

SETON EAGLE NEWS

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

REMINDERS

May

- 3-7 MAP Testing
- 6 Rosary and May Crowning
9:15
- TCCES Flower Sale pick-up
- 7 Spring Pictures due back
- 8 Band Festival at FVLA
- 9 Mother's Day
- 11 Shirts for Squirt donations
- 13 Ascension of Our Lord
Liturgy 9:15
- 13-15 Music Man, Jr.
- 14 6th Gr. Day of Reflection
- 19 Jr. Optimist 3:30-5pm
- 20 Prayer Service 9:40
- Buddy Visit
- Band Concert 6:30pm
- 21 7th Gr. Day of Reflection
- Dance 6th & 7th 6-8pm
- 8th grade 6-9pm

From the Principal's Chair

We have been blessed by beautiful weather this spring. This weather does have a down side: we are seeing students with full-blown cases of spring fever. The countdown to the end of the school year has begun! We fully understand and sometimes share in this excitement, but it is extremely important that the students and teachers stay focused and the learning continues up to and including the last day of school.

"The key to staying focused is the following: sleep, food, and recreation. First, to focus a middle school student needs 9 hours of sleep--that is lights out. Hard to do in today's world, but try. Second, breakfast is necessary before that first class. Third, make sure he/she gets daily exercise to clear his/her head for homework. Limit outside activities to a few; do not over schedule. And above all, praise for good work." (From Education.com)

Each grade level will have a class meeting next week. We will share expectations for learning and behavior for the remainder of the year and some of our favorite memories with each other.

Each grade level will participate in a final day of reflection or retreat during the month of May. This is a most important day for your child to attend school. Learning about and sharing our faith are the main reasons this school exists.

Our production of ***Music Man, Jr.*** takes place next week-Thursday, Friday and Saturday (May 13, 14 and 15). Please make plans to attend one of the three productions and support our students. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will only be sold at the door.

Ms. Bausom





They will soar as with eagles' wings

Isaiah 40:31

S.T.A.R.

May brings a new STAR theme. As you can see by the TCCES calendar, we will explore the TCCES *Mission* and also look at our call to *Witness* (June's theme). Activities this week include explanations about how we are all called to evangelize and catechize! Students will explore the definitions of those words and see the many ways we can fulfill our mission as Catholics!

Prayer Services and May

Crowning

Tomorrow we will celebrate Mary with a rosary and May Crowning. The 6th graders will lead us in this special prayer service, which will begin at 9:15. Please feel free to join us if you are available.

End of the Year Retreats

As Seton Catholic Middle School brings closure to the school year, students will participate in daylong retreats. Annual Spring retreats are planned for each grade level. 6th graders will experience a day of reflection on Friday, May 14. The day will include activities around the theme of PEACEMAKING. Those students will work as a group to define peacemaking and explore the ways they are called to be peacemakers. Activities include several small group prayers, reflections, discussions and hands-on fun, and will conclude with a Peacemaking Jeopardy Game.

The 7th grade retreat, scheduled for Friday, May 21 has a theme of "Taking Off Our Masks". Students from St. Mary Central will lead this retreat under the direction of Ms. Gail Hawley. Mrs. Kalas and Mrs. Sullivan will also participate in this retreat with the students. We will take a closer look at the many masks that young teenagers tend to wear and what each one might be hiding. Both of those retreats will be held at St. Paul's Parish Center in Combined Locks. St. Paul's has a wonderful retreat facility and has always been very welcoming to our students.

The year-end retreat for 8th graders will be held at Camp Onaway on Thursday, May 27. The focus of that retreat is "Packing for the Journey, Don't Forget Jesus". Special attention and time is given to planning activities which help students bring closure to their middle school years, and move on to the next stage of life. The journey to high school can be scary and exciting. This retreat helps students to understand that the most important thing they can take with them to high school is their faith - their relationship with God. For we know, with God, all things are possible. Students will have an opportunity to reflect upon memories, speak words of inspiration, validate friendships, sing, pray and laugh. This is a powerful and exciting way to end the year!

Spring Pictures

Spring pictures were in last week's envelope. You may purchase individual sheets at \$12.00 each. If you do not want them send the package back to school no later than Friday, May 7th.

Fun in the Sun

Fox Valley Catholic Youth Ministers Association sponsors a number of summer events that are open to all youth in grades 6-12 throughout the Fox Valley Catholic Churches and their friends. Activities include a Marian Day, Campfires, various trips to Mt. Olympus, Six Flags and Noah's Ark, a Catholic Youth Expedition to Door County, a trip to Kettle Moraine State park and to a Soup Kitchen, as well as a trip to Little Amerricka in Marshall, WI. Some trips have registration deadlines in May. Please visit the following website for more details, www.fvcyma.com. You will also find all the liability information and waivers needed for your participation.

Serra Club Contest Winners

Each year we participate in the Serra Club poster contest for their vocations calendar. We are proud to announce our 7th and 8th grade class winners. In first place: **Sarah King** (grade 8) and **Rachel Rohe** (grade 7); in second place: **Grace Dejno** (grade 8) and **Jordann Britten** (grade 7); and third place: **Rebecca Konetzke** (grade 8), **Aspen Bormes** (grade 8) and **Nicole Miller** (grade 7). Congratulations to all these winners.

SMC Girls Soccer Grade/Middle School Night

SMC invites you to you to attend Grade School/Middle School Night on Monday, May 17, 2010 as the SMC Girls Soccer Team challenges Kewaunee at 7:00 p.m.

Each student will receive a coupon for a beverage and popcorn and be entered in a drawing for some great prizes.

Come out to see the excitement of SMC Girls soccer!

SMC Short Story Winners

Congratulations to the following eighth graders who placed in the SMC Short Story Writing Competition:

Modern Realism Category:

First place - **Coco Stano**

Third place - **Rebecca Konetzke**

Fiction Category:

Second place- **Kevin Drewa**

Third place - **Andy Polnaszek**

Their writing was selected from eighth graders around the Fox Valley and scored based on plot and character development, theme, creativity, and conventions. Winners will be honored at the Leadership Day Convocation at St. Mary Central on May 12. Well done, writers!

Shirts for Squirts

Community Clothes Closet is looking for help with their upcoming campaign, "Shirts for Squirts". They are looking for donations of children's clothing sizes 4T -18 (age range 3-18). They are in urgent need of shirts, pants, jackets and shoes.

We will be collecting the clothing at Seton. We will give you the weekend to clean out your closets! All donations are due on Tuesday, May 11. Thank you for all of your support. You can make a difference and put a smile on a child's face!

MMITM Save the Date

Seton's Third Annual **Meet Me in the Middle** Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM on the Terrace at Miron Construction Company. More details to follow soon!