

at Our Lady of Lourdes † Saint Anne

As I sit down to write this newsletter, it occurs to me how much has happened since that since the last one! First of all, I have to thank all of the parents and volunteers who came to both help us test everyone and to assist the students who returned to school on the Monday after Thanksgiving. It was incredible. By 8:15 we had tested everyone and we were in class learning. And, everyone was negative!!! Without parents like you, we would have been never able to pull it off. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Monday, Grades Pk-2nd were treated to a zoom visit from St. Nicholas who has visited our school for many years. While the original St. Nicholas did inspire the legend of Santa Claus, the St. Nicholas we celebrated on December 6th has his own inspiring story of service to others; especially children and those in need. Check out the “Who is St. Nicholas?” page in the Green Envelope. If you missed his feast day, celebrate on another day!

Also our Preschool – grade 1 classes were treated to a surprise zoom visit from Santa today! It was so exciting!

Keep an eye out for our Prayer Service and Christmas Concert videos. Classes are busy recording and editing them now. As we watch them as a school, we will send you the link so you can also celebrate with us. Check out the calendar below for the dates.

CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

December 20th is quickly coming! Our PTA is doing an incredible job!! I can't wait for our 1st Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting! The Information is found on an attached flyer! I hope to see you here!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

November's Students of the Month were honored today on our Morning Announcements. **Juliet Goodman** (PK4K) and **Anika Niemiec** (4F) were both recognized by their teachers for their generosity, their kindness to others, and their work ethic. If you see either of them congratulate them for all of us!

DON'T FORGET TO:

Friend us on Facebook! **Seton Catholic School**
Follow us on Instagram! **setoncatholicrochester**

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BLAST PURCHASES

We have begun purchasing items for our PE program and the playground with the money raised last year at our annual Seton BLAST! Mr. D. has ordered many items for a gymnastics unit, Tchoukball equipment, and assorted mats! We've also invested in new tricycles and scooters for outdoors. More will be coming! Thank you again for your generosity.

A NOTE FROM NURSE ANNE

Nurse Anne has noted that many of the younger students are out-growing their masks. The masks are not covering their nose. If necessary, Nurse Anne can supply them with a pediatric mask for the day.

TRAVEL OVER THE HOLIDAY

For just this year, I ask you to consider not traveling over the break. However, I realize that traveling is inevitable for some families. Therefore, I ask that you read Nurse Anne's note attached to this document. The NYS guidelines are very clear about a student's return to school after a trip out of state. If you need clarification, please contact Nurse Anne anne.weber@dor.org

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Our finance department has been hard at work in preparation for next year! As every other year, our tuition will increase by about the 3% to provide a cost of living raise to our teachers and staff. In an effort to eliminate the appearance of “nickeling and diming” families, the \$20 supply fee will also be rolled into the tuition cost for the 2021-2022 school year. Right after Christmas break, an Auto-enrollment confirmation form will be sent home to you via kid-mail. These need to be returned by February 26th. If we do not receive your form, we will assume you are returning and you will be charged a registration fee of \$150 on March 1 through your FACTS account. Please note, that we are receiving many inquiries and to ensure your child's place for next year, please return this form as soon as possible.

SURVEYS FOR NEW FAMILIES

After the Christmas break, our Retention Committee will be sending a very short survey to our new families. We are looking for your feedback to make our program even better!

ANNUAL APPEAL

Today we are sending home your copy of our Seton Foundation's Annual Appeal Letter. It was sent out to our donors this week. Thank you for everything you do!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. FRAGALE!

Alanna Essler and her grandmother, Madeline Burke, nominated Mrs. Fragale for an Education Hero Award sponsored by Laws of Motion and she won! She was awarded 1,000 disposable masks and a gift certificate! Their kind words were as follows: "I am nominating Shelly Fragale. She is a fourth grade teacher at Seton Catholic School in Rochester, NY. Mrs. Fragale is a dedicated teacher and has chosen to be in the classroom 5 days per week during this pandemic. Other teachers in the Rochester area are 100% virtual or only see students 2 days per week. I applaud Mrs. Fragale's commitment to educating my granddaughter, Alanna Essler, and the other children in her class. I also applaud Laws of Motion for your dedication and helping those in need." Thank you Alanna and Mrs. Burke for recognizing Mrs. Fragale! Mrs. Fragale is happy to share her masks with everyone!

BRAVO CHASE BROCK!

The Rochester Police Department, has selected Chase Brock as a recipient of the "Do The Right Thing" Award for the month of December! The "Do The Right Thing" program is designed to seek out the outstanding youth of our community who have distinguished themselves as a role model for their peers. They achieve this status by committing "random acts of kindness" or by simply "doing the right thing". Yesterday, the 6th grade class watched the ceremony via Facebook Live acknowledging Chase's accomplishments. Congratulations Chase!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 14 Kindergarten Advent Prayer Service video
- Dec 16 Seton Staff Christmas Luncheon by PTA
- Dec 18 Preschool Prayer Service
2nd Grade Festival of Trees
- Dec 20 Seton Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting
- Dec 21 Seton Christmas Concert video (Grades K-2)
- Dec 22 1st Grade Christmas Prayer Service video
- Dec 23-Jan 3 **No School**- Christmas Break
- Jan 4 Return to school

