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Dear Seton Parents and Guardians,

I hope your break was restful and full of fun activities! As we start back, we are hitting the ground running!

Today our 3rd-6th graders took the first part of the NYS Assessments. These assessments are untimed and usually take about an hour to complete each day. Our teachers have prepared their students well. At Seton, we do not spend an inordinate amount of time preparing for these tests but we do teach our children how to approach assessments. We give them the tools to step up to the challenge of writing extended responses and teach problem solving within our everyday curriculum. We try our best not to put unnecessary stress on the children. We simply ask that they do their best. If you have a child in one of these grades, please be sure they are rested tonight and eat a good breakfast. Over-all I have to say that everyone here seems to feel confident and ready.

Lenten Service:

The final tally is in for the **Operation Rice Bowl!** We exceeded last year's total of \$2116.47. We have sent the Catholic Relief Services a check for \$2,346.25! Our "Counting Day" was a Blast. The older students were very helpful in assisting the younger students in counting their change! **Our prayer service** was inspiring. Thank you to the second grade for a memorable Holy Thursday depiction of the Last Supper. I think we have started a new tradition!

JA in a Day!

If at all possible, please volunteer to lead your child's class (or another) for this year's JA in a Day. It isn't as intimidating as you think. There's a set curriculum. You will be trained and the classroom teacher is there to act as your helpful assistant (or behavior manager-whichever is needed)! If you can't come, ask an adult family member or friend! Grandparents, aunt, uncles, family friends all make great JA volunteers. Whoever helps will come away feeling like they made a difference AND we feed you! So mark your calendars and email Eliza Moore Eliza.Moore@Xerox.com or call the office and we will get you started.

Golf Tournament

Speaking of having fun, our **16th annual Seton Open** is scheduled for **Friday, May 18** at Shadow Lake! Our goal is to have every classroom represented by a foursome. It's going to be a great time to get together whether you're a golfer or not! Check out the enclosed flyer for information on signing up to golf or just signing up to come for the dinner and socialization! No matter how you choose to participate, please come to enjoy the company of our parents and staff!

In addition, are you looking for a new place to advertise your business? We are also looking for businesses to sponsor various aspects of our tournament. If you own a business or are looking for a great mode of advertisement for your place of work, consider this. Visit tiny.cc/SetonGolf to register and to sign up as a sponsor.

Teacher Professional Development

Throughout the year, teachers and staff have attended various professional development sessions and bring that knowledge back to our teachers. We are fortunate to have sent Jen Koerner to the Rochester Regional Supporting All Students Conference. She has brought back wonderful information on the coming

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changes to the New York State Standards and will be sharing the information at an upcoming faculty meeting.

On April 23rd, our teachers will be spreading out to many different professional development sessions. They too will be delving into the Next Gen. Learning Standards. Our goal is to stay ahead of the curve so that when these standards go into effect, our teachers and students are prepared.

Testing Note for Grade 3-6 Parents

A few more Assessments to know about are as follows:

- Math Grades 3-6: Tuesday, May 1 –Wednesday, May 2
- Science
 - Grade 4 performance: Wednesday, May 23
 - Grade 4 written: Monday, June 4


Tests are given in the morning hours. Please try to avoid appointments for your grade 3-6 students on these days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Over Break

During our break the school was very busy with people installing our new computers in the Tech lab and then moving the lab computers down to the classrooms! Thank you for your very generous donations at BLAST! Your effort bought us 10 new computers!

At the same time, the security company was here setting up the infrastructure for our new security system. They will be back in the next few days to finish up!

Sincerely,



Changes to the Calendar:

*St Joseph the Worker Day Prayer Service has been canceled

*May Crowning: May 18th has been moved to 8:30 to accommodate parents playing in the golf tournament.

Dates to remember:

April 13 th	School Mass (KT & buddies) at 8:30 at OLOL church
April 20 th	JA in a Day!
April 23 rd	No School: Teacher Professional Development Day
May 10 th	Ascension Thursday Mass (KC & buddies) at 8:30 at OLOL church
May 11 th	1 st Grade Mother's Tea
May 17 th	Spring Concert (grades 4-6) 1:00 & 7:00 in gym
May 18 th	May Crowning Prayer Service (Grade 6) 8:30 Seton Golf Tournament!
May 25 th	No School Faculty Retreat
May 28 th	No School Memorial Day