



at Our Lady of Lourdes † Saint Anne

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 3/21/20



March is quickly going by! The last week of the month, March 29-April 2 is Spring break. Nurse Anne has included a travel up-date for your convenience. She advises that if traveling, you check with your airline. Some are requiring pre-testing before boarding, especially those flying in and out of the US. In addition, beginning March 18, “New Yorker residents do not need to quarantine upon returning to NYS, if they are traveling within US or its territories.” The US Virgin Islands, St. James, St. John’s, St. Croix, including Puerto Rico are considered US territories. Destinations such as Baja California, Aruba, Canada and Mexico require that you must quarantine 7 days and test on the 5th day before returning to school.

BLAST GALA!!!!

I have seen some of the plans for our 27th annual BLAST Gala! Shannon Hansford and her committee have been hard at work. The prizes for the raffles are fabulous. I know I’ll have an easy time selling my tickets! In the coming weeks, you’ll receive communications from both your class liaisons and the school office with more details. I don’t want to give anything away but sports fans are going to go crazy when they find out one of the prizes! They won’t Bill-ieve it! Also, consider being a family or corporate sponsor for this event. We will make it worth your while!

If you have any questions or would like to get involved on the BLAST Committee, please feel free to contact Shannon Hansford at shansford78@yahoo.com. Also, stay up-to-date on all the latest BLAST 2021 details by joining the event’s Facebook Group—2021 Seton BLAST. The Facebook Group is a blast in and of itself!

SETON 6TH GRADE RECOGNITIONS

Many of our current students are beginning to hear from their future middle schools about awards and scholarship! While we know other awards will be coming, I thought I would announce them as I hear about them.

Marco DeAscentiis, Josie Fleming, and Brianna Falone all received **Aquinas Principal’s Award for Academic Excellence Scholarships** from Aquinas!

Owen Compisi received 99’s across the board in all subjects and has been awarded **the Xavier Merit Scholarship** for the next two years at McQuaid.

Katarina Szulgit, Stephanie Walsh both received Mercy’s **McAuley Middle School Scholarships**. Scholarship recipients are selected based upon the results of the grade-specific entrance exam. **Katarina** also was awarded an **Emerging Leader Award**. The Emerging Leaders Scholarships are awarded to incoming students who have demonstrated leadership skills and display the potential to be a leader at Mercy.

Arwen Gamez has been officially asked to design the Bristol Mountain Ski Patrol's Logo. This logo will be printed on the patrol's sweatshirt/shirt, helmet and hat.

As more awards are announced, we will share them with you!

STAR STUDENTS

We recognized **Steven Chau** and **Gemma Korba** this morning for their outstanding kindness and hard work! Both students were nominated by teachers in the building as examples of what it means to be a Seton student! Congratulations Steven and Gemma!

We recognize two Seton students every month through out the year.

ALUMNI RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to McQuaid senior & Seton alum **Charles Laniak** who has been named a 2021 National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC) finalist. High school seniors across the country compete annually for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million. More than 1.5 million juniors entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of finalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

Winners of Merit Scholarship awards are chosen from the finalist group based on their abilities, skills and accomplishments. NMSC evaluates the finalist's academic record, information about the school's curriculum and grading system, PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index score, the high school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership and the finalist's essay.

Also, **Sammy Brunacini** recently designed and brought to market an app that does something very technical! Universities, college students are purchasing and using it.

SPIRIT-WEAR FRIDAYS

Next Friday is "Spirit-Wear day"! Students may wear any Seton spirit-wear: sweatshirts or t-shirts with Seton on it; little Angels shirts, CYO soccer or basketball jerseys, PE shirts or sweatshirts, 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. If your child does not have any Spirit wear, please send an email to Karen.johnson@dor.org and we will be sure they have something for next Spirit-Wear day on Friday, March 26th.

RICE BOWL

Once again this year we will participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Campaign. Last year we raised over \$2,000!! In years past, we held our counting day where older students helped younger students count their donations. This year we ask that you help your child count their donation at home and send in a check made out to CRS. We will then count up our total donation and send all checks to Catholic Relief Services. Hopefully next year we will resume counting day! Rice Bowl donations should be turned in by Monday, March 22. Rice Bowls were sent home last Friday.

NYS TESTING FOR GRADES 3-6

We are moving ahead with preparations for this year's NYS testing. Please try not to schedule appointments or vacations during New York State testing for ELA and Math. The dates are as follows:

- ELA Grades 3-6: Apr. 20-22
- Math Grades 3-6: Tues. May 4-6
- Science: Grade 4 **ONLY**: Tues. June 8

REGISTRATION UP-DATE

Don't miss the **Financial Aid deadline of May 1st!** Be sure to log on to **F.A.C.T.S.** to complete the process.

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.

PARKING REMINDER

The Novitiate Community has asked us to remind parents that the small parking lot, by the playground, at the back of the building is for their use only. Please refrain from using the parking lot for drop off and pick up. Preschool and after-school pick-up are both able to access the school's playground door from both Rhinecliff and Varrina. We only ask that you stay away from the Rhinecliff side from 1:30-2:30 at dismissal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 22	Rice Bowl check donations due
Mar. 26	Spirit-wear day
Mar 27-Apr. 4	Spring Break: Return to school on Monday 4/5
Mar. 28-Apr. 3	Holy Week
Apr. 4	Easter Sunday
Apr. 9	School Mass at OLOL at 8:30am ZOOM 6 th gr. parents allowed to join us in-person
Apr. 20-22	NYS ELA Assessments Grade 3-6
Apr. 23	Spirit-wear day
Apr. 30	No School: Teacher Scoring Day
Apr. 30	B.L.A.S.T.!!!!!! Join the fun!!!!
May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3	St. Joseph the Worker Prayer Service
May 6	Nurse's Day
May 4-6	NYS Math Assessments Grade 3-6
May 7	1 st grade's Mother's Tea Picnic (rain date 5/14)
May 13	Ascension Thursday School Mass at OLOL at 8:30am zoom 5 th gr. parents allowed to join us in-person
May 24-28	Scholastic Book Fair
May 28	Spirit-wear day
May 28	May Crowning Prayer Service featuring 6 th gr. parents allowed to join us in-person

- May 29-31 **No School: Memorial Day Weekend**
- Jun 11 2nd grade Communion School Mass at OLOL at 8:30am zoom
- 2nd gr. parents allowed to join us in-person
- Jun 15-16 Field Days
- Jun 17-18 Rain Dates for Field Days
- Jun 21 PK Celebration
- Jun 22 Kindergarten Celebration- K parents allowed to join us in-person
- Jun 23 Godspeed
- Gr 6 parents allowed to join us in-person
- Jun 24 Last Day of School (½ day, 11:15 release)
- Jun 24 Seabreeze Day! (This is a family event) 11:00-8:00

