



at Our Lady of Lourdes † Saint Anne

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

3/5/21

I hope that everyone was able to experience a wonderful February break. Many teachers were in the school over break getting ready for the next few weeks of school. Children returned last Monday happy and healthy, ready to get down to work! March is traditionally a long month in school. There are no scheduled days off until the very last week of the month. That makes it one of my favorite months! We have a solid block of time to get down to the business of learning!

As I returned we began using our morning prayer to introduce a 10 week meditation on **Social Justice**. Throughout each week, I am focusing on a cultural definition, a bible verse, a reflection on a bible reading, and sharing a story about a Social Justice Hero. I then conclude the week with a review and reflection. Each week I am sharing our topics with you, through parent email, so that you can extend the conversation at home if you so choose.

New York State tests for grades 3-6 are right around the corner. So far they have not been canceled by the state. We are continuing to prepare by learning the skills needed to take the tests. Just like you wouldn't step out onto the playing field to play a baseball game without first learning how to swing a bat or catch a ball, we are working on the mechanics of test taking to give our students the best chance for success.

REGISTRATION UPDATES

Thank you again for re-registering at Seton! We are looking forward to another year just like this one filled with kindness and compassion and high academic standards!

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.



BLAST GALA!!!!

Our 27th **annual BLAST Gala** is happening! If this school year has shown us anything, it's that the Seton Catholic School Community is supportive, exceptionally generous and, most importantly, *Better Together*. For nearly three decades, we have been able to gather and raise funds to support academic excellence and faith-filled learning for Seton students. Whether investing in technology, capital improvements, ongoing professional development for our faculty or addressing the school community's greatest needs when they arise, BLAST financial resources make a difference in our students' day-to-day school experience!

In the coming weeks, you will receive communications from both your class liaisons and the school office about how you can help make our 27th Annual BLAST a success. Whether through a family or corporate sponsorship, contributing to your class' raffle package, purchasing and selling raffle tickets or participating in our virtual BLAST dinner and festivities, there are ways for everyone to get involved, celebrate and raise some funds for our kids!

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!

STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Some reminders about student drop-off and pick up: Please be considerate of the other parents and follow the car line-up protocol. When dropping off in the morning, be mindful of other parents. If you need to help your child out of the car, kindly pull into a parking spot and walk your child to the flag pole. This will allow others a chance to move through the line in a timely manner.

When you arrive for after school pick up, join the line of parents patiently waiting on Rhinecliff. **I have included an updated traffic flow map for your convenience.** Do not turn on to Imperial and expect to jump into line. Enter Rhinecliff from either Varrina or Monroe Ave. Other parents have gotten in line before you and are patiently waiting beyond the intersection on Rhinecliff. If you find yourself on Imperial, drive through the intersection and turn left on Varrina. It will take you back to Rhinecliff where you can turn left and join the line-up.

If you need to assist your child in getting settled into your car, pull into a parking space and walk over to the flag pole. Your child will be delivered to you.

Please be courteous to your fellow parents!

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! Please help us to gather coins and dollar bills to see how much we can be like the Good Samaritan. Rice Bowl donations should be turned in by **Monday, March 22**. Rice Bowls were sent home last Friday.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Every year, Irish Dancers visit us to perform for our school. We are looking for ways to safely make this happen! If you have a connection to an Irish Dance School, please let me know Patricia.selig@dor.org.

St. Patrick's Day is one of our designated school dress down days. Students wear St. Patrick's Day colors with jeans. Please no costumes, hats, face paint, hair coloring etc.

SPIRIT-WEAR FRIDAYS

The last Friday of the month is "Spirit-Wear day"! Students may wear any Seton spirit-wear: sweatshirts & 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 12	School Mass at OLOL at 8:30am ZOOM grade 3
Mar. 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day!
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
Apr. 20-22	NYS ELA Assessments Grade 3-6
Apr. 30	No School: Teacher Scoring Day
May 4-6	NYS Math Assessments Grade 3-6