

SETON EAGLE NEWS

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

REMINDERS

March

- 10 Forensics @ SMC / pick up at SMC 7pm
- 11 Liturgy 9:15am
- 14 Daylight Savings begins
- 15 Forensics @ Xavier /pick up at Xavier 7:15pm
- 17 TCCES Celebration of the Arts @ PAC
- 18 Prayer Service 9:15
Buddy Visit
- 19 Social 3:30-5:30pm
- 21 IMAJN Mass 5:00pm
- 22 Xavier Math Meet
- 24 Jr. Optimist 3:30-5pm
- 25 Liturgy 9:15am
- 26 No School
- 27 Solo & Ensemble
Zephyrfest
- 28 Palm Sunday

From the Principal's Chair

TCCES sent out parent surveys via email during February. The results are back and I would like to share with you a bit of information about Seton and how parents responded.

136 emails were sent to Seton parents and 80 people replied for a 59% return (which is excellent as returns on surveys go). We really appreciate your taking time to do this survey and many of you for the comments you gave on the questions. Remember that you can count one-hour of Parent Involvement time for doing the survey.

Our overall survey led to the following conclusions: improve communication line (Ed-line, assignments, grades), use instructional time well, and continue to emphasize Catholic identity.

If you read my letter in last week's newsletter, you realize that we are having many problems with our computer network. It has affected being able to post grades and information to Edline. We are currently in the process of rewiring much of the building and putting in new network switches. Seton has been declared a priority for the technology office and they will be here all week to do the wiring. The switches will be changed out over a weekend right after they arrive. Once these two things are done, we should be better able to pinpoint our problem areas and find a solution or solutions. Please bear with us as we put these things in place.

Once our server and internet are working correctly, then the matter becomes making sure that we continue to upload grades once a week and that parents and students are able to access assignments and homework when a student is absent.

In the category of use instructional time well, I am visiting classrooms on a regular basis and discussing teaching techniques and curriculum with teachers on an individual basis. New teachers are visited more than experienced teachers and so on. If you have a question or a concern about a teaching technique, curriculum, etc., please email the teacher before you call me. A direct answer always is better than second-hand. I would be grateful if you would cc me on all emails.

We as a staff and a student community will continue to emphasize our Catholic Identity. We do this through Religion classes, STAR, retreats, prayer services, liturgy celebrations and discussion of our faith and the teachings of the church. We pray at the beginning, middle and end of our day and many teachers begin classes with prayer. The staff models their faith lives when we gather for prayer each day. Our faith is also evident through prayer centers, decorations, and religious pictures, posters and crucifixes.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the survey or the results.

Ms. Bausom





They will soar as with eagles' wings

Isaiah 40:31

S.T.A.R

Groups continue looking at issues of Social Justice this week. Seventh and eighth graders will participate in an activity called "Breaking the Chains of Justice", where they are placed in groups that are socially unfair and given opportunities to break away. It is an important lesson designed to help empower young people to do the right thing. Seventh and eighth graders will also have class meetings on Wednesday. Be sure to ask your child about both of these.

Sixth graders will continue discussions on fairness versus justice. They will have the opportunity to share ideas about the differences in the two words and in situations that fall into either category. By the way, if you have not heard your sixth graders Justice Rap from last week, be sure to ask them about it. They were terrific!

Lent

This week's mass marks the halfway point in our Lenten journey. It is fitting that we examine our efforts to date and recommit ourselves to the following three weeks with renewed vigor and interest. For your child, this includes looking at the commitment for the Heifer International Project. As a STAR group, each child agreed to a certain monetary amount to be donated over the weeks of Lent. Please encourage your child to honor their commitment. We do not wish this to be a hardship for anyone; therefore, no amount is too little to be given to this wonderful project!

WisCareers

A few weeks ago, all eighth grade students participated in a WisCareers online assessment, which resulted in a RIASEC code – a three letter code telling what career areas each child is suited for based on how they answered a series of questions in the Holland Personality Inventory. After checking off 88 questions related to occupations, students were told which of the following areas they scored highest in: **R**ealistic, **I**nvestigative, **A**rtistic, **S**ocial, **E**nterprising, or **C**onventional. After receiving the 3-letter score students were then encouraged to continue exploring the WisCareers website for additional career information within their code. Our school does not have WisCareers, but we were granted a one-time use from Career Connections for this activity.

In two weeks we will also participate in the Career Connections 8th Grade Career Fair to be held this year at Players Choice in Appleton, on March 24. Prior to that day, we will have some further career lessons from both Mrs. Kalas and from Junior Achievement. Your child will be given some additional web sites for further exploration on careers, education and choices for the future. If you have an eighth grader, please look for the permission slip for this Career Fair online or in today's envelope. If you have any questions about the 8th grade career unit, please contact Mrs. Kalas.

Student Spotlight

This past Saturday at Riverview Middle School in Kaukauna, **Bridget Flaherty** performed with her violin in a Solo Ensemble. She received a 1* (one star) and will be moving on to the State Competition on April 24. Bridget, that's music to our ears!!! Congratulations!

Spencer Gagne, 6th grader, is the first student this year to make the Mad Minute Hall of Fame.

The Mad Minute Hall of Fame was developed for students who correctly finish basic math drills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, each in under one minute, for four uninterrupted perfect weeks (20 total).

The 2010 VEX Robotics Competition Wisconsin Championship Tournament was held at SMC last Saturday. The 8th grade team, made up of prospective SMC students, did very well in the field of 32 teams from Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. They ranked in the top 8 teams and weren't eliminated until the semifinal alliance matches. This is very impressive, as the 12-person 8th grade team competed well with only 8 Saturday afternoons to design, build, and program their robot! Congratulations to the whole team led by Tony Dold and Mr. Jeff Ehlers, and especially to the Seton 8th graders who participated: **Kevin Drewa, John Levine, Andy Polnaszek, Connor Schanke, and Jace Scheffler**. Way to go guys!

Student Spotlight, continued

We proudly announce that **Greg Greif**, Seton 8th grader, who won the Seton Geography Bee, will advance to the state level in Madison on April 9, 2010!

When Greg took his qualifying test, he scored in the top 100 in the state. With his score, he is one out of 100 students throughout the state of Wisconsin to move to the state level.

The state winner will receive \$100, a National Geographic Collegiate Atlas of the World and a trip to DC. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 scholarship, and an all expense paid trip to the Galapagos Islands. Sets your sights high, Greg. Good Luck!!!

Eight Seton piano students are diligently practicing solos and duets to play for judges' critiques this Saturday, March 13 at UW-Oshkosh. The students prepare to play 2 or 3 memorized pieces and write a theory exam. Those students entering "state" track must prepare music literature from different musical eras and may qualify for further competition performance. Five of the entrants have prepared 2 duets for critique as well. The young pianists accumulate performance and test points toward commemorative plaques. The "auditions" are sponsored by WMTA (Wisconsin Music Teachers Association).

The following students are involved in Saturday's event and are students of Barbara Froelich: (Grade 8) **Allison Oskin** – 3 solos, **Coco Stano** - 3 solos, **Luke Young** - 2 solos & duets; (Grade 7) **Charlie Morley** - 3 solos & duets, **Jack Mulvey** – 3 solos & duets, **Claudia Rohr** – 3 solos & duets; (Grade 6) **Ben Bomier** - 3 solos & duets, **William Mai** – 2 solos.

Willy Wonka

St. Mary Central Zephyr Players proudly present: Willy Wonka, Friday, March 19th at 7:00pm, Saturday, March 20th at 7:00pm, and Sunday, March 21st at 2:00 pm and 6:00pm. Tickets are \$10 for Students (K-12), \$10 for Senior Citizens and \$15 for Adults. Almost 60% of all tickets have been sold so far. SO, don't miss your opportunity to see this wonderful production.

Reserve your tickets today at www.showtix4u.com or call 1-866-967-8167. All performances will be held at The UW-Fox Valley Theater located at 1478 Midway Road, Menasha, WI.

Solo & Ensemble Help Needed!

Looking for parent volunteers to help at the TCCES Solo & Ensemble on Saturday, March 27th. The co-chairs will be needing assistance between 7am and noon in the following areas: office, room monitor, hall monitor, information/greeter table, and concessions. Parents of performing band students will be scheduled to be open, or assigned to that room, during their child's performance. If you are interested in helping out and earning Parent Involvement hours, please contact Diane Schanke with your availability by emailing dschanke60@yahoo.com, or calling her at 722-9619. Volunteer assignments will be emailed and also sent home in the yellow envelope on March 24th. Thanks for your help; it takes a lot of volunteers to make an event like this run smoothly!

Celebration of the Arts

TCCES is sponsoring its annual Celebration of the Arts at the Appleton PAC tonight on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The reception is open to all and begins at 5:30 p.m. in the PAC lobby.

Seton band/jazz band and choir/ swing choir members are to wear black pants and black shoes. The band/jazz band members must wear band shirts. All shirts must be tucked in and belts must be worn. The choir/swing choir members are wearing Choir Shirt, Jeans with no holes or distress look and nice tennis shoes.

For students who are in multiple groups, there should be time to change shirts back stage. We will have a special spot to leave the changes to make it quick and easy to join the next group.

Students are to report at 6:00 p.m. and need to enter the PAC through the stage doors (opposite the parking deck). Seton band students report to the loading dock and the choir should report to the backstage area for warm ups, etc. Parents should not come back stage.

Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart.

—Mother Teresa