



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 Report November 2016



### Academic

- We are working on the Christmas play which is scheduled for Dec. 21 at 1:00 for PreK to Gr. 2 and at 6:30 for grades 2-6.
- Parent-teacher conferences were held and report cards were distributed
- We are preparing to celebrate Advent throughout the school.
- The Book Fair was held from Oct. 24-27. We are grateful to Miss Bleeker for getting that set up.
- I attended the Diocesan Principals' Meeting on Nov. 18. We had a video presentation with David Coleman. I plan to use part of that presentation at the next faculty meeting.
- I watched some webinars: "Moving the Needle on National Standards and Benchmarks in Catholic Education" and "Closing the Year of Mercy."
- The Cerebral Palsy Association visited Kindergarten and Grade 3 with their presentations: "Making Friends" and "Kids on the Block." Some of the older students saw them setting up and said, "Oh, I remember that!"



- The fifth grade students visited the Nina Wenkel Art Gallery. They are looking at the brochure before they start looking at the displays. It was a wet walk over and back but they still enjoyed the display. Miss Les Cosgrove made the arrangements for this learning experience. Mrs. Toner and Mrs. Reynolds weathered the rain with smiles on their faces!



### **Catholic Identity:**

- The students will attend Mass on Nov. 1 at St. John's Church. Father Timothy was the celebrant. The students walked through the door of mercy on their way into church. After Mass, grades 3, 4, and 5 stayed for about 10 minutes for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- We will be having a prayer service and assembly for Thanksgiving.



- We have been using the Gospel refrain from the Children's Liturgy of the Word to make a connection between what happens on Sunday and what happens the rest of the week.
- We observed Vocation Awareness Week. We used the materials from the Vianney Vocations website.
- We collected redeemable cans and bottles for the Missionary Childhood Association. We're waiting from the Redemption Center to find out how much they were worth.
- Leaf raking took place on Nov. 19. We had a very enthusiastic crew.
- The Faith in Action group is meeting every other Monday. They are involved in a variety of projects.

### **Publicity and Marketing**

The birthdays of Seton Academy and Seton Catholic students are announced on the radio each morning.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

- The building will be inspected on Nov. 30.
- The furnace was checked over before it was fired up.
- We have to collect water samples and have them tested to see if they contain lead.

### **Other Tidbits**

- School pictures were taken on Oct. 18. Retakes were on Friday, Nov. 18.
- Students enjoyed the celebration of Halloween. Students in PreK-Gr. 2 wore their costumes and had the traditional parade. The rest of the classes came out into the hallway to see them and then had their own celebrations in their classrooms.

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 4—Christmas Dinner

Dec. 8—9:00 Mass at St. Peter's

Dec. 8—Craft Night

Dec. 15—Reconciliation

Dec. 21—Seton Academy's Christmas entertainments



*Sister Helen, SSJ*

