



St. Andrew -
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Catholic School

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Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

Dear Parents:

Black Friday. Cyber Monday. Christmas items in stores put on display shortly after we come off our sugar highs from Halloween. And all this is supposed to get us in the Christmas spirit? This is supposed to help us prepare for the birth of our Lord? Don't think so.

Lessons in Carols, by the 6th grade. The Christmas play, performed by the 4th grade. Adopt-a-family, sponsored by the 8th grade with help from the 5th grade. This is what the season is supposed to be about. During this season of Advent, we are preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. We are to put others' needs ahead of our own. We are to reach out to those less fortunate, the marginalized, and to those who suffer.

And once again the students of SASEAS step up to the plate and hit another grand slam. After witnessing these recent events I realize, now more than ever, that we can, in fact, change the world. We can be the example for others to follow. As St. Francis of Assisi was fond of saying, "*Always, always preach the Gospel. When necessary, use words.*" We preach by our actions and the actions of our students speak volumes.

The generosity of our students during last Friday's bake sale was astounding. Over \$3300 was raised for the 8th grade's Adopt-a-family program. I have never seen anything like this. Students pooling their money so they can purchase a chocolate cake for \$150 is beyond imagination. Yet, that is exactly what took place during the bake sale auction. Granted, they received a case of Mountain Dew to wash it down, but it was still amazing. In fact, \$2000 alone was raised during the auction.

These students did not learn to be generous in a vacuum. They model what they see at home. Remember parents, you are the primary educators. We simply reinforce what our children are learning at home. And from what I have seen thus far, you are doing an exceptional job. Thank you.

And some more great news from our 8th graders – we just received their results from the High School Placement Test they took late November. If sometimes you wonder whether a Catholic education is worth \$3000 or not, then check out these numbers. 45 students took the placement test. 16 of them, or 36%, scored over the 90th percentile. Two of them scored in the 99th % - which is based on a national percentile. That is, of all students who took this test nation-wide, these two students scored in the top 1%! Additionally, based on stanine scores, all national scores are grouped into one of three categories – high, average, and low. 69% of our 8th graders scored in the high range. 96% scored at or above the average range.

St. Andrew Campus, 555 Main Street, Milford OH 45150
513-831-5277 • Fax 513-831-8436
Tom Devolve, Principal • Mike Goedde, Asst. Administrator
Drop Off: 7:30 am – 7:45 am • Pick Up: 2:45 pm
Office Hours: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Lunch: \$2.75 • Extra Entrée, \$1.85 • Milk, \$.50 • Super Lunch, \$3 • Extra, \$2.35
Parish Pastors: St. Andrew – Father Robert Waller (513-831-3353)

Seton Campus, 5900 Buckwheat Road, Milford OH 45150
513-575-0093 • Fax 513-575-1078
Tom Devolve, Principal • Carol Ducheny, Asst. Administrator
Drop Off: 8:10 am – 8:25 am • Pick Up: 3:20 pm
Office Hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Lunch: \$2.50 • Extra Portion, \$1.00 • Milk, \$.50
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Father Michael Cordier (513-575-0119)

Deadline for submitting articles to the Titan Times is Friday @ 9 am. Email to bernsd@saseasschool.org. Articles published upon approval.

Math and science are always the “hot buttons”. Again, our students excelled. 94% of the 8th graders scored at the average range or higher with 59% scoring in the high range. In science, again 94% scored average or better with 60% scoring in the high range.

These are impressive numbers. They indicate that our students will be more than prepared for their years in high school. Coupled with the events of this past week, the circle of teaching the mind and touching the heart is complete.

Peace and all good.

Tom Devolve, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/17 Spirit Day
Grade 8, Playhouse in the Park, 7pm
- 12/18 School Liturgies: Seton, 9am (3A),
SA, 11:45am (6-2)
Character Awards, SA, Noon
Christmas Classroom Parties, Seton, 2pm
- 12/21 Christmas Break begins
- 1/4 Classes Resume
School Liturgies, Seton 9am, SA, 11:45am

2010-2011 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The 2010-2011 school registration forms for returning students will be available online beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2010. The forms are due by Sunday, January 31 and can be dropped off at either school office during Open House. The registration fee for 2010-2011 is \$125 per student or a maximum of \$300 per family.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2010 from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm at both the Seton Campus and St. Andrew Campus.

SPANISH CLASS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – SETON CAMPUS

Jeanne Redington, SASEAS parent, will be offering Elementary Spanish to any student in grades 1-6. The classes will be formed in two sections: students in grades 1-3 and students in grades 4-6. All classes will be held at the Seton Campus. Jeanne's Spanish background includes studies at the University of Cincinnati, travels to Central America and Spain, and has recently held the position of Spanish teacher at Catholic Central Elementary in Springfield, Ohio.

At this time, Jeanne needs to know the amount of interest in this program. The cost would be \$7 per class. Each class will be 60 minutes in length and will be scheduled to begin immediately after school beginning in January. Please let her know if you would be interested and what week days would be best for your student. She can be contacted at: jredington@cinci.rr.com

TITAN TIMES GOES GREEN!

This is the last "paper" issue of the Titan Times. Effective January 6, 2010, the Titan Times will be available online and the white envelope will no longer come home with your student. New weekly editions of the Titan Times will be posted on the school website each Wednesday by 4pm at www.saseasschool.org. All pertinent forms that you are accustomed to receiving through the white envelope will also be available online.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

This is a reminder to mark your calendar for the upcoming *Parent Information Night*, Thursday, January 7, at 7pm in the Seton cafeteria. You will hear from the pastors, principal, and president of the School Advisory Committee addressing a number of topics to include: next year's tuition rates, the new contract, financial assistance, and the current state of the school. All parents are encouraged to attend!

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED!

The 7th & 8th grade students at St. Andrew Campus are busy preparing for the upcoming Science Fair & Exposition, scheduled for Friday, January 22, 2010 in the St. Andrew gym. Judging will take place 7:45-10:30am, and families are invited to view the projects that evening. Mrs. Susan Wolfe and Miss Pat Songer are expecting approximately 125 projects, and are in need of volunteer judges. Judges should have a background in science or engineering and should be familiar with the scientific method. Instructions and blank scoring sheets will be available prior to the competition. It is quite inspiring to view all of the diverse projects and help our young students get excited about science! If you or someone you know would like to judge, please contact Amy Schroeder at amyts@cinci.rr.com or 831-4136.

THANK YOU!

I want to thank all the volunteers who graciously helped with the H1N1 Clinic at the Seton School Campus and St. Andrew Campus, as well as our wonderful maintenance crew who helped with providing tables and chairs and the coaches who gave up gym time. This was a Federal Program carried out by the County Health Department to bring the flu vaccine to as many people as possible. We will probably never again see a vaccine program of this magnitude in our adult lifetime. For the most part, our parents handled this unknown process with a lot of patience. Thank-you!

YEARBOOK PHOTOS



Please remember to submit photos to the school office for consideration into the SASEAS Yearbook. The office will accept 4x6 photos or digital photos on CD. These photos will not be returned. Thank you!

SMILE YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will host Game Night at SEM Villa, Thursday, 12/17 from 6:30-8pm. Please join us and bring a smile to the residents. Call the Youth Office at 831-8318 for more information or to sign up. The next Jr. High dance is on Friday, Jan. 8. Chaperones will be needed. Again, please call or email the Youth Office if you can help at www.smile@cinci.rr.com.

CINCINNATI BELL

Please send in your Cincinnati Bell registration form and return to the school office if you are eligible to participate. The PTO will earn \$10 for each family that registers! If you no longer have your form and still want to participate click on the school website at www.saseasschool.org for the Cincinnati Bell link. You can submit your information online.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project was a huge success. We collected 268 shoeboxes this year. That is even more than last year. Obviously, the recession has not hurt the generosity of our families. Father Cordier and Father Rob performed a beautiful blessing of the boxes with members of each homeroom present. Students, parents, staff, and Priests worked together to load the boxes. The boxes were taken to the local collection center on Kemper Road where 20,000 shoeboxes were donated this year. In total, Operation Christmas child will collect approximately 7 million shoe boxes which will be distributed to impoverished children in 95 different countries. What a great opportunity for our children to participate in such a wonderful, global project. As Father so beautifully said, "May all of those who participated continue to grow in generosity of spirit and all that is good." We are so blessed. Merry Christmas all!

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Dec 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
Dec 21	St. Peter Canisius
Dec 23	St. John of Kanty
Dec 25	The Nativity of The Lord Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20 (Mass at Dawn) Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 (Mass During Day)
Dec 26	St. Stephen
Dec 27	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Psalm 128; Samuel 1:20-22; 24-28; Luke 2:41-52
Dec 28	The Holy Innocents
Dec 29	St. Thomas Becket
Dec 31	St. Sylvester I
Jan 1	The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
Jan 2	St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen
Jan 3	The Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



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SASEAS BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER

December 16, 2009

Baseball Fun and Fundamentals Clinic.

Dec. 28, 29, and 30
Seton Gym
8:30-11:30
Grades 3-8



Bring your glove and waterbottle. Wear sneakers, cup, sweatshirt or t-shirt, and cap (if you have one.) All skill levels accepted and appreciated. *Great way to learn some tricks and techniques in the off season!* This is a free clinic sponsored by SASEAS Boosters.



Be on the lookout for registration forms coming home for **Girls on the Run.**

For more info contact Juli Riley at 576-1425

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION: January 7th & 9th

In person registration for **Boys' Volleyball and Baseball** will be held January 7th and 9th at the Seton Gym. Any registration received after the 9th is subject to a \$10 late fee, and will also not be guaranteed placement on a team.

Registration information available on the Boosters Webpage.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

To all the volunteers that made this year's SASEAS Boys Basketball Tourney a success.

SPRIT DAY: THURSDAY, JAN. 14th

HAPPY HOLI DAYS!



Congratulations to the Berns 5th Grade Girls Basketball Team 2nd Place in the 2009 C YO City Tournament!
(not pictured: Alexis Robinson, Anna Dowd, and Emily Romano)

ATHLETE'S PRAYER

God, let me play well but fairly. Help me to learn something that matters once the game is over. Let competition make me strong but never hostile. Always help my opponent up. Never see me rejoicing in the adversity of others. If I know victory allow me to be happy, if I am denied keep me from envy. Remind me that sports are just games. If through athletics I set an example, let it be a good one.



Amen.

HELP WANTED!

Please send in all memorable or outstanding events in SASEAS Booster Sports to have published monthly.

SASEASBoosters@hotmail.com

Next Boosters Meeting:

Monday, January 11th at Seton's Teachers' Lounge @ 7pm

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St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School PTO Newsletter

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Merry Christmas!

On behalf of your PTO Board, we wish you a joyous Christmas and best wishes for the new year! We're looking forward to a wonderful and productive 2010 with your continued participation and support. Have a great break!

UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

Dec 18	Christmas Parties (K-5)/Christmas Treats (6-8)
Jan 12	PTO Meeting
Jan 14	Cook & Bake for Winter Conferences
Jan 14	Market Day Orders Due
Jan 15	Living Our Faith Parent Group
Jan 19	Market Day Pick Up
Jan 19	Birthday Bash (Grades 6-8)
Jan 20	Birthday Bash (Grades K-5)
Jan 30	Grand Event Adult Euchre Tournament
Jan 31	Catholic Schools Week Begins

MARCH 20!!!!

We're just three months away from the biggest and most important fundraiser of the year, and we appreciate the many donations of gift cards we have received so far. As you shop and receive gifts while we're on break, keep us in mind--all donations, large and small, will be used to make this the best Grand Event!



And don't forget to sign up for the **Progressive Euchre Tournament** on Jan 30! Registration information is available on our website.

Thank you . . .

Julie George, Christine Becker, Volunteers for a fun Family Pizza Night.

Marge Johnston, Jill Corbett for coordinating Uniform Exchange.

Mr. Bender, Kim Wheat, Parent Chaperones and Bakers for the 2009 Make A Difference Day.

Christine Becker for coordinating Restaurant Nights.

Renee Hoderlein for spearheading this year's "Operation Christmas Child" efforts.

Angela Foulks for a fabulous Grand Event logo!

Doug George, Julie George and Jill Corbett for creating the awesome Saints Shields display on the Seton Campus.

SASEAS School Parents for allowing your children to participate in the first Out-of-Uniform Day to benefit the 2010 Grand Event.

SASEAS School Community for purchasing Market Day pies!



Nearly 6,000 points & counting!
Thank you for your support!



Our next order
deadline is
Thursday, Jan 14 for
pickup on Tuesday,
Jan 19

cblearn.com

As you visit with friends and family this holiday season, ask them to sign up with Cincinnati Bell's Learn Program to earn FREE CASH! for SASEAS School. For details, see the flyer on our website, saseasschool.org.

What is Catholic Schools Week?

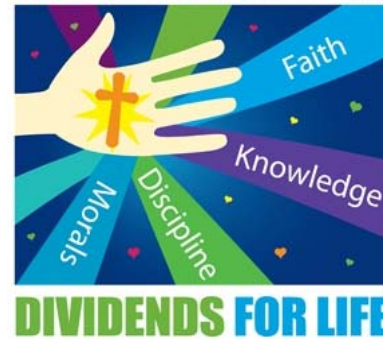
Each year during the last week of January, Catholic schools across the nation take time out to focus on the gift Catholic education provides to America's young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

SASEAS School participates in this week of building awareness of Catholic schools and in honoring those who contribute to its success--students, parents, parishioners, faculty, staff, volunteers, and community supporters.

To celebrate our amazing Catholic school, the PTO and SASEAS School faculty and administration are in the midst of planning a number of activities. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life" underscores the commitment of Catholic schools to continue the tradition of providing long-term benefits to our nation's youth. Parent volunteers will coordinate activities recognizing community businesses that support SASEAS School, plan an amazing Spaghetti Dinner celebration (see below), and coordinate fun and educational activities for our children. Faculty will prepare school liturgies, including an all-school Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, and children will thank their parents and parishioners for the wonderful gift of their Catholic education. Children will also participate in a school-wide service project and test their knowledge of their faith in the second annual Scavenger Hunt. The PTO will honor staff, faculty, and our pastors during a luncheon held mid-week and coordinate Open Houses on both campuses.

This week is a great opportunity for parents to assist in the many activities and programs planned to celebrate our Catholic school. If you did not sign up in September to participate during this special week, please send a note to SASEASPTO@saseasschool.org with your name and telephone number, and a chairperson will be in contact soon.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



PTO Income/Expenses (Oct 19 – Dec 11, 2009)

INCOME

Market Day	\$840
Market Research	\$100

EXPENSES

Political Convention (Balloons)	\$418
Christmas Around the World Supplies (Gr 1)	\$265
School Directories	\$1,575
C-Notify Service	\$475
St. Andrew Winterfest	\$600
Make A Difference Day (Lunch)	\$220
Family Pizza Night (Food)	\$470
Stone Soup Supplies (Kindergarten)	\$32
Christmas Parties (Gr K-5)	\$800
Christmas Treat Bags (Gr 6-8)	\$266
Halloween Treat Bags (Gr 6-8)	\$340
Christmas Gifts (Cash-Faculty/Staff)	\$4,075

This is the last "paper" issue of the PTO Newsletter. We'll be publishing online in 2010 (and beyond!) Watch for announcements of publication dates in the new online version of the [Titan Times](#).



The SASEAS School PTO invites the
St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Catholic Community to our annual

Catholic Schools Week
Family Spaghetti Dinner Celebration!
Friday, Feb 5, 2010
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cafeteria

Dinner catered by ***Miami Market***

Questions or willing to help? Contact:
Linda Round (LindaRound@fuse.net) or
JoAnne Lacey (JoLacey3@aol.com)

