

Hi Everyone!

This past month has just flown by! Every day I wonder at the amazing children who come through our doors. They are the kindest people I know. During morning prayer, we begin each day speaking of kindness and how we can make each other's day a little brighter. Teachers and staff are continually reinforcing this message to our children. I have had many opportunities to spend time with everyone during the school day. It is such a pleasant experience to engage with different groups and get to know them. I thoroughly enjoy your beautiful children! They are bright, fun, engaging, curious, and respectful. I am always proud of the way they represent Seton Catholic School. You are raising wonderful young ladies and gentlemen!

School Mass: Our Opening of School mass was held last Friday! Our 6th graders represented us as our mass leaders. Every month another class will act as our leaders. Congratulations to our 6th grade for all of their hard work in preparation. They performed their responsibilities beautifully. We were so blessed to be able to go to church as a whole school for the first time in so very long!

Long Weekend Ahead! Just a reminder: Next **Friday, October 8th is Superintendent's Day** for teachers and staff with **no school** for students. Also, there is no school on **Monday October 11th, for Columbus Day**. Enjoy a long weekend with your family.

Covid flowchart: In this Green Envelope is the latest flowchart regarding exposure to COVID, from Nurse Anne and Mrs. Dahlkemper in conjunction with Dr. Tuite and Dr. Mendoza. This information comes directly from the NYS Department of Health. It gives a very clear path to help you to understand when to contact your family doctor. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Lunch News: we are struggling to get our lunch program started. Many vendors will not be able to provide lunches for us because of their own staffing shortages. As soon as we have a plan in place, we will let you know.

Picture re-takes: Friday Nov. 12th.

From the Office: Please contact the office with any dismissal changes or if your child will be leaving early. The teachers are super busy and do not always see an email in time. When the office is notified, Mrs. Scott will do her best to have your child in the office and ready for sign out when you arrive. This will be helpful when running to doctor appointments.

Label! Label! Label! Please place your child's name on tags of sweatshirts, sweaters, and just about anything you can write their name on. Many sweatshirts are in the office looking for their owners.

We are still looking for many families' **Emergency contact information.** If you have not yet done so, please fill out the attached form and return it to school.

<https://www.setoncs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-2022-emergency-information-form-1.pdf>

CASE Training/Volunteer Process. Mrs. Scott has several CASE applications that are missing items that are needed in order to be completed. I will be sending out emails indicating what is still needed. Please be mindful that the background check process can take up to two weeks to complete and cannot be started until I have all the required documents. CASE instructions and information can be found on our website. Click on the "parents" tab at the top then scroll down until you see a section for CASE. You can send in your documents with your child to the main office or feel free to email them to Mrs. Scott, Andriana.scott@dor.org.

Parent/Teacher's Zoom Conferences: This year's Parent/Teacher Zoom Conferences will be held in the afternoons of Monday & Tuesday **November 22 & 23rd**. All conferences will be held virtually this year. Your classroom teachers will be sending out sign ups and Zoom links. **These days are ½ days of school for all Seton students. Dismissal is at 11:15.** Please check with your home district to ensure that busing is available.

Seton Marathon: If the weatherman is correct, it will be a glorious morning for our Marathon event next **Thursday, October 7th**! Whatever the weather, please dress your children accordingly. If it is lightly raining, we will still walk! Send in rain coats, boots and umbrellas if need be. If steady rain is forecasted, we will have our Marathon on the Rain Date, **10/12/21**.

Our PK Marathon Days are always a big hit! They are held Tuesday and Wednesday (**10/5 & 6**) during their morning hours! Preschoolers walk on two days so that everyone can participate on their scheduled school day. Our preschoolers do such a great job showing school spirit!

Our **prayer service** will be put on by our 6th grade on our basketball court at **8:30am**. Please know that all are welcome to join us to pray and to help us cheer the children on as they walk the Marathon route! We ask that you stay socially distanced and wear your masks.

Christina Wesley Thrall, Lisa Fleming, and Sheila Campolieto have done a spectacular job getting everything ready! Thank you! Many parents have volunteered to make this event a success but there's always room for more. Consider lending a hand or sending in treats. The web link is as follows:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4aab082ca2f94-2021>

For more information check out the attached Marathon info sheet.

Seton Personal Electronic Device Protocol:

Included in the Green envelope is a copy of our Electronic Device Protocol. It is included in our Parent/Student Handbook and can also be found separately on the website under the "Parent" tab. Please review this important policy with your children. <https://setoncs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Electronic-device-protocol-10-1-19.pdf>

Dress Code: We are still following our Fall/Spring Dress code. Students may wear their shorts until **Nov. 1st**. (Brrrr!) Thank you for helping your children to dress according to our dress code. If you are unsure about what is acceptable, please check our Parent/Student Handbook on our website under the "Parent" tab:

<https://www.setoncs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/School-Uniform-1.pdf>

Birthday celebrations: Please remember, last year our birthday celebration policy had to change. Continuing this year, no homemade snacks or treats, or store-bought items will not be allowed. (e.g.: Wegmans' or Walmart cupcakes, cakes, and cookies, any bakery items, cookie cakes...)

This year only prepackaged individually wrapped snacks will be allowed in the building for celebrations.

Many teachers are asking for non-editable treats. Please help us to keep our children as stress free and as safe as possible by preparing them for this change and following this new policy. Non-prepackaged individually wrapped items will be returned home.

Also, please be aware of food allergies in your child's classroom. Strive to treat your child's classmates as you would want your child to be treated. We have many severe peanut, dairy, and other food allergies in our building. Remember, our school is "Peanut/Nut Free". Check with the classroom teacher before sending anything in. Thank you for helping.

McQuaid Men: Next Wednesday, **October 13th**, some McQuaid men (Seton Alumni) will be here raking leaves and generally helping out with outdoor cleanup from 9:00-11:00.

Sacramental Preparation: As we begin the school year, please remember that all sacramental preparation is done in your home parish. The Diocese of Rochester's Policies for the Administration of the Sacraments states: "... Sacramental preparation programs of Baptism, First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation are parish-based". Please contact your home parish for more information on First Communion and Reconciliation classes. Classes are now being scheduled.



Upcoming Events: (Please see the School's website for further dates and information)

- Oct 5-6 Preschool Marathon Days
- Oct 7 School Marathon
Chess Club Forms due
- Oct 8 **No School:** Superintendent's Day
- Oct 11 **No School:** Columbus Day
- Oct 12 Marathon Rain Date
- Oct 14-15 6th Grade Leadership Retreat
at the Sunshine Camp
School Mass 8:30
- Oct 15 School Mass 8:30
- Nov 3 **No School:** Teacher's Retreat
(also, Election Day!)
- Nov 11 **No School:** Veteran's Day
- Nov 22 & 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences:
1/2 Days of School 11:15 dismissal
with Zoom conferences in the PM
- Nov 24-28 **No School:** Thanksgiving Break

