

# SETON EAGLE NEWS

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

## REMINDERS

### December

- 16 Jr. Optimist 3:30-5pm  
 17 Prayer Service 9:15  
 SMM Buddy Visit  
 20 IMAJN Mass 5:00  
 21 Seton Band Concert 6:30  
 22 SM Buddy Visit  
 23 NO NEWSLETTER  
 Prayer Service 10:50  
 Early Dismissal 11:40

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Boys Basketball

- 16 Blue 6 & 7 @ Neumann  
 7pm (they have 2 gyms)  
 19 Red 8 @ St. Joe 3:00pm  
 Jan. 4 Red 8 @ Greenville  
 7:30pm  
 Blue 6 & 7 @ Greenville  
 5:30 & 6:30pm  
 Jan. 6 Blue VS. St. Joe 5:30, 6:30,  
 7:30

### Girl's Basketball

- 20 Blue @ St. Joe 12, 1, 2pm  
**Note Time Change!!!**  
 Jan. 5 Blue VS. St. Joe 5:30, 6:30,  
 7:30pm



### From the Principal's Chair

Our Christmas break begins with an early release next Wednesday, December 23. Students will be dismissed at 11:40 that day and are to return for classes on Monday, January 4. There is no newsletter going home. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a blessed, joyous and safe Holiday Season. May the Christ child's light and love shine in your homes and hearts as we celebrate His birthday together with the whole world!

This Thursday and next Tuesday we will have the last two buddy visits for the month of December. Seton students get to go watch the dress rehearsal of the elementary schools' Christmas program. Those who stay at Seton will either participate in our Geography Bee, or watch the "Nativity Story" and discuss the biblical interpretation of Christ's Birth. All students will have done all three activities as of next Tuesday. Be sure to ask your student about these worthwhile experiences.

Next Monday, December 21 is our Christmas band concert here at school starting at 6:30. Be sure to come and get into the holiday spirit listening to some very festive music!

By now, all your children should have received information about the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award. We introduce this program during Advent as we begin the new liturgical church year. It will end at Easter time. All students are encouraged to participate in this program. All necessary forms for this award are on our web site.

*Mrs. Kalas*





## They will soar as with eagles' wings

Isaiah 40:31

### Reconciliation

With the cancellation of last week's reconciliation here at school, we encourage our families to participate in this sacrament at one of our TCCES parishes. Following are the dates for upcoming Sacraments:

Friday, December 18	St. Gabriel	3:30 PM
Saturday, December 19	St. Gabriel	3:00 PM
	St. John	3:00 PM
	St. Margaret Mary	4:00 PM
	St. Mary	4:00 PM
Sunday, December 20	St. Patrick	9:45 AM
Monday, December 21	St. Gabriel	3:30 PM
		6:30 PM
Tuesday, December 22	St. Gabriel	9:00 AM
		3:30 PM

### Collections

Please continue to be generous with collections this week and next. Our November and December collections will be split between the Double Portions program and the Salvation Army. Donations are predicted to be down this year, yet the needs within our Community continue to rise. Please help your child remember to bring a donation for the collections on Thursday and again on next Wednesday. Encourage them to be generous.

### IMAJN Masses

IMAJN Masses in January and February 2010 will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Therefore, the January IMAJN dates will be January 10 and 24; February's dates will be February 14 and 28.

### Last Call for the Forensics Team!

Did you really want to join Forensics Team this year and missed the deadline?

We have extended the deadline for a short time. We still have the following categories open:

3 Group Interpretations, 1 Play acting, 9 Storytelling, 9 Demonstrations, 4 Poetry, 7 Solo acting.

Forms are in the office. The fee is \$30.

Please consider helping to grow our team!

### Notes From the Office

We have been having difficulty lately getting permission slips in on a timely manner. We make every effort to post any permission slips or forms that are sent through the yellow envelope on the TCCES Web site for Seton. If something is misplaced, please go there first for information or to download forms.

When handing in permission slips that involve money, please send it to school in a marked envelope and have your student turn it into homeroom.

Also, when picking up or dropping off your student, please make sure to pull all of the way forward to the Geenen Center before letting the students out. With the new fallen snow, there have been backups onto Washington Street that are causing safety concerns.

### Holiday Picture Pack

Please return the Lifetouch pictures as soon as possible. They are \$12 for one sheet, \$20

## Seventh Grade Families

The deadline for early registration for next year's Washington DC trip is fast approaching. You can lock in this year's rates if you sign up before December 30. After that date, the cost goes up. A packet of information from *World Strides* was sent home in the yellow envelopes about 5 weeks ago. Please refer to that for details about the trip and the cost for next fall. You can also register on-line at [www.worldstrides.org](http://www.worldstrides.org) or call 1-800-468-5899. There is a non-refundable \$99 fee (which will be applied to your final cost), which will reserve your spot for this trip.

## Cross Country Skis Available

Did you know that TCCES has cross-country skis that your family can use at very low rates? We have many sets, ranging in size from kids in about Pre4 through adult men's. This is a great opportunity to try a fantastic family sport that your kids can enjoy throughout their lives.

Your family may use the skis as often as you like throughout the season for a flat rate of only \$40.00 per family, or you may use them by paying \$5/person (\$20 maximum/family) each time. For more details or to reserves skis for your family, call Heather at 209-1022 or Molly at 420-4398. (All money collected is being saved for ski maintenance and/or purchase of additional equipment.)



## State of the Schools Address

Mr. Michael Sullivan, TCCES President, will present the annual TCCES State of the Schools Address on January 10, 11 and 12. The same presentation will be given each evening. All TCCES parents are encouraged to attend one of these informative presentations. Mr. Sullivan will discuss the steady progress of the TCCES schools, our growing enrollment and the new registration process. In addition, registration packets will be available for 2010-2011 school year. Please join Mr. Sullivan and the TCCES Administration on one of the following evenings:

- Sunday, January 10, 2010, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Elementary School's Gymnasium
- Monday, January 11, 2010, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Margaret Mary School's Gymnasium
- Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Gabriel School's Cafeteria

Please contact Ann Engelhard at [aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us) or 722-7796 ext. 201 for additional information.

## SMC Registration Night

SMC's Registration Night for Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Students is on Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. Incoming students and their parents will have the opportunity to register for 2010-2011 classes and meet with the SMC Faculty, Administration and Guidance Department. For additional information please call Jennifer Miller, Director of Admissions at 722-7796 x206.

## *K of C Knowledge Contest*

Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus sponsors a Knowledge Contest for students in grades 5 through 8. Neenah Council #5514 sponsors the local contest in Neenah. Students who live in Neenah are eligible to enter the Neenah contest. Students who live in Menasha will be invited to the Menasha council #1838 contest at a later date.

The contest is divided into two sections, spelling and math. You must choose one. Tests will be given at the same time with multiple choice answers. 30 minutes will be allowed.

Contest date is January 9, 2010 at St Gabriel's. Doors open at 9:30, testing at 10:00, ending at 10:30. No pre-registration required.

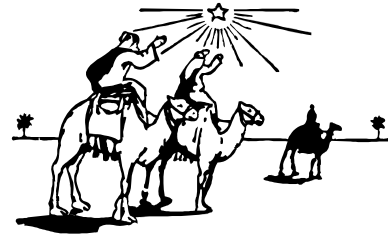
## *Appleton Boychoir*

The Appleton Boychoir will be holding auditions for boys in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade on Monday, January 4, 2010 at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 724 E. South River Street, Appleton. Deadline is December 30, 2009.

We have audition applications in the office or you can contact the Appleton Boychoir directly at [www.appletonboychoir.com](http://www.appletonboychoir.com) or [info@appletonboychoir.com](mailto:info@appletonboychoir.com).



**Seton Faculty and Staff  
would like to wish you all a  
very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!**



## *Fun Christmas Facts!*

California, Oregon, Michigan, Washington, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and North Carolina are the top Christmas tree producing states.

George Washington spent Christmas night 1776 crossing the Delaware River in dreadful conditions. Christmas 1777 fared little better - at Valley Forge, Washington and his men had a miserable Christmas dinner of Fowl cooked in a broth of Turnips, cabbage and potatoes.

The poinsettia, traditionally an American Christmas flower, originally grew in Mexico; where it was known as the "Flower of the Holy Night". It was first brought to America by Joel Poinsett in 1829.

Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim for his character in "A Christmas Carol," three other alliterative names were considered by Charles Dickens. They were Little Larry, Puny Pete, and Small Sam.

Frustrated at the lack of interest in his new toy invention, Charles Pajeau hired several midgets, dressed them in elf costumes, and had them play with "Tinker Toys" in a display window at a Chicago department store during the Christmas season in 1914. This publicity stunt made the construction toy an instant hit. A year later, over a million sets of Tinker Toys had been sold.