



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.

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

Principal's March 2017 Report



Academic

- The students are working very hard and the teachers are working even harder.



- The third graders visited Clinton Community College for a Read-Aloud experience. They were given a wall hanging with Dr. Seuss pictures designed by some of the college students. They enjoyed coloring it.

- The second graders went to the college for the “Go, Dog, Go!” performance.
- Our fourth grade students participated in NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) on March 6. This was administered by a person from Syracuse and one from Dannemora. It was all on computer. The students handled the testing situation very well. (Sister Ellen Rose had suggested that Seton Academy be chosen for the administration of this assessment.)
- I attended the Principals’ Meeting on March 10. The topic was AdvancED STEM Certification. It looks like all the schools in the diocese will be taking part in this certification process. Sister said we would talk about it at our next meeting but I have a sneaky feeling that it’s in the works!
- We had a staff development day in Massena on March 17.
- The Seton Academy Chorus performed some St. Patrick’s Day songs for the student body on March 16. Sister Brian Marie directed them.



- We are going to have a faculty meeting on Thursday. Personnel from the Plattsburgh City District are going to explain the Response to Intervention (RtI) process. This will be helpful since we have several new teachers.

Catholic Identity:



- The students are bringing in their Lenten boxes for the Missionary Childhood Association. As always, they are being very generous.
- From Mar. 20-24, the students and teachers will be participating in “Prayer and Penny Week” sponsored by the Missionary Childhood Association.
- Msgr. Duprey said Mass for the students on Ash Wednesday.
- Sister Gregory will be visiting on March 22. Her visit had to be postponed because of the snow storm.
- The Faith in Action group will be visiting Pine Harbor and helping the residents make spring decorations for their doors.

Buildings and Grounds

- We have had a number of repairs with the dishwasher, the plumbing in the boys’ bathroom, the snowplow, etc.

Marketing and Publicity

- We continue to send out birthday cards to children from their first to their fifth birthdays. In the birthday cards for the 4 and 5 year olds, I have been enclosing a brochure and telling them that we would love to have them be a part of our PreK or Kindergarten class.
- Birthdays continue to be announced on WIRY each morning. That keeps Seton Academy and Seton Catholic's names out there.
- Fifth grade students spent a day at Seton Catholic on March 9.
- We had our open house on March 8. So far we have 28 students enrolled for preschool and 13 for kindergarten. Hopefully the number for kindergarten will double.

Other Tidbits

- Everyone is really looking forward to the vacation. The time between the February and Easter vacation can seem like an eternity.
- A number of fifth grade students are taking part in the Willy Wonka production. Karen Reynolds has been helping with the practices.

Upcoming Dates:

- March 28-29—NYS ELA tests for Gr. 3-5
- April 1: Several fourth grade students will participate in the PEAK (Parents Educators and Kids) music festival.
- April 6—Scoring of ELA tests (no school at Seton Academy)
- April 19: Alphabet Dinner for Kindergarten students and their families
- April 21: Report cards go home
- May 2-4: NYS Math tests
- May 10: 11:00 dismissal so teachers can score the Math tests.
- May 20: Roaring 20s Gala
- May 31: May Crowning at 1:30

Sister Helen, SSJ