

## Annual Fund Kick-off

The 2013-2014 “Building Steam” Annual Fund was a success! Just over \$90,000 was raised for the Seton High School Renovation Project. Hopefully, you had a chance to attend the “Hard Hat Reception” on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and caught a sneak peak at the progress. This massive renovation project would not be where it is today



without your generous donations combined with volunteers who have donated countless hours of their time.

The 2014 -2015 Annual Fund Campaign kick-off is around the corner. The plan for the



*Hayden Hamilton,  
a junior currently  
taking physics,  
was asked about the  
renovation project.  
He replied,  
"The lab space will  
definitely lead to  
more experiments,  
which means  
more fun!"*

2014-2015 Annual Fund is to continue “Building Steam!” The goal is to finish the science labs, which will

require an additional \$100,000 to be raised.

Seton Catholic administration is focused on providing superior academic results. This renovation project is crucial for the current and future students of Seton Catholic. It will allow for Advanced Placement work and other higher level work to occur within the classroom, greatly



impacting our students. These renovations will ultimately lead to a deeper level of scientific thinking and better opportunities for our students to pursue science-related fields.

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hopeful that we can count on your support! For those new to our Seton family or those who have not participated in our Annual Fund campaign in the past, we hope you will choose to be a part of our success this year. If you have contributed in the past, please consider increasing your contribution from past years as you can see that

our goals are not only worthy but achievable. Your contribution is fully tax-deductible with several payment options offered. Please consider making

your contribution as soon as possible. There is no better investment than money spent on a child's Catholic education.

This year's Annual Fund kick-off event will take place on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Seton Cardinal Spectacular. The adult only, dinner and student art auction event will be themed "Seton Catholic Schools

*Science teacher Dan Reichley says,  
"It will be a blessing  
to have space dedicated to  
the storage of lab equipment.  
That will make setting up and  
cleaning up labs much easier."*

United in Faith, Hope and Love". Tickets will go on sale Monday, Decem-

ber 15, 2014. Plan now to attend and experience a wonderful evening of fun with friends. Celebrate Catholic schools and help us kick-off the 2014 -2015 Annual Fund.

The completion of this very important renovation project depends on the generosity of all. Together we can achieve the extraordinary!

**Your contributions of time, talent and treasure to Seton Catholic Schools are greatly appreciated.**

## Glimpses from last year's Seton Spectacular...



Student Drew VanVleet speaks of what Catholic Education means to him.



Alumni David Schroeder (right) and friend, add to the ambience of the evening!



Food, fellowship and FUN shared by all!



The Class of 2013 generously donates the remaining funds in their class account.



The Taggart Atrium filled with friends and delicious appetizers!

**FAITH  
HOPE  
LOVE**

~ 1 Corinthians 13:13



## What Our Grandparents Have To Say About Seton...

As parents and grandparents, we all want what is best for our children and grandchildren. We want to give them many of the opportunities that we had, and then some. The gift of a Catholic education can be priceless in the life of a child.

In early October, both of our elementary buildings held their annual Grandparent/VIP Day celebrations. These celebrations provide us with opportunities to thank our grandparents and important guests for their sacrifices and support of our schools. Both mornings began with Mass, followed by the opportunity to interact in the classroom, and enjoy fun activities together. We are very blessed to be able to share these mornings with our guests.

***"I enjoy Grandparents' Day because I get to spend a special time with some of the most important people in my life, my grandchildren. They get to show a little of what they are learning and it's fun to see them shine."***

— Phyllis Hamilton

***"We love Seton Catholic because it provides a complete Catholic education for our grandchildren."***

***The thing we enjoyed most about Grandparents' Day was the interview our fourth grade grandson conducted as part of their presentation. Both my husband and I thoroughly enjoyed it."***

— Sally Hyde



***"I love Seton Catholic School because I know my granddaughters are getting a good education. This includes learning a wide range of subjects and important things about our history of the United States. They learn manners, cooperation, the Ten Commandments, and I could go on and on. I enjoy seeing where they study and meeting and talking with the teachers."***

— Ellen Duning

***"I love Seton Catholic because of the great education that my grandson is receiving there, plus, and most of all, that God is in the midst of it all!"***

— Deb Harlan

***"I love Seton Catholic because of the religion and moral values taught to our children that is so much needed in all schools."***

— Kathy Babcock

***"I really enjoy seeing how excited the kids are that we are there. It is very important to them –so it is important to me. They need to know we support them and their teachers. I enjoy seeing the other families and it shows what "family" the community really is."***

— Kay Boudreau



## A Field Trip To Remember

By: Blake Jones, Sixth Grade



When I heard there were high ropes at Rancho Framasa, I could hardly contain myself! I had always heard of high ropes, even saw them on T.V. before, but never imagined I'd come face to face with one someday. The whole bus ride that's what I thought about. Boy, that was a long bus ride for an eager sixth grader!

I tried to get my thoughts off the high ropes so I wouldn't be as anxious by admiring God's creation out the window on that gorgeous, slightly chilly October morning. The trees' colorful leaves were incredible. However, that distraction only lasted a few minutes. Somehow, I managed to make it the rest of the way to camp without going crazy.



When we got off the bus, it was like a bird had been let out of its cage. I felt so free and exhilarated. "Where are the high ropes?" I thought, looking around me making a 360.

Finally, after a few long hours, there it was! Upon entering the high ropes area, inscribed on the side of a shed was:

"With the rope on one side and Jesus on the other, I climbed on!"

Reading that made me so much more confident, I wanted to jump



on immediately without another care in the world. When it was finally my turn to go up, I imagined the sun gleaming through the tree to be God's hands held out, inviting me to go higher and assuring me it would be okay because He was with me. Even though I only went slightly higher than the ladder, I was comfortable with my decision to stop because I knew God was proud I accomplished my goal... to make it off the ladder.

The high ropes experience was more emotional that I thought it



would be. Before doing it, I thought of it as just another game. Turns out, it was much, much more. It taught me that I don't have to do risky things for God to love me and be proud of me. It also taught me that I'm proud of myself just the way I am!

***Seton Catholic Schools is grateful for the support received through the Hubbard Fund that enables our students to visit places like Camp Rancho Framasa and St. Meinrad each year.***



## Where Are They Now?

(a new segment featuring SCHS alumni)



Kristi Brown, a 2009 Seton Catholic graduate, knows that determination and motivation pay off. Following high school, Kristi headed to Saint Catherine College to study and play college volleyball. After a career ending injury, she transferred to Marian

University in Indianapolis and graduated in 2013. With a Bachelors degree in Science and Nursing in hand, Kristi made her way to back to Richmond, and is currently employed as a registered nurse working on the cardiac floor at Reid Hospital. "I feel that the determination, and motivation to do and be your best, instilled in me at Seton has carried me through to where I am today," says Kristi.

When not working at Reid, Kristi can be found spending time with

family and friends, watching sports or helping coach Seton Catholic volleyball. On her life Kristi had this to say "I believe that my faith has carried me through as it was not an easy road to travel while reaching my dreams. I am truly blessed!"

Kristi's plans for the future include working for a few years, transferring to the ICU, returning to school to become a flight nurse, and one day obtaining a nurse practitioner license in emergency family medicine.

## 4 Year Old Sponges Soak Up A Lesson On Baptism

Mrs. Kitchins' 4 year old class is anything, but "normal". The class is taught by the mother and daughter-in-law duo of Mrs. Cheryl Kitchin and Mrs. Stephanie Kitchin—fondly referred to as Mrs. K by their students. The class is comprised of young boys and girls, ages 4 and 5, Catholic and non-Catholic. Of course, they learn the alphabet, their numbers, and how to share; but through a fantastic online

resource, *Catholic Icing*, they are also learning the ABC's of the Catholic faith.

There are seven sacraments in the Catholic faith. Each a ceremony that points to what is sacred, significant and important for Catholics. Earlier this year the students learned about the Sacrament of Baptism. The children are taught that Baptism is one special occasion for experiencing God's saving presence. "I love teaching about our Catholic faith to the preschoolers because they are like little sponges," says Mrs. K. "Through a pretend Baptism with Deacon Jim (Miller), students have learned that water is a symbol of our Baptism, and that the color white is associat-



ed with Jesus."

The class also has a Saint of the week to go along with the letter of the week. "Today's world is teaching our children to think only of themselves and not of others. We as Catholic educators get to teach them what the real world should really be about; to know, love and serve others."





## Save the Date!

**12/18 Seton Catholic High School Winter Band Concert & Art Show,**

7 pm at St. Andrew's Church

**12/20 SCHS Boys Basketball** hosts Northeastern, 6:00 pm (JV) and 7:30 pm at Earlham College\*

**1/13 SCHS Girls Basketball** hosts Blue River Valley, 6 pm at SCHS Chuck Mosey Memorial Gym\*

**1/24 Seton Catholic Spectacular** (adult dinner event), 6 pm at SCHS

**1/25 -1/30 National Catholic Schools Week**

**1/28 Seton Elementary Winter Program,** 7 pm at Civic Hall

*\*full schedule can be found at <http://setonschools.org/cardinal-athletics/>*

## A Gift of "Love"

*By Matt Westjohn*

I have had many great experiences during my time at Seton Catholic High School, but one of the chief enjoyments during that span has been my time in band. Band has given me many opportunities that other activities do not offer. I have been able to participate in several IBA All-Region and All-District Honor Bands through the years, starting when I was in eighth grade, and ISSMA Solo and Ensemble, which I also started in eighth grade, and in which I have advanced to the state level in the past two years. I have made some great friends at these events that I never would have met without the opportunity to attend.

Band is more than just a way to gain more opportunities though. I



feel that in my years in band, not only have I grown musically, but I have also grown in character, other academics, and socially. I have had the wonderful opportunity to learn music, but in doing so, I have learned more about how to gain and maintain high character. Learning from Mr. Love is a gift and a privilege that I am thankful for in many ways.



GOD OF LOVE,  
OUR HEARTS ARE READY  
TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH  
OF JESUS.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



*Love, Your Seton Catholic School Family*