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"...Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
--Matthew 4: 19

Dear SCHS Family:

In what has quickly become a treasured tradition, this year's family Thanksgiving feast was at the Ruhl house. My wife, Karen, and I welcomed 20 of her relatives into our humble abode. Talk about your food, folks, and fun! I can honestly say that we gorged ourselves on all three that day. On numerous occasions throughout the day, the latest political headlines cropped up as the topic of conversation.

Have you been in a conversation lately about health care reform; about ending the wars in Afghanistan or Iraq? What about the state of the economy, global warming, or world hunger? Or any major social issue? Was there someone that was the voice of hope? Was there someone that painted a picture of how the future could be? Someone who spoke in a way that made you feel it might be possible? If so, there was probably also a naysayer who spoke up—saying things like "You're wrong"; "That will never happen"; or "Not possible." The cloud of cynicism rises up and often smothers hopefulness.

I get so frustrated in those conversations! I want to say to the cynic, "Quiet! Let's hear the hopeful vision. I want to see and hear and feel and taste what that might be like....just for a minute....just for 30 seconds! What might it be like to not have men and women going off to war every day, because the wars are over? What might it be like to know that we have made it possible for everyone to have access to basic health care; or to know that no one has to go to bed hungry tonight? I just want to imagine, for a few moments, what that world might look like and sound like and feel like!"

I believe that the naysayers often miss the point. Unless we first see the vision, hear the hope, and taste our desires for peace and our longing for love, strategies and "realistic plans" are just pushing pieces around on the game board. Every person that can see and articulate a hopeful vision is a gift to us—they

help us see a better world. Thanks to them, our hope is stirred and our desires are again deeply felt. They shake us out of our complacency and remind us that the One we call "God" is beyond anything we can imagine.

We need these folks to set fire to our desires, to rattle our hearts and habits, so we can see clearly. And then we may know the next right thing to do. It might be to call our senators, protest or pray, but it also might be to just do what is in front of us—like take out the trash and walk the dog.

The season of Advent calls us to watch for the coming of Jesus. Each year during the four weeks of Advent, we put ourselves in the mode of "anticipation" or "waiting" for the arrival of Jesus. On Christmas Day, we celebrate the fact that God the Father actually sent his son to live among us and show us the way. This, of course, is simply amazing and we need to remind ourselves every day how fortunate we are to be believers! Being a believer involves recognizing that Jesus comes not just once a year on Christmas Day. Rather, he is present to us in the Eucharist and continues to reveal himself and his goodness in the people and opportunities that come our way.

We have so much to be thankful for this holiday season. On behalf of Seton Catholic High School's faculty, staff, and Board of Directors, I wish you and your family a safe and blessed holiday season! May the anticipation and arrival of Christ in your lives fill you with the wonder and grace of this holy time of year.

Watch for Him.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rick J. Ruhl
Principal

A Quick Update

Tim Love would like to pass along his heartfelt thanks to everyone for all of your prayers and “get-well soon” wishes during this very difficult time. His prognosis for winning this battle with cancer is good. Although there is still a long road ahead, both Tim and his caregivers remain confident. The success rates for battling multiple myeloma are good. Tim has cruised through the initial phases of his cancer treatment, and has dodged some of the typical side effects associated with chemotherapy. The treatments, however, zap him of his energy and, in his words, “naps don’t help!” Recently, his health care professionals boosted his treatment regimen and have started planning for the next phase—surgery.

Through it all, Tim remains incredibly upbeat. He remains totally committed to helping our young people learn and grow, and is working hard to prepare them for our Christmas concert. I stand in absolute awe of the way Tim is handling this whole situation. In fact, he serves as a daily role model for me in what it means to have a firm and steadfast faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please continue to pray for Mr. Love.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Marc and Maggie Price** on the recent birth of their daughter, Shiloh Kay Price. Born on Friday, November 27th, Shiloh came into this world at 7 lbs, 4 oz. and 19 ½ inches long. Both Maggie and Shiloh are doing great!

Students’ Essays Selected!

Earlier this fall, our entire 8th grade class submitted entries for the annual Senator Richard Lugar Essay Contest. Mrs. Scherschel worked very hard with her students on this effort again this year. Continuing what has become an annual tradition, two of our very own students were recently selected as the Wayne County winners. Congratulations to **Nitika Agrawal** and **Carson Bailey!** They will both now compete at the district level. District 6 includes Delaware, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Madison, Marion, Randolph and Wayne counties. *Way to go!*

Band Concert

SCHS Bands, under the direction of Mr. Tim Love, proudly present their winter band concert. The concert will feature band students from SCHS playing a mixture of seasonal and concert pieces. A couple of exciting and entertaining additions promise to make this a great evening for all.

DATE: Wednesday, December 16, 2009

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Chuck Mosey Memorial Gymnasium

Admission is **FREE**. Free-will donations*—the proceeds from which will benefit the band—will be accepted at the door.

NHS Induction Ceremony

Seton Catholic High School held its fifth annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 3. The ceremony featured speeches and ritual which highlighted the recognition that each of the inductees received. During the formal ceremony, several students were inducted as the newest members into the Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of NHS. Congratulations to our newest honorees:

Senior: Joshua Thuman, Benjamin Wampler

Juniors: Jourdan Brouse, Jenna Kolb, Joseph Linginfelter, David Schroeder, Evan Schroeder, Joel Stocksdale, James Zimnicki

Each inductee was recognized for their outstanding commitment to scholarship, service, leadership, and character. They join an impressive cast of returning members.

100% Graduation Rate!

We are both pleased and proud to report that Seton Catholic High School’s official graduation rate for the 2008-09 cohort—as reported by the Indiana State Department of Education—is 100%! This speaks volumes about the commitment and dedication displayed by our students, outstanding faculty, and supportive parents each and every day. Congratulations!

Fall Sport Athletes Honored

Congratulations to **Elise Armstrong (’12)** and **Audrey Shake (’12)** who were recently named as Honorable Mentions to the Palladium-Item’s All Area Team in volleyball. *Way to go, ladies!*

Homecoming Week at SCHS

That's right, I said HOMECOMING WEEK! For the first time in school history, we are celebrating Homecoming—and we are doing it in a big way. The fun and festivities run from November 30 through December 5, culminating with our boys' basketball game and Homecoming dance on Saturday night. We have packed the week with special themed free dress days:

Monday: Nerd Day

Tuesday: Favorite Cartoon Character/Superhero

Wednesday: Decades Day

- 7th grade – 1950s
- 8th grade – 1960s
- 9th & 10th grades – 1970s
- 11th & 12th grades – 1980s

Thursday: Dress Up Day (Mass)

Friday: Blue & Red/Spirit Day

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all of the Cardinal students, parents and families who supported our Canned Food Drive last month. Our final tally came in at a little more than **3,000** canned or non-perishable food items. This represents a 15% increase over our total collected this same time last year. Please know that the generosity of so many Cardinals was a real blessing to the good folks at the Circle-U Food Pantry.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this year's drive!

Senior Mass in Indy

Each year, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein invites the seniors at all Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to join him for a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Indianapolis. This year's Mass is scheduled for Monday, December 7 at 10:00 am, and attendance is mandatory.

All seniors must report to school that morning at 6:15 am.

Mr. Ruhl, Mrs. Dorsten, and Fr. Todd will accompany the Class of 2010 from Seton Catholic as they join seniors from these other Catholic high schools: Bishop Chatard, Brebeuf Jesuit, Cardinal Ritter, Cathedral, Oldenburg Academy, Roncalli, Seccina Memorial, and Shawe Memorial. This Mass is a

wonderful celebration of Catholic schools throughout our Archdiocese, and is often a highlight of the senior year.

Real Life Application in Action

Last month, Dan Reichley's 8th grade math classes worked together to build custom shelving units for their lockers. Through this real-life exercise, the students demonstrated their understanding and mastery of several mathematical concepts including measurement, fractions, scaling, and right angles. They learned what it means to be part of a team, and how each individual plays a role in the ultimate success of the team. Although the end-products were the highly-coveted shelving units, the lessons learned along the way were priceless.

Christian Service Hours Due

All fall semester Christian Service Hours are due Wednesday, December 9. Students should fill out the Christian Service Documentation Form for each service activity they have participated in and turn the forms in to their Theology teacher. Please see the Parent/Student Handbook if you have any specific questions about service hours. Any service completed after December 9 is eligible for the spring semester service requirement.

Got Edline?!!!

This time of the school year is significant in that it marks the end of the first semester. The first semester grade provides us with much information about a student's academic progress. This grade not only gives us a performance summary of daily and weekly evaluations, but it also reflects a student's ability to perform on cumulative exams, namely the semester exams. These exams will be administered before we leave school for Christmas vacation. Please ensure that your sons or daughters take these exams seriously and that they work hard to study in an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Feel free to call or E-mail any teacher with questions or concerns.

As the end of the first semester draws closer and closer, good and timely communication with our parents regarding academic progress becomes increasingly important. Every month, I have used this newsletter to continually urge you to check Edline regularly. If you have questions about access, please contact the school office.

Guidance Corner

jsanford@setoncatholichighschool.org.

We are rapidly approaching the end of the first semester. Semester examinations are scheduled for December 17, 18, and 21. All grades are important throughout the year, but the semester grades are the ones that “count,” because they will appear on a student’s academic transcript. Remember, the semester grade is computed using the following formula: **First Quarter Grade (40%) + Second Quarter Grade (40%) + Semester Exam Grade (20%) = Semester Grade**. There are numerous tutoring opportunities here at Seton Catholic. Please contact me, and I will be happy to get you connected. But tutoring only helps if the student puts forth the effort to learn the concepts. Do not wait to get help! Seek the avenues of support that you need as soon as a problem emerges. We can help; utilize our resources.

As the holidays are nearing, many students and families may need to prepare for hectic schedules. This time of year is really a wonderful opportunity to relax and take time to recharge our batteries. I strongly encourage students to make time during the holidays to enjoy family and friends. Throughout high school, keeping an active social life, a part-time job, commitment to extra-curricular activities, time management, and—especially for seniors—the college application process itself may become overwhelming.

Allow me to offer some suggestions that I believe will help your son/daughter enjoy life and revel in his/her accomplishments:

- Reflect on the importance of being a good student and perhaps becoming an even better student.
- Renew family ties and support.
- Begin to organize for the second half of the school year. Start the second half of the school year with enthusiasm and energy!
- **For Seniors:** Review college admissions application and scholarship deadlines. Create a log of admission deadlines for the various colleges and universities. By doing so, you can better organize and manage the college admissions process. I would be happy to meet with your son or daughter to discuss all aspects of the application process, scholarships, career choice, etc., but they should schedule a time very soon.

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT!

- Wednesday, December 9, 7:00pm, Room #206

COLLEGE NEWS

College acceptances to date:

Jonathan Drutowski – IU East

Brandon Funkhouser – IU-Bloomington

Kyera Shelton – Ivy Tech

Benjamin Smith – Bellarmine University

Josh Thuman – IU-Bloomington, Kent State

Deadlines

Seniors are faced with many deadlines between now and graduation. Students and parents are reminded that planning is essential to meeting these deadlines. Students are encouraged to complete applications at least one week prior to deadlines. Sufficient notice should be given to allow the counselor to complete recommendations and prepare official transcripts.

FAFSA

Parents of seniors can file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. (You do **NOT** want to use www.fafsa.com. This website will charge you to file the FAFSA.) The FAFSA can and should be filed at no charge to you. Universities use the FAFSA when handing out federal grants, student loans, and campus work-study jobs. Parents who do not wish to file the FAFSA electronically may obtain a paper application form by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

REGISTERING FOR SAT & ACT

For the SAT (given at Earlham College), www.collegeboard.com. For the ACT (given at IU East), www.actstudent.org. The Guidance Office strongly recommends registering at least two weeks before the registration deadline to avoid taking the test out-of-town.

College Board High School Code No. - 152966

SAT – Jan 23.....**Registration Deadline** – Dec 15
Mar 13.....**Registration Deadline** – Feb 4

ACT - Feb 6.....**Registration Deadline** – Jan 5
Apr 10.....**Registration Deadline** – Mar 5

Identification Requirements: It is best to have a valid driver’s license on hand in order to be admitted to the exam site. No driver’s license?.....see Mrs. Sanford for other options.

9th Grade Parents

Recently, your child received a report on the results of the PLAN test as well as a score reporting guide. Ask him/her to see this report.

Weather Delays/Closings

Severely inclement weather and/or poor driving conditions may make it necessary to close the school for a day or delay the opening of school. In the event of inclement weather, the principals of both Seton Elementary and Seton Catholic High Schools work together to decide the proper course of action. The decision to delay or cancel classes will be made before 6:00am. Every effort is made to get this information to the local broadcast media in a timely fashion (i.e., before 6:15a.m).

NOTE: Seton Schools act independently of any other area public or private schools when deciding delay or close due to weather. We do NOT automatically follow the area public school corporations' decisions.

We will continue to report inclement weather announcements through the major Richmond radio stations. The following media outlets will air our announcements. The terms "Seton Catholic Schools," or "Seton Catholic High School" may be used interchangeably.

<u>RADIO</u>	<u>TV STATIONS</u>
Kicks-96 FM	WISH TV Ch. 8 (Indy)
G101.3 FM	WTHR Ch. 13 (Indy)
WKBV AM	FOX 45 & ABC 22 (OH)
WHON AM	WHIO Ch. 7 (Dayton)



- December 7 Sr. Mass with Archbishop, SS Peter & Paul Cathedral
- December 16 Christmas Concert, 7:00 pm
- December 17, 18, 21 Final Exams, End of 2nd Quarter
- December 22-January 1 Christmas Vacation
- January 4 Students Return

Sports Schedules

December 2009

Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

12/4	Christian Prep Academy	Alumni Center	7:30pm
12/5	Oldenburg Academy (Homecoming)	Alumni Center	6:00pm
12/8	Randolph Southern	A	6:00pm
12/14	Tindley	Alumni Center	7:30pm
12/18	International School of Indiana	A	7:30pm
12/22	Seccina Memorial HS	Alumni Center	7:00pm
12/29-30	Bob Wettig Tournament	Tiernan Center	TBA

Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule

12/4	Christian Prep Academy	Alumni Center	6:00pm
12/9	Fall Creek Academy	A	6:00pm
12/12	Bradford	A	1:00pm
12/14	Tindley	Alumni Center	6:00pm
12/18	International School of Indiana	A	6:00pm
12/28-29	Horizon Christian Tournament	A	TBA

Junior High Boys Basketball Schedule

12/1	Connersville MS	A	6:00pm
12/2	Monroe Central JH	A	7:15pm
12/8	Hagerstown Jr/Sr High	Alumni Center	6:00pm
12/10	Union County MS	A	6:00pm
12/15	Test MS	A	6:00pm
12/17	St. Michael (Brookville)	A	6:00pm
12/21	Randolph Southern	Alumni Center	6:00pm

Junior High Girls Basketball Schedule

12/2	Monroe Central JH	A	6:00pm
12/8	Richmond Academy	A	6:00pm
12/10	New Castle MS	Alumni Center	6:00pm
12/17	Union (Modoc)	A	6:00pm
12/19	Randolph Southern Tournament	A	TBA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30. Chicken nugget Potatoes/gravy Vegetables Fruit and milk	1 Spaghetti Toss salad Breadstick Fruit and milk	2 Taco's Salad Vegetables Fruit and Milk	3 Chicken Noodles Potatoes Vegetables Fruit and Milk	4 Pizza Toss salad Vegetables Fruit and milk	5
6 ADULT LUNCH \$2.50	7 Chicken Rice Vegetables Fruit and milk	8 Hamburgers Fries Vegetables Fruit and milk	9 Biscuits and Gravy Vegetables Fruit and milk	10 Fried chicken Potatoes/gravy Vegetables Fruit and milk	11 Hot dogs Potatoes Vegetables Fruit and milk	12
13 STUDENT LUNCH \$2.00	14 Spaghetti Toss salad Breadstick Fruit and Milk	15 Tenderloin Potatoes Vegetables Fruit and milk	16 Chicken Fajita Salad Vegetables Fruit and milk	17 Turkey sandwich Fries Vegetables Fruit and milk	18 Chicken Noodles Potatoes Vegetables Fruit and milk	19
20 MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	21 Pizza Toss Salad Vegetables Fruit and Milk	22 CHRISTMAS BREAK	23 CHRISTMAS BREAK	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27	28 CHRISTMAS BREAK	29 CHRISTMAS BREAK	30 CHRISTMAS BREAK	31 NEW YEARS EVE	Notes: HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY	