

SETON EAGLE NEWS

We pledge to promote Christian values, excellence in education and the growth of the total person.

REMINDERS

November

- 16-20 Annual Food Drive
- 18 Jr. Optimist 3:30-5
- 19 Prayer Service/Buddy Visit
- 20 National Principal Appreciation Day School Social
- 24 6th grade Retreat
- Prayer Service 2:40
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Break
- 29 Advent Begins
- 30 Classes Resume

Boys Basketball

- 11-18 VS. KCMS 5,6,7 pm
Red 8th VS. Holy Spirit 8 pm
- 11-23 @ Neumann 7,8, pm
8th Red @KCMS 1:00
- 11-24 VS. Holy Spirit 7 pm
Red 8th VS. SJLC 6 pm

From the Principal's Chair

Please take time to read the entire newsletter this week, as it will be the last one until after Thanksgiving.

The sixth graders will be on retreat next Tuesday, November 24. The retreat theme is "From Exodus to Community" and fits well with our monthly theme of Catholic Identity. Sixth grade students and teachers will walk across the street to St. Thomas and spend the day in discussion, doing small group activities, watching part of a movie, playing and praying together. The retreat takes place during the school day and will end with an all-school prayer service back here at St. Patrick Parish at 2:40. If you have a sixth grader, please return the enclosed permission slip by Monday, November 23.

Tuesday, November 24, is our last day before the long Thanksgiving break. It is a tradition that the staff say a pray of blessing on all students for a safe and peace-filled holiday. In keeping with that tradition, we will do so at this final prayer service. **We also wish to extend that blessing and prayer to all of you. We are grateful for all the support you give to us as we journey together in the academic and faith formation of your child. God bless all your families, blessings on your Thanksgiving and safe travels to all!**

There is another permission slip in today's envelope for a special performance at the PAC in which all Seton and SMC students will participate. The Bergstrom Corporation sponsors this special event. The show we are going to see is called "History of the Word", and will include some activities before and afterwards to be done in Com Arts classes. It looks like a great event and we are again grateful to be able to offer this opportunity to our students free of charge thanks to Bergstroms!

We do have a social scheduled for after school this Friday, November 20. We will be showing a choice of two movies. "Up" will be playing on the gym ceiling and a "Charlie Brown" Marathon will take place in room 103. The \$5 fee goes up after today. Please send the permission slip to school if your child plans to attend.

Our second Buddy Visit is scheduled for tomorrow. The TCCES fourth graders will come to Seton to participate in a visit with their buddies. All other Seton students will travel to the elementary schools for the monthly visit. Be sure to ask your child about the visit!

Mrs. Kalous





They will soar as with eagles' wings

Isaiah 40:31

STAR

STAR groups continue to work on activities that help reinforce the idea of community. Our Buddy Visit this Thursday is one such activity. We recognize that we are part of the larger TCCES community and that we have a part in the witness of our faith to the community at large. When we pray and play together, we become Christ to one another. That is our call as Christian people – to love and support each other, to recognize how we fit into the faith community and to understand that Eucharist is the focal point of that sharing! You can continue that witness as a family in your daily actions of love and support to one another and in your sharing of weekly Sunday Mass.

Advent

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. As part of our Advent participation, students will participate in one additional prayer service each week, which will have an Advent theme and help us in our preparation for the Christmas celebration! Students will do this as a religion class and the prayers will take place in our school chapel. Following is a great site for family Advent ideas: www.catholic.org/advent/. We will also provide students with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent. That will take place on Wednesday, December 9.



Parish Outreach

As a faith community, we recognize that our school is connected to all of our TCCES parishes. In showing that support and gratitude for all the parishes do for us, we take this time during Advent to help with the various collections and programs that are offered at the five Neenah/Menasha parishes. As you celebrate Sunday mass at your home parishes, please look around to see what is being done at that level. Many of the churches have set up “giving” trees, or collection boxes for the Winnebago Mental Health Institute, collections of baby items, or even food collections. Please prayerfully consider what your family can afford to do at this special time o help those in need.

Forensics is Upon Us!

Today there is a sign up sheet included in your envelope for the Seton forensics team. If your child is interested in that program, please send in the sign-up sheet and payment as soon as possible. There are also opportunities for coaching and judging. If you are interested, please sign up at the bottom of the letter.

SCRIP for the Holidays

There will be no scrip order the week Of Thanksgiving. The order on Dec. 19th will come in Dec. 3rd. There will also be no orders done the week of Christmas and New Years. The order placed on Dec. 17 will not come in until Jan. 7.

Big Win For FIRST!!

Congratulations to Seton's FIRST Team. The team completed in the regional tournament in Appleton this past Saturday and came away with the Teamwork Award and a chance to compete for the third year in a row for the state tournament. They were also nominated for the prestigious Champions Award. The state tournament takes place on Osseo on December 5th.

More Seton Winners!

Jumbo Gumbo was the place to be this past Saturday. Preliminary results are showing that well over \$50,000 was raised! We had several prizewinners from our Seton Family – Harold Boccheciamp (Harold's dad) won the digital camera, Bob Kraus (Jake's Dad) took the 42" TV home. Pat Waldrop (Logan's Mom) will be sunning herself in Orlando Florida! Jolene Levine (John's Mom) will have her choice of an outdoor fireplace or stone patio. And the big winners of the evening were Joe & Katie Golichnik (JT's folks). Will they do an indoor or outdoor Home Makeover ???

Thanks to all who supported this even with raffle ticket sales and with attending the event. It was a fun-filled evening.

Food Collection

Our annual food collection is scheduled to end this Friday. However, since we will be bringing all the collected items over to St. Thomas when we go with the sixth graders for retreat next Tuesday, we will accept donations through next Monday, November 23. Please be generous in your giving. This food drive helps needy right here in our own backyard!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

Within the next two weeks the religion teachers will introduce students to the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award. This award program will be offered for the second year here at Seton. In an effort to promote Christian Discipleship as part of our Catholic Identity, the religion team developed this innovative program of service and Christian leadership last year. The program will be explained to students the first week of Advent. As with the beginning of a new calendar year, many of us make "New-Years Resolutions", we will be encouraging students to make "resolutions" during this time of the liturgical year – Advent marks the new church year!

There are a number of requirements for this award. This will be explained to all students and posted on line as well. Every student is eligible to participate in this program which will go through the Lenten Season. Please encourage your child to participate. Last year we had 13 students across the grades who earned this award!

Service Opportunity

We will be changing the missalettes at St. Gabriel Parish after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, Nov. 22. If any student is interested in helping for service hours, please contact Anne Greif at dagreif@sbcglobal.net. We hope to be done in an hour or so. Thanks!

