

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2/27/20

I hope that everyone was able to experience a wonderful February break. I saw many teachers in the school over break getting ready for the next few weeks of school. Children returned on Monday happy and healthy, ready to get down to work! Yesterday we began the Holy Season of Lent with a Mass and distribution of ashes at Our Lady of Lourdes. I was so happy to see so many of our families were able to join us!

## ALUMNI RECOGNITIONS

We were recently informed that three of our alumni were honored at the McQuaid Jesuit Merit Scholarship Reception for their high achievement on the McQuaid Jesuit entrance exam. They



are all Loyola Scholarship winners. If you see Ambrose Weidmann, Mark Atalla, or Hayden Hartman give them our congratulations!

Also, four other alumni were recently awarded the Hands of Christ Award at St. Thomas More Church. This award is given to high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" in their church, home, school and community. Congratulations to Matthew Falter, Brennan Shanahan, JR Klee, and Chloe Pouthier!



## SETON 5-6 GRADE GIRLS CYO BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Seton 5-6 grade girls CYO basketball team for ending the season in 1st place with the best per game average points for and points against. They had 7 wins and 2 losses! Congratulations: Tessa Tombs, Lizzy Creary, Juliana Provo, Josie Fleming, Audrey Hogan, Lucy Peters, Sienna Fallone, Brianna Fallone, Quinn Civalier, Sophia Ramsey, and Coach Tombs!

## HELP THE REFUGEES

**Olivia Antonelli**, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women, has set up a collection for **Saint's Place** for her Motto Project in order to help refugees here in Rochester. We have placed boxes around the building for any donations. Feel free to send in soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.!! Please see the attached flyer for more information.



# Seton News

## REGISTRATION UPDATES

Our **auto-registration period** is coming to a close tomorrow. 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 will be 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 next week.

**Extended Day Program** registration is included in this brown/green envelope. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. This fee can be added to your F.A.C.T.S. payment plan.

Don't miss the **Financial Aid deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>**! 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool will begin the month of March celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading several of his books, using a variety of objects to measure their feet to go along with *The Foot Book*, creating their own nonsense rhymes similar to *There's a Wocket in my Pocket*, creating Thing 1 and Thing 2 using blow paint, and counting apples like in *Ten Apples Up on Top*.

In conjunction with Read Across America, they will be having a "mystery reader" visit each day to share a story with them.

## CHESS TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, is the Seton Chess Tournament. Every year students from all over the area come to Seton to compete! This is a great chance for our students to shine. There's a registration form in this packet. We have so many who are amazing chess players! Thank you in advance to Brooke Coyne for coordinating this event. She is one of our great volunteers! If you'd like to help, contact her- [bevans8@hotmail.com](mailto:bevans8@hotmail.com) she'd be glad to have you!

## RICE BOWL

Once again this year we will participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Campaign. Last year we raised over \$2,000!! Right before Easter we will again have our counting day; where our older students help our younger students to count what is in their Rice Bowls. Please help us to gather coins and dollar bills to see how much we can be like the Good Samaritan. Rice Bowls will be turned in by **Monday, March 30** so that we have them all to present at mass on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rice Bowls are being sent home today.

## SPIRIT-WEAR FRIDAYS

The last Friday of the month is "Spirit-Wear day"! Students may wear any Seton spirit-wear: sweatshirt & t-shirts with Seton on it; little Angel shirts, CYO soccer or basketball jerseys, PE shirt or sweatshirt, spirit-wear, etc. However, they **must wear** their school uniform pants or skirts. If it is a gym day, they of course would wear their gym shorts or sweats. This Friday is the last Friday of the month and so it is a "Spirit-Wear" day!

## ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Join our parish cluster for the annual St Patrick's Day Party on **March 15<sup>th</sup>** 4PM-7PM in the gym. Irish Dancers and lots of fun!! \$15/ticket \$40/family. Please call the office (585-473-9656) at OLOL to reserve your spot! Money will be collected at the door.

## BLAST GALA!!!!

Our **26<sup>th</sup> annual BLAST Gala** was again a tremendous success! I am so grateful that so many of you, who put in innumerable hours, and/or were able to attend. It was a great time to make new friends and get reacquainted with old friends! The committee worked hard to make this a night to remember! The theme "Night at the Oscars" lived up to its promise to celebrate all things Seton! **Katarina Szulgit** and **Giulianna Messina** were the winners of the "Principal for the Day" prizes. Giulanna has already served in the position and had a great time. I am looking forward to spending a day with Katarina! Thank you again to **Mariah DiMarco** and **Christina Wesley Thrall** and their many volunteers who put in countless hours to make this event such a success! As final numbers come in, we will pass on the good news!

## THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

The little things you do mean so much. I think of the volunteers who come to every **PTA, SAC, and Foundation** meetings, sharing their expertise in order to provide special programs and events for our children. I think of our wonderful **Lunch Moms and Dads**, who sacrifice their own work lunches or free time in order to create a safe, caring environment for the children to dine. I think of the people who **volunteer in our library, classroom centers and afterschool activities**. I think of our **BLAST! Committee** members and sub chairs, who made this such a memorable event. The list goes on and on... CYO coaches, field-trip helpers, parents who sit with our children during mass... These people, too numerous to name here, are actually a short list, a fraction of what is needed in order to make things happen for our children in the school. To them, I give our greatest appreciation for their generosity. **Lent** is a time of giving. If you cannot include yourself on these lists of people volunteering in various ways for Seton, perhaps now is the time to offer up a bit of time or talent in order to make sure these wonderful things continue to happen for our children. Please contact your classroom teacher or the main office for opportunities that may align with your life!

## RACISM IN ROCHESTER

Our Parish Cluster, Our Lady of Lourdes+St Anne, has embarked on a study of racism and poverty in the Rochester area. Each Wednesday, beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>, they will meet from 6-7:30 pm in the Social Hall at St. Anne Church for a simple soup supper followed by presentations around these very important topics. You are invited to be a part! See the flyer included in this Brown/Green Envelope.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 28 Spirit-wear day
- Mar. 6 School Mass at OLOL at 8:30am
- Mar 7 Chess Tournament (see flyer)
- 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
- 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. 21-22 NYS Math Assessments Grade 3-6



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