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## December 2017 Newsletter



*Our Seton PreK-12 family of faith fosters academic excellence, nurtures personal responsibility, and encourages service to others in the spirit of Jesus.*

### Seton Academy's Mission Statement:

- Encourage respect for everyone;
- Apply Biblical teachings to real life situations;
- Promote appreciation for the community celebration of the Eucharist;
- Foster a sense of community.

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the new church year. Throughout this season we will emphasize "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Advent is a family time to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. We spend time and money preparing our homes for Christmas. Advent is a time to be with one another as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth. Imagine that your family has been told that the Christ Child will visit your home in 25 days. What specific actions would your family do to prepare your home? What would your family want to tell your visitor, Jesus?

### December Prayer Intention (suggested by our Holy Father)

**The Elderly:** That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

## December Dates

### Fri. Dec. 1:

- Kindergarten will see "Star"
- Picture Re-takes

### Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent



### *Theme: God's faithfulness*

**Question to discuss with your family:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ

### Sunday, December 3 Annual Christmas Dinner

12:00-5:00 at Seton Catholic  
Please join us for this festive meal

**Mon. Dec. 4:**

- Faith in Action meeting
- 6:00 Seton Family Association Meeting

**Wed. Dec. 6: Feast of St. Nicholas**

(I think St. Nicholas is planning to visit Seton Academy)

- Craft Night



**Fri. Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**9:00 Mass at St. Peter's**

(planned by Mrs. Reynold's 4th grade class)



This is an important feast in the United States because Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of our country. Did you know that the Mississippi River was once called the River of the Immaculate Conception?

**Sat. Dec. 9: Breakfast with Santa**

(sponsored by the Seton Family Association)

**Sunday, December 10**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



**Theme: Patience**

**Question of the week:** How can we be a light in a world that often looks so dark?

- **First Penance/Eucharist Class for students and parents of St. John's**

**Mon. Dec. 11:**

- 6:00 Education Council Meeting at Seton Academy

**Tues. Dec. 12:** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Thurs. Dec. 14:**

- Faculty meeting

**Sunday, December 17**

**Third Sunday of Advent**



**Theme: Bringing joy through justice**

**Questions:** What are some of the ways the church service today reflected Christ's light in deed and symbol?

- **First Penance Celebration for the students of St. John's Parish**

**Tues. Dec. 19:** Advent boxes for the Missionary Childhood are due

**Wed. Dec. 20: Seton Academy's Christmas Program**



At **1:00 PM** for PreK, Kdg., Gr. 1 and Gr. 2.

At **6:30 PM** for grades 3-5

**(3 Magi and a Baby)**

Please mark this date on your calendar.

All students are

expected to participate in this school-wide event. This will be the highlight of our Advent season. It is an inspiring and fun-filled presentation.

**Thurs. Dec. 21:** Fifth graders will lead the school in the traditional **Posada Prayer Service at 1:45**

- Christmas vacation begins at dismissal time (School resumes on Tuesday, January 2)

**Fri. Dec. 22: No School** (Bishop's Holiday)

**Sunday, December 24**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**Theme: Acceptance of God's Will**

**Question:** What kind of message do you think your Guardian Angel has for you?

December 25

## Christmas Day



The day we were promised, the day we have been preparing for and have been expecting, is finally here. We rejoice as we remember how our Savior entered the world as a tiny, innocent baby. He is Emmanuel, God with us. For people all over the world, the birth of Jesus

means salvation for all. Rejoice that the Savior has come!

**He is a gift to us.**

## December Birthdays

(Birthdays are announced on WIRY (1340) at 6:20, 7:20, and 8:20 AM)

- 12/3 Julia Podd (1)
- 12/5 Nathan Hankins (P)
- 12/7 Gianpaolo Griffin (1)
- 12/13 Sierra McLaughlin (5)
- 12/14 Lianna Hanna (P)
- 12/15 Amelia Gervais (2)  
Alexander Frenyea (1)
- 12/16 Maheen Moen (5)  
Leah Akey (1)
- 12/18 Lawson Niquette
- 12/20 Aiden & Lucas Mott (4)
- 12/21 Ben Grafstein (4)  
Colin Favro (K)
- 12/23 Lauren Garrow (1)  
Zoey Rabideau (P)
- 12/25 Jane Otap (3)
- 12/27 Lucille Deso (2)
- 12/28 Sister Brian Marie

## Workers for the Christmas Dinner

If you have not already signed up to help on the Christmas dinner, please do so. There are work bees on Friday, Dec. 1 (1:00-4:00), Saturday, Dec. 2 (7:00-10:00 and 10:00-1:00), Sunday Dec. 3 (9-11:30 or 11:30-2:30 shift, 2:30-5:30 shift, 5:00-8:00 clean up). I know I can count on you to give of your time and talent. The Seton Academy parents always come through!

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, January 2**

School is in session

**Saturday, January 27**

Special Mass celebrating Catholic Schools  
4:00PM at St. John's

**January 27 - February 3**

Catholic School Week

## Advent Boxes for the Missionary Childhood

During Advent each child will be given a box in which he/she can put money to help children in need. This money is then sent to the Diocesan office for the Missionary Childhood, which in turn will send the money to the countries where it is needed. Please encourage your child to make sacrifices and to put money into the Advent box.

**Please return the box on or before Dec. 19.**

## Parking Lot Safety

Please use extreme caution in the parking lot. **Drive slowly.**

- Make sure your child does not run in the parking lot. He/she needs to be with an adult and must look both ways before walking to the vehicle.
- We all have to work together to keep the parking lot safe.

## Drop-Off Area

The indented area on St. Charles Street in front of Courtney's office is a **drop-off area only**. If you need to come into school with your child, please use the parking lot.

## Absences/Written Excuses

- When a student is absent from school, a parent should call the office by 8:00 AM each day of the absence. If the office does not receive a call, a parent will be contacted. This policy is for the protection of the Seton Academy students.
- A written statement giving reasons for the absence must be brought to the student's teacher upon the student's return. These notes/letters will be retained in the office for one year If a written excuse is not brought in, we have to make the student as being illegally absent. This is New York State law.

### **Cafeteria Issues**

Please make sure your child's lunch charges have been paid.

### **Dress Code Reminders**

- According to the dress code socks or tights must be worn and are to be a blue, green, white, or black (solid colors only and not bright fluorescent colors).
- If your child is wearing a sweater, it must be a solid color (green, blue, white). Sweatshirts and jackets are not worn in school.
- Please do not have your child wear sneakers that "light up". They are extremely distracting in the classroom.
- If students wear leggings, the sock color should match the color of the leggings.
- Boots are not worn in school.

*The faculty and staff of Seton Academy wish all of you a very blessed Advent and Christmas season. May we all grow closer to Our Lord and Savior, who chose to come and live among us! Let us make it our goal to "Keep Christ in Christmas."*

*Sister Helen, SSJ*



**Thanksgiving Memories!**