing
- 1:00 pm "Oliver"
review "Food Glorious Food"

Wednesday, February 15th

6:00 pm singing
- 7:30 pm Fagin - "Pick A Pocket",
"Be Back Soon" and
"Reviewing the Situation"
6:00 pm blocking
Scene 4 - Charlotte, Noah,
Oliver, Mr. Bumble,
Mr. & Mrs. Sowerberry
7:00 pm blocking singing, choreography
Scene 6 - all pickpockets,
Oliver and Dodger
"Pick a Pocket" (Michael
Collins, Fagin will join at
7:30)

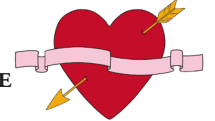
Saturday, February 11th

9:00 am choreography
- 1:00 pm "Who Will Buy", review
Choreography for "Consider
Yourself"

Happy the man
who discovers
wisdom



Come to the SACRED LIFE VALENTINES DANCE



When: Saturday,
February 11th
Where: JP II Center
Time: 7-10 pm (Doors will close at
7:30pm)
Admission: \$5 per person; proceeds
benefit the AAA Women For
Choice.
Dress Code: Activities

Come for an evening of fun to support life!

A THANK YOU!

To my dear students, and faculty,
staff, and friends at Seton,
Thank you so much for
all your prayers and sacrifices on
the prayer chain you sent me. It
made me happy and sustained me
on the rough days!
I miss French II, IV and Italian
students and I hope to be back
soon!!
I'll be praying for all of
you, asking God to bless you
abundantly
Love, Mrs. Fontana
Praise God from Whom
all Blessings Flow!

MR. HEISLER'S DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AT SETON

Class 1 June 5-15 (excluding weekends)
9:30am - 1:30am
Class 2 July 9 - 19 (excluding weekends)
9:30am to 1:30pm
Cost \$170

Checks made out to Seton due the first
day of driver ed class. Sign up on student
bulletin board outside the office

40 DAYS PRAYER VIGIL



Our family will pray one hour a week at the abortion facility during the 40 Days for Life

It is impossible for us to go to the abortion facility, but we will make a Holy Hour to pray for the unborn each week during the 40 Days for Life.

Name (optional)

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. 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.

Blessed Candles
Seton has candles (two candles to a box) that were blessed by a priest for Candlemas. If you would like to have a box of these blessed candles, please send in the suggested donation of \$5.00 with your name to the office and they will send home the candles. The donation will be used for the Sacristy Fund. Thank-you and God bless.

LOST & FOUND

The list of lost clothing articles found for this quarter, so far, is now posted on line at the Seton website. Please take a look at the list and claim your lost clothing- they would like to go home!

THE PURDUE VARSITY GLEE CLUB
 The Purdue Varsity Glee Club has advertised our March 14 concert at John Paul the Great to 5400 area alumni and friends! If anyone in our Seton family is interested in attending, please buy your tickets at the Seton main office now to ensure yourself a seat! The tickets may easily sell out in a couple of weeks from now. Also, please volunteer to host 2 or more Glee Clubbers at your home for one night or please volunteer blow-up mattresses and bedding for Mrs. Maureen Campbell who will be hosting 20 fine men! Thanks Mrs. Campbell and also Col. Jones! Questions: Mrs. Jane Mee meefamily@comcast.net or 703 730 9954

Mark your calendars Now
THE 10TH ANNUAL FRANCES KELLY BLOOD DRIVE
 is now up and running!
 When : Saturday, May 26, 2012
 Where: All Saints School
 Time: 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM
 To sign up now email schedule@franceskellyblooddrive.org

CLASSIFIEDS

VAN FOR SALE

2006 Ford E350 12 passenger van. 67K miles, excellent condition. \$9500 or BO. For more information call Tim & Mary Jo Smith at (703) 335-5614

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT 15-20 HOURS PER WEEK

Clerical Office Assistant needed for our busy insurance agency located in Fairfax, VA, near the Fair Oaks Mall. The duties of this position are: filing, making files, taking care of outgoing mail, answering phones, and miscellaneous tasks helping the agents. No experience necessary. Will train.

Please contact office manager, Maurene Kerzner, at: Frank D. Spicer Jr. Insurance Agency 11781 Lee Jackson Highway, Suite 220 Fairfax, VA 22033 703-385-5100
 Email - eriespicer@aol.com

GOOD SHEPHERD ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 12th
 1:00 pm

8730 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA
 703-257-7577

DECLUTTER AND GET ORGANIZED

2012 is here and Exams are over!!! Are you ready to get your home organized now? If you are ready to tackle the paperwork, closets, bedrooms, and basements, (or anything else you can think of) please call Seton Mom and Professional Organizer Kathy Jemielity to help! I have helped many Seton families over the years and really enjoy seeing the peace that comes to my clients! Please call #(703) 331-0169 and check my website: www.kathyscluttercontrol.com. You won't regret it!!