

# SETON EAGLE NEWS

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

## REMINDERS

### December

- 3 Liturgy 9:15  
PAC Performance 12:30
- 4 Market Day 2:15-3:15  
Cafeteria or Gym
- 6 IMAJN Mass 5:00
- 7 Choir Christmas Concert  
St. Patrick's 6:30
- 8 Immaculate Conception  
Liturgy 9:15
- 9 Seton Reconciliation  
Cookie Dough Delivery  
2-5pm
- 10 St. Gabe's Buddy Visit
- 11 Holiday Social 3:30-5:30

### Boys Basketball

- 2 Blue VS. Greenville 5, 6,  
7pm  
Red 8 VS. Sherwood 8pm
- 5 Blue @ St. Joe 12, 1, 2pm
- 6 Red 8 @ St. Nick's 3pm
- 12 Blue 6 & 7 VS. Holy Spirit  
10, 11am  
Blue 8 VS. Red 8 @ 12pm

### From the Principal's Chair

This Friday marks the mid-way point for second quarter. Please look for updated grades on Edline after 4:00 on Friday. Any student with a D grade is considered "at risk" and will be monitored to help bring the grade up. A grade of F puts a student on academic and athletic probation (if they play a sport). If that is the case, your child may be pulled from practice or games until we see effort to improve the grade.

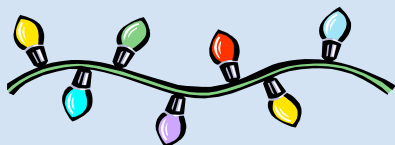
We are definitely in the midst of the boys' basketball season. When they finish up, the girl's season will begin. As a parent of a child who plays sports here at Seton, it is important for you to know that you are expected to help with either the concession work or with the score board during home games. A worker schedule for the boys' games was sent home through the family envelope. It designates your rotation for the various jobs. It is very inconvenient for other parents when someone does not show up. Although these can count for parent involvement hours, they are NOT OPTIONAL. Working at home games is part of the commitment you make when you and your child choose to participate in sports here. **Please make every effort to be here when you are assigned to work. If you are unable to do so, it is your responsibility to find a substitute or to switch days with another family.**

Don't forget our Choir concert next Monday, December 7. I have been hearing students practice and they sound beautiful! It should be a wonderful evening of entertainment. Our Band Christmas concert will be on Monday, December 21.

On Tuesday next week, December 8, we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a mass at 9:15. Please feel free to join us at this all school liturgy.

We collected over 400 non-perishable food items the week before Thanksgiving. The sixth graders were happy to carry the items across the street when they went for their retreat last Tuesday. People at St. Thomas were thrilled with our efforts, especially since the shelves of their food pantry were getting quite slim. Thanks to all the families who donated to this food drive. We also collected over \$400 in donations at our school liturgies and prayer services for the month of November. That money will also be donated to St. Thomas for their Double Portions Food Program.

*Mrs. Kalas*





## They will soar as with eagles' wings

Isaiah 40:31

### S.T.A.R.

This week our seventh graders began a program called Project ALERT. This age-appropriate substance abuse prevention curriculum has been proven effective in reducing experimentation among teens, and in reducing usage among teens that do experiment. There are 5 lessons for grade 7 with 3 follow-up lessons in grade 8. A similar program geared to sixth graders is called Too Good For Drugs. The sixth and eighth graders had their first lesson earlier in November.

The lessons in both Project ALERT and Too Good For Drugs will be taught by Mrs. Jenny Whiting, a Safe & Drug Free Counselor of Menasha and supported by Mrs. Kalas, Seton's school counselor. Our school is committed to providing the most effective approaches to preventing the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in our school and community. We know that prevention of drug use is most effective when it is a partnership between the community, the home and the school.

According to a nationwide survey released by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, youth who learn about the risks of drugs at home from their parents are much less likely to use drugs than those who do not. However, getting the message across is not easy. According to the Partnership's survey, virtually all parents (98%) reported talking to their kids at some point about drugs, but just 68% of the kids remembered the conversation, and only 27% reported learning a lot at home on the issue of drug use. Here is where the structured home learning opportunities within Project ALERT and Too Good For Drugs can help to focus discussion between you and your kids.

Your child may bring home up to five homework assignments that will involve you in discussion, sharing responses and listening to oral reports. These home learning assignments are provided to give you an opportunity to communicate with your child about these important issues. Your responses will NOT be shared in the classroom. If for some reason you are not comfortable returning the responses to school, please send a note to confirm the assignment has been completed. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Kalas.

### Advent Prayer Services

Every Monday or Tuesday during the season of Advent, your child will participate in a special prayer service with his/her religion class. In an effort to distinguish this time of year as special in our church calendar, the religion team has planned and prepared special prayer time for each religion class. By going to the school chapel, students are provided with a special place outside the normal classroom in which to reflect on the season of Advent and how we are called to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Be sure to ask your child about the prayer for this week.

If you look at your TCCES calendar, you will see that we have a new monthly theme for December. **Prayer** is rooted in communication with God and inspires positive communication with each other. Through the celebration of Eucharist, special Advent Prayer Services, Daily Advent prayer with STAR groups, the display of the Advent wreath, participation in our TCCES parish Advent projects and the celebration of our church's feast days and holy days, we join as a faith community in prayer.

## Reconciliation

As part of our preparation for the Christmas celebration, we provide all students the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation here at school. It is fitting that we offer this sacrament of forgiveness during both the Advent and the Lenten Seasons. Next Wednesday, December 9, our TCCES priests will be here to help with that sacrament. All students are expected to participate in the prayer service that prepares them and all those who have received their first reconciliation will be expected to participate in the sacrament on that day. Please call Mrs. Kalas if you have any questions. **We are looking for one parent to help us with this Reconciliation from 9:00-11:00. We will need help in letting the office know when to send groups of students to receive the sacrament. Please call the office 727-0279.**

## Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

In an effort to promote Christian discipleship, the religion team has again put together a number of requirements for a special Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award. Every student is able to participate in this program, but it is optional. Please encourage your child to participate in this program. The requirements will be in a file on our web site and are also available from your child's religion teacher at school.



## News From TCCES Food Service

We would like to remind all parents of the importance of maintaining a positive balance in your child's hot lunch account. We are currently experiencing problems with a number of students taking meals that are ultimately not being paid for due to accounts that have reached the charge limit. If this continues, we will be forced to increase the price of meals due to the high cost incurred by the program. We do not want to deny any child a meal; however, if a student's account does not have enough money in the account to cover that meal, we will be unable to serve them a lunch.

Low account balance notifications are sent out semi-weekly via e-mail to any account that falls below a \$10 balance, and monthly balance statements are sent to every hot lunch account. Because these provisions are in place, we feel that parents have adequate notice when their child's account is about to reach its limit, and additional funds will need to be added to the account. If you are not currently receiving these notices, please call 967-0107 to verify that we have your correct e-mail address on file, so that you can stay notified of your child's account balance. We offer a variety of payment options, including automatic monthly deduction from a checking account, in order to ensure the greatest ease for families. If your family is having trouble maintaining a positive balance due to financial hardship, contact the food service office at 967-0107 to find out about available services or meal plans that may be of assistance to you. Thank you for your cooperation, and please remember to maintain a positive balance so your student will be able to enjoy their lunch.

### Market Day Pick Up

This Friday, December 4, is Market Day pick up. Due to St. Patrick's Cookie and Candy walk, we are not able to use the Parish center. The **pick up time is 2:15 - 3:15** and will be set up in the gym or cafeteria.

### Cookie Dough

If you ordered, it will be ready for pick up Wednesday, Dec 9 from 2-5pm. Please make arrangements with someone if you are not able to pick up. We do not have room to store in the freezer!

### St. Patrick's Christmas Sweet

Please join us this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4, 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>.

Stroll through our premiere selection of homemade Cookies & Candies at our Cookie and Candy Walk.

Granny's cupboard is filled with homemade canned items and we have a coverlet quilt to raffle off.

Come and find your Christmas tree at our tree sale.

Friday from 4-7 we will have a Fish Fry featuring grilled Wild Alaskan Salmon.

Sunday from 9-12:30 come have breakfast with Santa!



### Seton Sweatshirts

Did you forget something on your Black Friday shopping list? Did you forget to send in your sweatshirt order? We have extra hooded Seton sweatshirts available for \$35. Stop by or call to see if we have the right color and size for you. These will make a great gift for the up and coming Seton student!

### Washington D.C. Money

If your student participated in the St. Gabe's bake sale to earn money for D.C., please stop by and pick it up. If you would like us to send it home with your student, give us a call in the office. We will not send any money home without hearing from you first!

### Student Job Opportunity

Ann Bies, a community neighbor, is looking for a responsible young lady who can help her out with light housework. She would like help for 2 hours a week and will pay \$8 an hour. She lives on East Shady Lane in the Town of Menasha. Call her directly if you are interested 268-7202.

### Fun Christmas Facts!

Germany made the first artificial Christmas trees. They were made of goose feathers and dyed green.

Traditionally, Christmas trees are taken down after Epiphany.

Electric lights for trees were first used in 1895.

Coca Cola was the first beverage company to use Santa for a winter promotion.