



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 October 2016



Academic

- This week the cognitive abilities tests will be administered in grade 3 & 5.
- A faculty meeting was held on Oct. 13. We shared some the key points from the Diocesan Superintendent's Day and watched a webinar on Cyberbullying.
- On October 26 we will schedule the Parent/Teacher Conferences. We sent out papers for the parents to indicate the best timeframe for parent/teacher conferences.
- On Oct. 14 Grade 5 attended the Pep Rally at Seton Catholic.
- Miss Bleeker and I are administering the I-Ready Diagnostic tests to Kdg., Gr. 1 and Gr. 2. Grade 2 completed the ELA portion and scored well—80% on or above grade level. It takes longer to administer it to Gr. 1 and Kindergarten. Kindergarten has to be done individually and is quite time consuming.
- Our annual book fair is from Oct. 24 to Oct. 27. Thank you to Miss Bleeker and her crew for organizing this.
- Pepper, a blind dog, came to visit the students. They learned that a disability does not stop them from being happy and learning new ways of doing things.



Staff Development

- The teachers attended the Diocesan Superintendent's Day in Lake Placid. Msgr. Duprey joined us for the liturgy. Thank you, Msgr. The bishop's homily was masterful.
- The keynote speaker was Dr. Mary Jane Krebbs.
Dr. Krebbs' topic: "Developing Curriculum in a 21st Century Catholic School: An Opportunity and a Challenge."

Field Trips

- PreK visited the fire station.
- Kdg. went to the Apple Orchard.



- Gr. 1 went to the Pumpkin Patch.

Technology Information

- Students are using the computers for research, for diagnostic testing, for practicing math facts, and for learning the proper keyboarding techniques.
- The I-pads are used almost every day and the kids really, really like them.
- We have approximately 45 tablets from last year's Fidelis grant. Some of them have already died and I am told there is no way of resurrecting them. They have been and are being well used.
- We have about 7 Chrome Books that are also used in some classes more than others.
- We were able to get 10 more laptops which are being used for research. It is a challenge to keep them all charged.
- The Smart Boards are now in 8 classrooms and in the AIS room. Teachers and students really like them and used them constantly.
- Hopefully we will be able to install Smart Boards in the rest of the classrooms if the Smart Bond Act comes through in January or February.
- In March Seton Academy will be administering a National Assessment of Educational Progress to the 4th grade students. This will be computer based.
- Last year we administered the New York State ELA field test on computer and it went well.
- 95% of school communication to parents is through email.

Catholic Identity:

- The bishop said Mass for the students on Sept. 27, the feast of St. Vincent dePaul. Afterwards the students from Seton Catholic involved the students in some fun activities. Then they had a picnic lunch.



- A future bishop? Who knows?
- We have been learning to say the Mission Rosary. Each morning we have been praying for the people of the various continents.
- We will have a school liturgy on October 19, the feast of the North American Martyrs. Msgr. Duprey will be the celebrant. Mrs. Toner's class will be playing the handbells.

Other Tidbits

- We have had a total of 5 fire drills and 2 "Shelter in place" drills.
- School pictures will be taken on Oct. 18.
- Thanks to:
 - the Peru Knights of Columbus for a \$500 donation which will be matched by the New York State Council (we hope);
 - to the Sisters of St. Joseph Ministry grant which will be used to get a sound system installed in the gym,
 - to the Altar Rosary Society of St. John's for a \$500 donation. We are most grateful.
- We surpassed our \$25,000 goal for the Magazine Drive. As of this date, the students and their families brought in \$27,431.75.

Upcoming Events

- **Nov. 6—St. Peter's Harvest Dinner**
- Nov. 9 & 10—Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 18—Principals' Meeting at Wadham's Hall
- Nov. 23-25—Thanksgiving Vacation
- Dec. 21—Christmas entertainment

Sister Helen,