

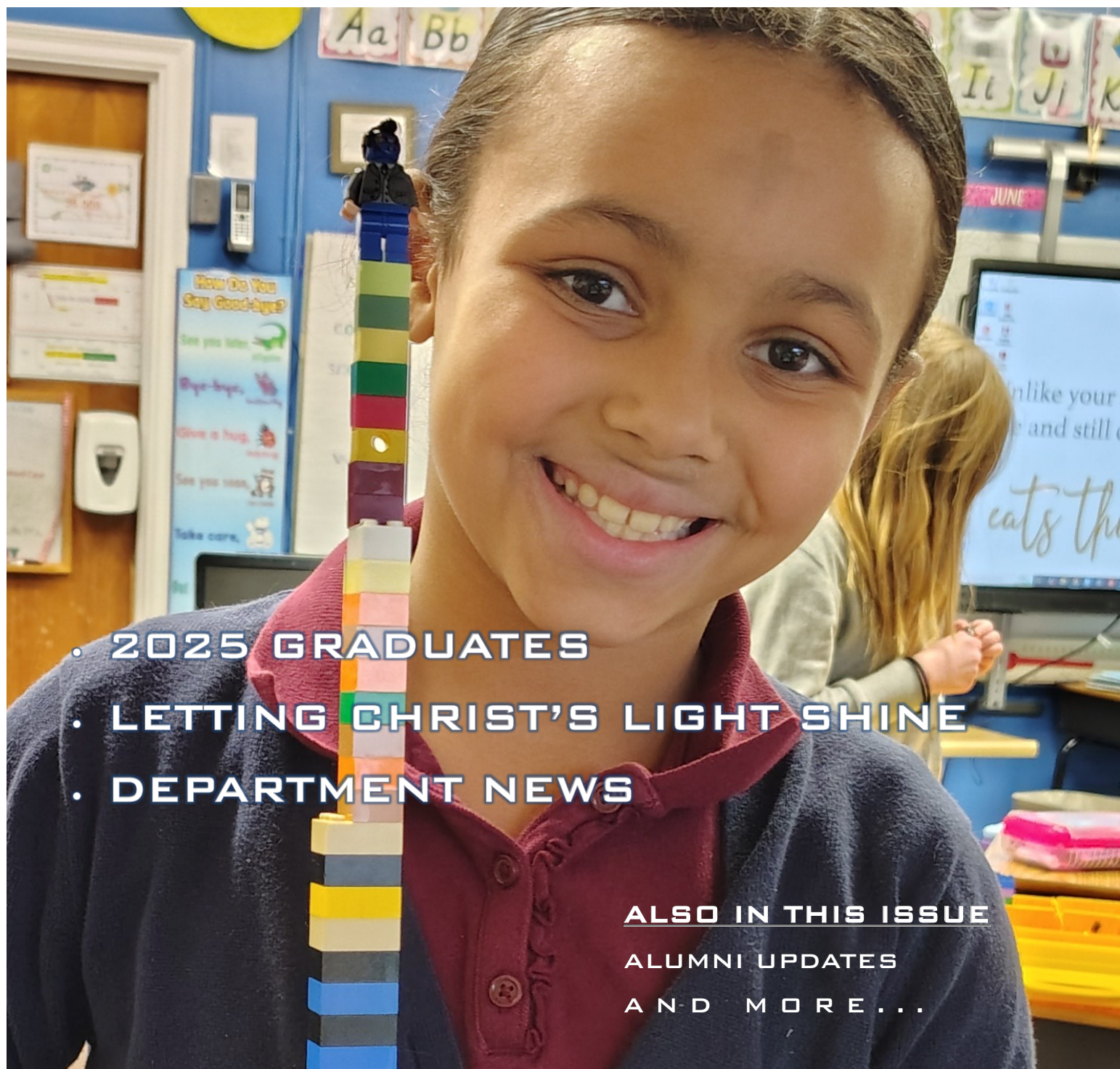


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MISSION STATEMENT

Centered in Christ and led by His Spirit, we at Seton Catholic Schools teach and accompany our students on their journey to become disciples of Christ through virtues, academic excellence, service; all for truth in love.

A WORD FROM OUR SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS



Dear Seton Catholic Community!

As we wrap up another blessed school year at Seton Catholic, our hearts are filled with gratitude, joy, and deep appreciation for our incredible school community.

This year was rich with meaningful retreats, impactful community service, and countless moments where our faith came to life through action, learning, and prayer. One of the greatest blessings we experience each day is the presence of our students—each and every one of them is a true treasure to our school. Their energy, kindness, curiosity, and willingness to let Christ's light shine through them make Seton Catholic not just a school, but a vibrant faith-filled family.

We truly love spending our days with these young people. Whether in the classroom, during prayer and liturgy, on the playing field, or in the halls, their joy and spirit inspire us daily. It is a privilege to walk with them on their faith and academic journey. We sent them off with our love and prayers, hoping their break is filled with fun, laughter, rest, and wonderful adventures. They've earned it!

We also bid a fond and proud farewell to our seniors—an exceptional group of young men and women who leave a legacy of faith, leadership, and service. May their next chapters be guided by God's loving hand. At the same time, we say goodbye to some beloved staff members who have served with great heart and dedication. We thank them sincerely for their contributions to the life of our school and send them forward with our blessings.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to introduce a new high school diploma track designed to expand opportunities for our students. This initiative will include work-based learning experiences, internships, and pathways to local college coursework—empowering students to explore their gifts and prepare for life beyond high school with confidence and purpose. We also welcome new staff who will bring fresh energy and ideas as we look to the future.

We look forward to all that lies ahead and the continued blessing of working alongside our families in the formation of our students.

May you find rest, renewal, and joy this summer. Remember to go to Mass and say your prayers—God is with you always.

With much appreciation and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Brack".

Mrs. Jane Brack
SCHS Principal

Greetings Seton Family!

A little over a year ago, I was building a conference table and coffee bar for a hotel and wondering what God wanted me to do with my life. Now I have wrapped up my first year as Seton Catholic's elementary principal. I went from finishing furniture to finishing state reports. That is a big change, pretty quickly. Life sure can move fast.

I think our world has a tendency to move too fast. Hopefully you will make the time this summer to just sit with your kid(s) for a little bit and listen to them chatter about whatever they want to talk about. No phone, or tv, or music. Maybe a swing or a sunset to make it better.

I want to thank my teachers and staff for a great first year. I knew when I took this job that Seton Catholic was the best school in the area, and the teachers and staff are the main reason for this. Their dedication and concern for our students is impressive. Their patience and professionalism with a rookie principal was appreciated.

Our students are awesome and being part of their lives as they learn and grow is a big part of why I believe that I am supposed to be here doing this. We will work hard to give your children time to grow in knowledge and faith naturally in a world that exposes them to too much too early.

I also want to thank you parents for having the faith to have children, to entrust them to us for part of their lives at Seton Catholic, and to do the hard work of being good parents. I would especially like to thank those parents who have taken the time to talk to me about their concerns and suggestions. Seton Catholic is a good school, but we can and will be better. Your input and participation helps with that.

Have a great summer. I have emails to send, hay to cut and a baby donkey that needs her ears scratched.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victor Berger".

Mr. Victor Berger
SCES Principal



2025 GRADUATES

Sunday, June 1, 2025, family and friends gathered in St. Andrew Church to honor and celebrate the Class of 2025 graduates. Valedictorian Landry Cox, and Co-Salutatorians Kelsey Brim, Jackie Clemente, and Jana Clemente, spoke about special high school memories and offered well wishes for the future of their classmates. Joe Hansen, Assistant Superintendent Archdiocese of Indianapolis, added words of congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the Archdiocese, as well as presented the graduates with their diplomas. Congratulations to Landry Cox, recipient of the Cardinal Joseph Tobin Christian Leadership Award. Landry is the daughter of Brian and Suzanne Cox.



CLASS OF 2025 NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The class of 2025 has been accepted into 47 colleges and universities.

They have accumulated over \$3 million
in merit-based scholarship offers.

All 21 students will be enrolling in college.

15 students are members of National Honor Society
and are recognized by the blue and gold cords they are wearing.

16 students are graduating with Academic Honors and
are recognized by the gold medallions and
gold ribbon they are wearing.

5 students are graduating with a Core 40 Diploma and
are recognized by the silver medallion and
white ribbon they are wearing.

6 class officers are recognized by the red, white, and blue ribbons
they are wearing.

8 students have donated blood 3 or more times and
are recognized by the red cords they are wearing.

15 students are student athletes.

18 students held an internship in the community this year.

13 members of the class of 2025 have attended Catholic Schools
their entire academic career.

*Commit to the Lord whatever you
do, and your plans will succeed.*

~ Proverbs 16:3



BEST WISHES...

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Jim McKinney on his retirement. Jim came to Seton Catholic two years ago. We thank him for his instruction of the SCHS band and for his dedication to our entire music program for students Pre-Kindergarten - 12th grade.



WELCOME HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY — Back row: Landen Griffen, Jackson Feist, Eric Parker, Sam Himes, Jason Moynihan, Max Harvey, Tyson Tremain, Gaige Duncan-Natusch. **Middle row:** Izzy Bentledge, Gwyneth Falcone, Christopher Grubowski, Jackie Clemente, Kelsey Brim, Abigail Monaghan, Isabella Caskey, Fabian Aleman **Front row:** Lilly Thomas, Kaydence Burkhardt, Elizabeth Daoud, Jana Clemente, Emma Fraley. **Not pictured:** Bella Cornell, Landry Cox, Allie Hamilton, Amanda Moore, Brayden Pipenger, Grant Semler, Bryn VanVleet

Kudos to the newest members of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton chapter of the National Honor Society (Fall 2024 induction)!

NHS is a national organization that recognize outstanding students. More than just an honor roll, NHS, honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Becoming a member

of these societies is by invitation only and a specific honor. Seton Catholic is very proud of these student members and encourages these qualities in all their students.

NHS members serve our community at e-waste recycling events held twice a year with the help of their faculty moderator, Dan Reichley. **Congratulations to all!**

FAREWELLS

We also say farewell to Gemma Rees, Jr. High religion teacher; Sarah Burket, SCHS choir

teacher; and Melissa Semler, Kindergarten teacher. Thank you for your service.



Life changing impact!

When students connect across borders, they grow in ways that last a lifetime. Seton Catholic High School's graduating class of 2021, many of whom are in the workforce or recent college graduates moving on to the next chapter, are examples of this. In 2017, when they were 8th graders in Dan Reichley's home-room class, they contacted the Unbound organization. They were first partnered with a student from Guatemala, then partnered with Luisa, a 14-year-old student from Mexico.



Luisa and her family received financial support from Mr. Reichley's class for education and other needs. At the time Luisa, a student just like our SCHS students, dreamt of becoming an engineer or doctor so someday she could help take care of her family and community.

The sponsorship connected Luisa and the Class of 2021 across geographic, economic and social boundaries and fostered the development of a unique relationship.

One of the most rewarding aspects of sponsorship is writing to your sponsored friend. The class of 2021 and Luisa got to know each other over the years by exchanging letters and photos written back and forth, learning about each other's lives, and exploring global issues together.

Jonah Falcone recalls the sponsorship of Luisa being a big part of the class of 2021. "One of the many memories I have of Mr. Reichley is when he would announce at the beginning of class that we had received a new letter from Luisa. It would often detail her most recent high moments, as well as what she was struggling with. The letters always conveyed the immense amount of gratitude she had for our class's donations and prayers. They continue to serve as such a powerful reminder of how blessed I am to have such a supportive family and to have attended Seton Catholic."

In her letters Luisa shared details about school work and life, all of her birthdays, especially turning 18, and choosing to pursue nursing. She also opened up about how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted her and her family. Since the Class of 2021's graduation, students from other classes have continued the sponsorship over the last four years. Luisa recently graduated from nursing school and in her last letter dated December 2024 to Mr. Reichley's class she said: To [my sponsor Seton Class of 2021] "There are truly no words to express everything I feel right now, and I can only say that things will go very well for you in life. There are not many people like you, and just as you gave with-

out receiving anything in return, God will multiply it for you. My best wishes and blessings to each one of you."



Once a sponsored child leaves the Unbound program, the sponsor is offered another opportunity to support another child. The Class of 2028 will carry on this act of kindness by sponsoring a girl named Merlin, from El Salvador.

If this story has touched your heart, find out more about sponsorship at <https://www.unbound.org/>.*

*UNBOUND

is an international nonprofit based organization in Kansas City, Kansas, and founded by lay Catholics grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. Supporters around the world make a direct impact in the lives of individuals and families around communities across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Since 1981, Unbound has worked to end poverty and build a world where every person can reach their full potential.



At Seton Catholic, every opportunity is welcomed to help students grow in virtue, whether it be in the classroom, hallway, cafeteria or at recess. So too, it is important to practice virtue at home. To aid our busy parents, the Primary building extended an invitation to students' families each month, introducing a different virtue to build into their daily routines. Starting the year with "orderliness" and ending with "prayer", worksheets & activities were sent home to help create teachable moments and reinforce good, holy habits, as well as help track their progress. Students who participated were "crowned" by Principal Berger after school Mass and encouraged to continue growing in that virtue.



What's missing these days in our ever-changing world?

V-I-R-T-U-E!

While many of us learned our ABCs & 123s at school, virtues were not necessarily taught in the classroom. It seems they were learned more through examples of virtuous people in our lives. Most of us can think of individuals that stand out like shining stars! Perhaps a great-grandmother, or a kind neighbor comes to mind, or maybe even Jesus, Mary & Joseph because they've left a wonderful model to follow...

Like pilgrims on a journey, this world is not our home...We are headed to Heaven, we hope! It is good to remember that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). God loves us as we are, but calls us deeper to love like He loves. He promises us a heavenly crown based on our upstanding actions here on earth. Pope Francis concurred when he said, "Holiness isn't reserved for a select few, but is a calling for each one of us."

So, how can you personally grow in virtues if you don't really know what they are? And how can you pass them on to your children? Great question! The answer is simple: Look

them up and start practicing one and then another...no one will do "them" perfectly, but over time and with God's grace, we will become more and more like our Heavenly Father.

Nationally known Catholic speaker, Dr. Edward Sri says, "The good news is that it is never too late to get started. Whether we are seventeen or forty-seven years old, we can still play catch-up and form our minds with the correct vision for a virtuous life. And that's the first step for growing in virtues: educating ourselves about them (see CCC 1810). The more we learn about the virtues, the clearer picture we will have for what we want to aim for in life."

How many virtues are there, you ask? Accordingly to St. Thomas Aquinas, there are sixty-four virtues but don't let that alarm you because they can be broken-down into 3 theological virtues (faith, hope & love) and all the rest fall under the 4 cardinal virtues (prudence, fortitude, temperance, & justice)! Interestingly, the word cardinal means 'hinge'. Like a door depends on the hinge to move appropriately and easily, we too can depend upon the virtues to help us live more fulfilling lives, foster positive relationships, and contribute to a more just and harmonious world.

September ~ Orderliness
October ~ Obedience
November ~ Gratitude
December ~ Kindness
January ~ Self-Control
Feb/March ~ Respect
April ~ Prayer

As Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Semler, told the children, "The more you practice virtue on earth, the more beautiful your crown will become in Heaven. We cannot take anything else with us except our virtue."

May we pray for the desire to grow in virtue and ask for the grace to live the life God desires for us. Amen.

ATHLETICS' NEWS: FALL SPORTS ROUND-UP

This year's fall sports season was one of the most successful and memorable in school history. This was highlighted by great team and individual performances. For evidence of this you have to look no further than our varsity volleyball and varsity girls cross country teams.

Our volleyball team, led by seniors Bella Cornell, Allie Hamilton and Bryn VanVleet, won its second regional championship in program history and advanced to semi-state, finishing with a 26-9 record. They also finished 2nd in the PAAC and won the Union County Invitational for the first time in program history.



Bryn VanVleet accumulated many awards including being named an IHSVCA Indiana All-Star and the PAAC Player of the Year. VanVleet also signed to play at NCAA Division I school Cleveland State University. **Bella Cornell** was named 1st Team All-Conference while **Taryn Tremain** was named 2nd Team All-Conference.



Our cross country team advanced as a team to regionals for the third time in program history. They also won three invitationals throughout the season, led by seniors **Kelsey Brim, Jackie Clemente, Jana Clemente** and **Gwynie Falcone**.

Gwynie Falcone was this year's PAAC champion. **Sara Swinney**

and **Jackie Clemente** also earned All-Conference honors at the conference meet. Falcone will continue her running career at Franciscan University (OH) while Jackie Clemente will compete at St. Mary's College (IN).

In varsity boys' cross country, **Gaige Dunkin-Natusch** was the only boy competing. Despite battling injuries throughout much of the year, he did a great job.

Also during the fall sports season, our varsity soccer team doubled their win total from the previous season as they finished with a 4-10-1 record. **Gavin Killion** was named 2nd Team All-Conference while **Ethan Nisewonder** and **Ian Vournazos** were named Honorable Mention All-Conference.



Our JV volleyball team often played two set matches to gain experience, but that experience will be beneficial as they will have some huge shoes to fill next year to replace our graduating seniors.

In junior high sports, our 8th grade volleyball team finished with a record of 4-11, while our 7th grade volleyball team finished with a record of 3-11. We had our highest participation numbers for several years in cross country, and their times steadily dropped throughout the season.



ATHLETICS' NEWS: WINTER SPORTS ROUND-UP



The winter sports season is always a long one; however, hard work and dedication led to success and great memories for our athletes. Our varsity boys' basketball team led by **Jason Moynihan, Eric Parker and Grant Semler**, opened the season 0-5, but finished the season with a 16-11 record, including a **program record 10-game winningstreak**.

They brought home the championship trophy in the inaugural Village of Spires Holiday Classic at Oldenburg Academy. **Jason Moynihan** was named 2nd Team All-Conference while **Jackson Feist** was named Honorable Mention All-Conference. Our JV boys basketball team may not have finished with the record they desired, but their roster was comprised mainly of freshmen and they gained valuable game experience for the future.

When speaking of our athletes' dedication, we compliment our varsity swim team. Seniors **Jackie Clemente, Jana Clemente and Mya Vaughn**, along with their teammates, practiced every morning before school in order to compete.* They saw their times drop throughout the season and even saw a **new school record by Hunter Vu in the 100 yard breaststroke**.



"Then the young women shall make merry and dance..."

~ Jeremiah 31:13



We had record participation numbers in cheerleading this year as we had varsity, JV, 8th grade, and 7th grade teams. We recognize our seniors **Izzy Bentledge, Gwynie Falcone and Mya Vaughn**.

Our dance team once again did a great job this year entertaining the crowds at halftime of high school boys' basketball games with some new routines as well as some of the classics. Thank you to our seniors **Kelsey Brim, Jackie Clemente, and Jana Clemente** for their leadership over the years.

In junior high sports, our 8th grade boys' basketball team finished with a record of 4-8. Our 7th grade boys' basketball team finished with a record of 6-6. Our junior high girls' basketball team finished with a record of 3-12. They also finished second in the PAAC tournament.

*Thank you to Centerville High School Athletics for the use of their pool.



Art Award

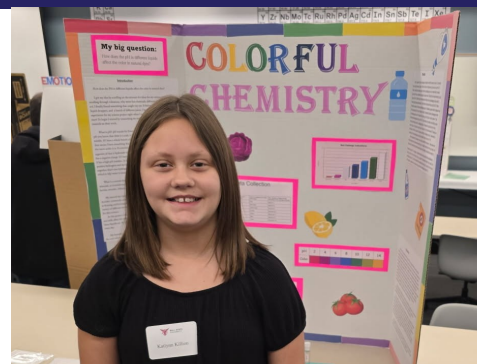
SCHS senior, **Fabian Aleman**, won **First Place in the Drawing Division and Best of Show in the annual All Wayne County High School Art Exhibition** for his colored pencil drawing titled *Gummy Bears*. Fabian's name was inscribed on the Richmond Art Museum's Traveling Trophy. This marked the 1st time that a Seton Catholic student has achieved this well deserved honor. Many thanks to SCHS art teacher Theresa Goss.



Many consider the science fair to be a “rite of passage” - completing the steps of creating a hypothesis, doing an experiment, compiling data, and writing a conclusion.

This year's 5th grade class held their annual science fair in late January after months of preparation with guidance from teacher Mary Leverton. All students did an amazing job!

Katlynn Killion and **Levi Turman** advanced to the Ball State Regional Science Fair on Saturday, February 21st. **Levi placed 2nd in the Chemistry division.** Congratulations Levi!



“A joyful heart makes
a cheerful face,
but when
the heart is sad,
the spirit is broken”
~ Proverbs 15:13





Stephanie Hornak ('09) - added the title of Director of Marketing and Development at Seton Catholic. Stephanie will continue to teach life sciences at SCHS.

Evan Schroeder ('11) - He was recently named the 2025 Zionsville Community Schools District Teacher of the Year! Evan teaches at Zionsville Middle School.



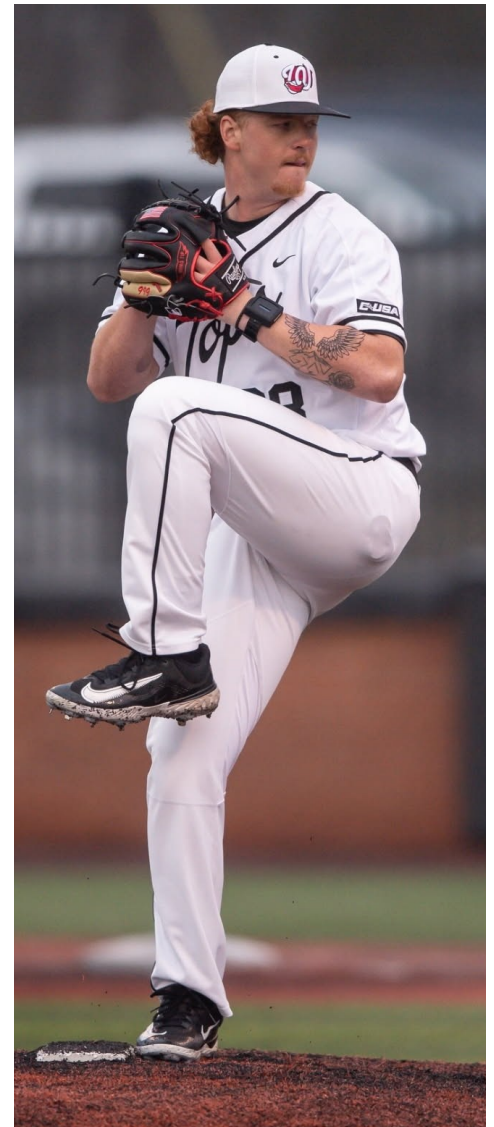
Erin Barrett ('16) - earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and recently passed the NCLEX exam.

Evalynn Aleman ('21) - graduated with a degree in Psychology from IUPUI. She will pursue a Doctorate degree in Occupational Therapy at University of Indianapolis.



Jakob Davis ('21) - graduated from Marian University. He was selected earlier this year as part of the 2025 cohort of Fellows for the Orr Fellowship, an early career development program.

Jonah Falcone ('21) - graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Actuarial Science. Jonah has accepted a position at Fortitude in Nashville, TN and is engaged to marry Alyssa Haller this August.



Luke Leverton ('21) - graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management. Luke will play a 5th year of baseball at Bradley in Peoria, IL while pursuing a masters in Business Non-Profit. He plans to be a collegiate pitching coach after getting his masters degree.

ALUMNI: Reach out to us about what you've been up to:
setoninfo@setoncatholics.org.



DO YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW...

Do you, or anyone you know, have roots with Seton Catholic, St. Andrew, St. Mary, and/or Holy Family schools? We are seeking to get in touch with our former students (you/they do not have to be graduates). We desire to keep in touch and data has become outdated. Please help us by scanning this QR code to update your/their information (Google form) or share it with someone you know that attended any of our Richmond Catholic schools. **Thanks in advance for the help!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3: Back to School Meet & Greet

August 6: First Day of School

September 14: Cardinal Classic Golf Outing

October 13-17: Fall Break

— SAVE THE DATE —

The 28th Annual Seton Catholic

CARDINAL CLASSIC

GOLF OUTING



WHEN: Sunday, September 14, 2025

WHERE: Elks Country Club
(Field limited to 20 teams)

WHY: Raise funds for our
Seton Catholic athletic programs

CONTACT: To sponsor or register to golf, call 765-962-3902 x 1008
or visit <https://setonschools.org/cardinal-classic-golf-outing>



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