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Roundtable: The Seton Alumni Magazine



Message from the Editor



Greetings from the home of the Seton Knights! This year I would like to give you an in-depth look at all of the incredible things that have happened at Seton in the past twelve months. It is hard to fathom that our little school keeps up with the amount of activity that we do. We do not stop! The school year has its own rhythm and rhyme but changes from year to year. This past year was no exception.

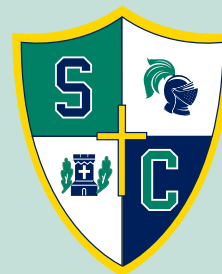
Faith plays a very important part in our daily activities and we are grateful for the support of our local parishes, who play an integral role in the day to day operations of maintaining our building and grounds, while also supplying financial assistance to students and families in need. We are able to keep our tuition at a reasonable rate because of the subsidies the parishes provide. If it were not for them we would have to increase our tuition and as a result, it would likely be unobtainable for many of our Seton families. We appreciate the support of parishioners, alumni and dedicated Seton supporters who continue to donate to our Adopt-A-Student Program and our various fundraising adventures, including our annual Gala.

We are also thankful for the alumni from all of our schools: St. John's Academy, Mount Assumption Institute, OLVA, Sallaz Academy and Seton, who attend our alumni reunions and keep the memories of their times at the schools alive by connecting with their classmates and sharing their stories and successes. We are proud of our alumni across the globe. We have a large international alumni base, some of whom occasionally visit us when they are in town. They often maintain their relationships with their host parents and that is a blessing to all involved.

We have volunteers who give of themselves in non-monetary ways. We have businesses who pitch in and assist us with our grounds, with our equipment, with donations of goods and services. The list goes on and on. The kindness speaks to the impact we have on the people of our community and the families and students we have served. I believe this is one of our greatest accomplishments and our largest sense of pride. The product is what counts and the caliber of students who graduate from Seton is beyond par. We may not have all the bells and whistles the public schools can provide but what we do provide is a sense of belonging and groundedness that comes from sharing our faith, morality and education. Our graduates have a sense of where they fit in the world, what their gifts are and how they can share them. That is the beauty of a Seton Catholic education.

I hope that you enjoy seeing the many aspects of life at 206 New York Road. You can help us by spreading the word about the vitality and promise of our student body, the dedication of the teachers and staff and the support of the Catholic community and local believers. We have room in our hearts and our classrooms for additional Seton Knights. Please feel free to reach out by phone (518-561-4031) or email (spellerin@setonknights.org) with questions and any updates of alumni news.

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It is a beautiful fall Sunday morning and the foliage is becoming more vibrant every day. That feeling of renewed energy has also filled the halls of Seton Catholic. Faculty and students are glad to be back, refreshed from the summer respite, and anxious to start another year of learning and exploring new paths to success.

We welcome our new faculty and staff members, as well as the new students and families who have joined us this year. With the enthusiasm and spirit I see exhibited, I predict we are going to have a wonderful school year, full of success, not only in the classroom but in all of our endeavors.

Of course, none of this is possible if it weren't for all the many families and friends who not only send their children to us, but support and help us in every way they can. We are so grateful for them, and appreciate them more than I can say.

Our Mission Statement

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

Thank You for Your Service!

This year two of our dedicated employees retired from Seton Catholic. Thank you to Sally Yanulavich, our Business Office Manager for over 18 years, and Sue Bleeker, our long-standing elementary teacher at St. Peter's, Seton Academy and Seton Catholic. Sue worked for our Catholic schools for 39 years! We will miss seeing both of you at Seton but wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement.



Sally Yanulavich



Sue Bleeker

Thank You for Your Generosity

We would like to thank Sister Bernadette Ducharme and the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis for their ongoing support of Seton Catholic. Their donations have been appreciated!





Year in Review



FAITH



ACADEMICS



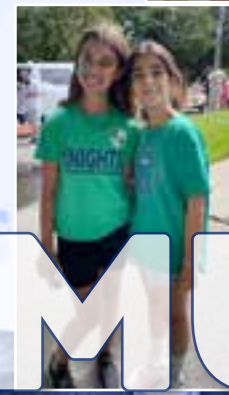


SPORTSMANSHIP



SCHOOL SPIRIT





COMMUNITY

THE ARTS





MAKING MEMORIES



Help us Accomplish our Dream of a New Athletic Field at Seton Catholic

In 2023 we chose the dream of a new Athletic Field as our Seton Gala Fund-A-Need. We were very successful in raising over \$40,000 toward our goal but we have a long way to go to accomplish this project. Because we hope to raise over \$100,000 we will also designate the Field as our Fund-A-Need for the 2024 Seton Bourbon & Bubbles Gala. The idea of having our own athletic field at 206 New York Road has been in the works since we purchased the property in 2004. We are thankful for the donations we have received and the in-kind donations of time, energy and equipment that we will need to make it to the finish line. If you are interested in helping us make this dream come true you can make a donation to the Field on our website, www.setonknights.org.





MONOPOLY IS THE NAME OF



The 2023 Seton Gala theme was Monopoly and the crowd truly enjoyed the opportunity to dress up in game board style. We had Get Out of Jail Passes and even a "Jail Cell" where the partygoers could send friends and family behind bars only to be released with bail money. In addition, we sold \$20 Game of Chance cards that corresponded with a gift card valued at \$25 or more.



Butcher Block's Adirondack Room was bustling with live and silent auction items and the room was filled with beautiful baskets and donations from all of our generous supporters. The Fund-A-Need this year, and next, is the implementation of an Athletic Field on our Seton property at 206 New York Road. When Seton purchased the property in 2004 it was always a dream to someday create an athletic field with bleachers and a scoreboard where students and families could gather on our own grounds. We want to bring that dream to fruition and successfully transform a section of our property into a proper practice

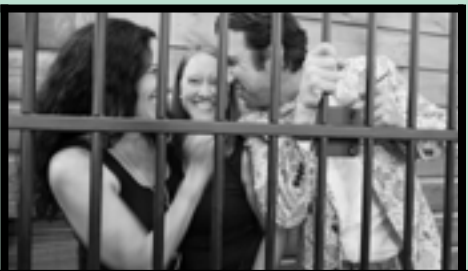


THE GAME

and game field. We realize it is a big project and the price tag is substantial, but with the help of our loyal constituents and the in-kind donations of time, material and equipment, we hope to have the field completed in a reasonable timeframe. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 and we have already collected over \$40,000 toward that need.

Our 2024 Seton Gala will be held on April 27, 2024 at the Westside Ballroom. The theme is Bourbon and Bubbles. The Fund-A-Need will continue to support the Athletic Field. We realized when we began, that it would take us a bit of time to reach our goal, but we are certain that we can get it done!

Please know that we are accepting donations for the field throughout the year. If you would like to make a donation, you can simply send us a check designated for that purpose or you can make a donation online at www.setonknights.org. We appreciate your support and we look forward to many happy memories made on our "Field of Dreams".



Charlotte Hughes

Valedictorian 2023



On November 15, 2022, the population of the Earth officially exceeded eight billion. Eight billion people scattered across seven continents, with eight billion different lives, perspectives, hopes and dreams who were all sharing in the collective human experience of being alive. That November day was spent eight billion separate ways, from the mundane to the life changing and everywhere in between. However, for eighteen seniors

in the small town of Plattsburgh, New York, it exemplified a distinctly special time in their lives. Time spent learning in classes, laughing with friends, joking with teachers, going to practices and extracurricular activities, applying to colleges, admittedly procrastinating on some homework, and overall, enjoying their high school journeys. And today, 214 days later, as those journeys end, those seniors have become graduates, united as one class, one whole and most importantly, one family. Out of the infinite number of ways we could have spent the past four years and the eight billion other people we could have spent them with, I consider us extraordinarily fortunate that by some slim chance we found not just each other, but the entire incredible community here at Seton Catholic. I am honored to be speaking with you all today, and on behalf of all eighteen of us, the Class of 2023, thank you for joining us to celebrate this auspicious occasion. We're extremely grateful that each of your lives has led you to be a part of all of ours, and for the unconditional support and love that you have shown and continue to show this class.

As we are all here together, savoring the last moments of our time as high school students and on the precipice of beginning our next chapters in life, it calls to mind another important beginning that led us to this moment: our first days as Seton Knights. Whether it was walking into Pre-K class at Seton Academy thirteen years ago, arriving here this past fall for senior year, or somewhere in between, we all entered this school similarly to how we now leave it: excited for the new opportunities awaiting us and filled with cautious optimism for our futures. We grew up somewhere between those bookends of our own individual beginnings and today, our collective ending. In all this time, we forged tight friendships, sharing laughter, memories, food, some tears, and the BEST napping sessions in the senior lounge. We discovered our voices, becoming leaders and visionaries, and of course convincing Mr. Bilow to play more mum ball, interrupting his trauma dumps about his old stomping grounds at THE Little Caesar's of America, his stories about a regrettable bike purchase in college, or his rants about how the government is coming for our milk. We immersed ourselves deeply in every aspect of our high school experiences through lively plays and musical performances, memorable sports seasons and sectional titles, and of course, serving our community and all those around us, while supporting each other through everything. We discovered who we are and what is important to us, and we learned to stand by those values. Most notably, we lived through a life-changing pandemic that completely altered our idea of traditional high school, but taught us resiliency, the importance of community, and the fact that here, you are never alone.



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Ebony Ruffin

Salutatorian 2023

At this school there are over 200 students who are working hard every day to achieve their academic goals. They are all different souls paving the way to their own unique futures, just like the class of 2023. As Dr. Seuss said: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." This statement may seem silly with the rhyme scheme, but nothing



could be truer. You have brains in your head. You have your own brain, thoughts, opinions, and actions. Believing in your abilities is one of the most important steps in achieving your goals.

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There has been so much adversity over the last 4 years of our lives. Whether it be social distancing for Covid-19 or switching from high school classes to CAP and AP classes, we have all been through so much together. To make this possible we needed to stay true to ourselves. Believing in yourself is about more than just thinking you can do something; it's about being yourself throughout every moment. Sometimes that can prove difficult, but being who you are is the only way you will properly make it through.

At the start of senior year, our class began filling out college applications. In September I never believed I would reach this point. It felt so impossible to go through the college admission process, along with completing the work required for my current classes. When I would bring up these concerns with my teachers, they would often tell me I had nothing to worry about and that I was going to be fine. They believed in me. That helped me believe in myself. Whether it was Ms. McMahon teaching us the themes of life in English, Ms. Les supporting the creativity of the students, Mrs. Flores handling the four of us in AP Spanish, Dr. G patiently helping learn the ways of physics, Ms. Spilman for handling all our affairs, or Mrs. Toohill readying the students of chorus and band throughout the year, all the teachers and staff have made us realize that working hard is good but having the courage to believe in our work is just as important. We would not be the people we are today without them.

However, there was one person who truly brought out these qualities in me especially. Not only was she always there when I doubted myself, but she has also guided me since 9th grade. I would like to thank Mrs. Toohill for being the most amazing teacher anyone could ask for.

This school has given me the greatest friends I have ever known. Our families and teachers have given us endless support as well. I also would not be the person I am today without the endless guidance and support I have received from my grandmother since I started my journey on this Earth.

So, as we leave this school today, I want the generations behind us all to know the importance of believing in oneself because almost anything is possible when you do.

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Gratitude

“Thank you, Lord, for so many things, at least a million or two...” These are the words of a song that I loved to sing with the Seton students. How do we even begin to thank God for all His blessings?

Helen Steiner Rice said it so well in her poem “Thank You, God, for everything.”

Thank you, God, for everything,
The big things and the small.
For every good gift comes from God...
The giver of them all.
And all too often we accept, without any thanks or praise,
The gifts God sends as blessings, each day in many ways.



Meister Eckhart tells us: “If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is—Thank You—it will be enough.” At prayer time, I often like to go through the alphabet and list all the people and things I am thankful for beginning with A, B, C, etc. Most of the time, I never get to Z because I keep thinking of other people and things that I want to thank God for. Helen Steiner Rice concludes her poem by saying that every day should be a day of thanksgiving. I couldn’t agree more. We have the perfect opportunity to express our gratitude every time we participate in the Eucharist. As you know, the word Eucharist itself means thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are two family holidays that we are privileged to enjoy. I see them both as being connected—feasts of thanksgiving—because during Advent and at Christmas we are grateful for God’s gift of His only Son on Christmas. We are so blessed that our God loves us so much. Our hearts are overflowing with thanks and praise.

I often think about the Gospel incident in which the dear Lord cured ten lepers and only one returned to say thanks. It’s a great reminder to me of the need to always say thanks.

Holiday time, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, bring out the best in people. They are both times when people are very generous and remember those who are less fortunate. Some people choose to express their gratitude by making a donation to gift a child with a Catholic school education. We are grateful to those people and all who have donated to Seton Catholic. You are being remembered in prayer, not just at holiday time, but throughout the year. I pray for you, your families, your intentions and your deceased loved ones. When I count my blessings, I thank the good Lord for you and all you do for the Seton students. May God bless you abundantly during the holiday season and throughout the year!

Thomas J. McFadden SCHOLARSHIP

The Seton Catholic community recently lost a great friend and supporter. Thomas J. McFadden lived a long and faithful life and was a dedicated proponent of Catholic education in the North Country. His decades of service and commitment made that education possible for students past, present and future.

Tom graduated from St. John's Academy as a three-sport athlete in 1960, and later from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Together Tom and his wife, Susan, raised five children who also graduated from St. John's or Seton, and all later from Catholic colleges.

"Mr. "Coach" McFadden loved his church and Catholic school communities and took great pride in serving them to the best of his ability. Whether using athletics as an opportunity to positively influence a young person, helping a teacher pull their classroom needs together, leading song at a Sunday mass and

then hauling leaves from the grounds afterwards, or countless other volunteer activities, Tom was always visible and active.

As someone who was well known for treating others with kindness and respect as well as his attention to detail, Mr. McFadden was elected President of the School Board that brought St. John's Academy and Mount Assumption Institute together to form Seton Catholic. An exemplar of faith and service to many, his influence as a coach, mentor and school community leader is still felt today.

His legacy will continue and is recognized through the Thomas J. McFadden Scholarship established in his name. The scholarship will award tuition assistance to a deserving student or students who demonstrate leadership to the school community in faith, service, academics, athletics, or music. Donations toward the Thomas J. McFadden Scholarship may be made through the Seton Catholic website, www.setonknights.org.



Thomas J. McFadden Memorial Soccer Game

Traditions that Stand the Test of Time

By the looks of attendance at the annual Carpenter-Ryan Golf Tournament it is safe to say that everyone loves reunions and enjoying a beautiful summer day in the Adirondacks. When golf is involved, the day is complete!

The proceeds from the Carpenter-Ryan Golf Tournament go to the Seton Catholic Booster Club which supplies the funds needed for new sports uniforms, equipment and transportation and lodging for athletes at certain competitions. The Booster Club has been successful in doing so in large part because of the annual tournament.

There is always room for more teams and we invite you to join us next year. The time and date will be advertised on our website and by mail and/or email. If you would like more information please contact crgolftourney@setonknights.org.



**GOLF
TOURNAMENT**



REUNIONS

GALORE!



This year was a busy one for the alumni of MAI, SJA, SCC and OLVA. We held our annual joint reunion on Memorial Day weekend at Valcour Brewing. We had an impressive showing! Rafael Adames, MAI '58 and Donald Recore, MAI '72 spoke on behalf of their alma mater and Terry Tamer, OLVA '65 was the proud representative of OLVA, remembering and honoring his classmates who were not in attendance.



Rob Buran, MAI '75 shared a video of (former Brother) Richard Jusseume giving his keynote speech at the Brothers of Christian Instruction Centennial Celebration on Memorial Day 2003. He explained how the brothers created Walsh University with a vision and a dream. The Centennial Celebration was attended by over 300 guests. Brother Richard was a natural storyteller and was previously named the Dean of Discipline for his skill at diplomacy. Copies of the DVD and embroidered MAI blazer patches are available by contacting Rob Buran at robburan@msn.com.



In addition to that long standing tradition, the SJA Class of 1983 held a separate reunion on the weekend of July 1-2, 2023, and many of their classmates joined in the fun. The class had a wonderful idea of establishing a scholarship in the name of one of their classmates, Lisa Yuska, who passed away in 2007. The goal was to raise enough money for a year of tuition for a deserving Seton family. They surpassed their goal and were proud and happy to present their donations to Seton. Thank you for paying it forward!



The MAI Class of 1983 also held a reunion on Labor Day weekend, 2023. They held a three-day event consisting of Golf, Welcome Drinks and Dinner, sightseeing at local historic spots and taking in some music at Vesco Ridge Vineyards. The weekend culminated in a "Champagne on Champlain Brunch" on the Spirit of Ethan Allen Cruise Ship. A beautiful cake commemorating their class was donated by Lisa Chauvin, MAI '83. Their class also took



time out to honor their deceased classmates in a moving candlelit ceremony on Lake Champlain. Those remembered were John Buffet, Mark Rousey, Wendy Phills and Zsillauna O'Neill. Those in attendance were Coach Joe Staves and Kevin Mulligan (European History) & Football Coach, Meg (Colon) Rush, Barbie (Miner) Goodfellow, Karen (Girard) Foster, Lou Caballero, Patricia Hauk, Chris Heckard, Paul Larche, Jason



Monto, Kristi Pottichen, Valeri Raugi, Whitney West, John O'Brien, Seena (Ferrara) Cushman, Mike Gadway, Tim Senecal, Annie (Boule) Spear, Darren Bracy, Greg Myers, Monique Rabideau, Brian McBride, Lowell Cody and Norman Lacroix, Joe Trombley, Pat Pearsall, Perry Buck, Paul Pendergast, Mark Rabideau, Alan Floyd, James Laduke and Cory Forett. What a great turnout.

Please mark your calendars for the next **Alumni Reunion on May 25, 2024** at Valcour Brewing. More information will be available on our website, www.setonknights.org. Let's keep the memories alive!



Carol Pearl, Kelly Ford, Kerry Ford, Mary Humiston, Jim Syzdlik, Kent Olson, Tammy Tuller, Anne Racette, Cass Pearl, Marty Glenn, Dominique Eisenger, Colleen Quinn

The St. John's Academy Class of 1983 recently gathered to celebrate their 40th reunion from high school. At the same time they honored a deceased classmate, Lisa Yuska Cronin, by donating to a scholarship in her name. The scholarship was slated to assist a current Seton Catholic student with the cost of tuition. We thank the SJA Class of 1983 for paying it forward and we encourage all classes to remember Seton Catholic in their giving.



Thank You

Honor Roll of Donors

Seton Catholic gratefully acknowledges the many alumni, family members and friends who have offered their support in our Fiscal Year 2022–2023. The success of our students, faculty, staff and school is built upon the generosity of these individuals. Their financial support, whether to the Annual Fund, Adopt-A-Student, or, previously, in the form of designated gifts to Seton Academy or Seton Catholic, makes a positive difference in the lives of our students.

Seton Catholic’s students, faculty, staff and Education Council members humbly thank you for your continued support in helping fulfill our mission to provide an exceptional Catholic education in the North Country.

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SAVE THE DATES!

April 27, 2024

Seton Catholic Gala 2024: Bourbon and Bubbles

Westside Ballroom

Join us for a festive evening filled with music and dancing, silent and live auctions and lots of laughs! For more information on purchasing a table or sending a donation email spellerin@setonknights.org.

May 25, 2024

Seton Catholic, MAI, SJA and OLVA Annual Reunion

All classes are welcome to join us for a stroll down memory lane. Catch up with classmates and make new friendships. Contact spellerin@setonknights.org for more information.

Class Notes

Weddings

Kaitlin M. Hynes, SCC '08 and Wesley Paladino were married in November 2022.

Kerry Cannon, SCC '11 and Joseph Tolosky were married December 31, 2022.

Dana V. Chapman, SCC '13, and Andrew Akiki were married in January 2023.

Mary Brigid Cannon, SCC '10 and Matt Duranleau were married June 10, 2023.

Kent Fessette, SCC '08 and Jennifer McLean were married June 24, 2023.

Eliza Zalis, SCC '10 and Sean Murphy were married July 15, 2023.

Lindsey Brudvig, SCC '10 and Kyle Nelson were married August 19, 2023.

Meghan Strong Bracy, PE Teacher at SCC, and Nick Bracy were married August 19, 2023.

Gretchen Raville, SCC '08 and Jonathan LaDieu were married October 14, 2023.



Kaitlin & Wesley



Kerry & Joe



Jonathan & Gretchen



Jennifer & Kent



Andrew & Dana

Accomplishments

Dana V. (Chapman) Akiki, SCC '13, received her Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering at Cornell University in spring 2022.



Kelsey & Alex

Engagements

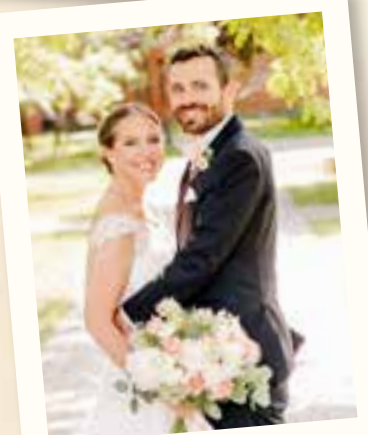
Paige Spittler, SCC '14 and Kyle LaPoint were engaged April 21, 2022.

Alex Fregeau, SCC '09 and Kelsey Newell were engaged February 24, 2023.

Kate Murnane, SCC '10 and Eric Deppe were engaged October 6, 2023.



Eliza & Sean



Mary & Matt

In Memoriam

Joseph H. Burgess, SJA '54 died February 18, 2022.

Daniel W. Stockdale, SJA '65 died March 8, 2022.

Robert J. Peryea, SJA '70 died July 9, 2022.

Thomas J. McFadden, SJA '60 died July 18, 2022.

Robert Durfey, SJA '65 died October 23, 2022.

Earl R. Parker, SJA '52 died November 9, 2022.

Peter N. Corodimas, SJA '56 died November 20, 2022.

Elizabeth Trombly Poitras, SJA '46 died November 23, 2022.

Eugene "Chip" Ward, SJA '70 died December 4, 2022.

Jackie Luck, Longtime Seton Volunteer, died December 24, 2022.

Jacqueline Chauvin (Glaude), St. Mary's Academy '48 died January 2, 2023.

Rita Brault Goddeau, SJA '43 died February 2, 2023.

Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno, MAI '50 died April 9, 2023.

Janice M. Clermont, SJA '47 died April 10, 2023.

John Nephew, SJA '55 died May 12, 2023.

John R. Hay, MAI '64 Died June 2, 2023.

Claudia A. Sanders, Longtime Seton Volunteer, died June 4, 2023.

Susan McFadden, Longtime SJA & Seton Volunteer died June 5, 2023.

Sherm W. Luck, Longtime Seton Volunteer died June 7, 2023.

Patricia Leonard, SJA '69 died June 22, 2023.

David Leo Ireland, MAI '76 died September 14, 2023.

Lyman Defayette, MAI '57 died September 15, 2023.

Robert M. Duquette, OLVA '54 died October 9, 2023.

Thomas H. Murnane, Longtime SJA and Seton Volunteer died November 4, 2023.

Births

Nicholas Sherman, SCC '05 and his wife Dominique welcomed a daughter, Sloane Lawrence Sherman on August 20, 2022.

Chris Gebhardt, SCC '04 and his wife Marcelle Martens welcomed a daughter, Keeley Jo Gebhardt on January 18, 2023.

Jeremy Eppler, SCC '01 and his wife Dr. Indira Gradys welcomed a daughter Savannah Marie Eppler on March 10, 2023.

Reinhart Meisenheimer, SCC '08 and his wife Natalie welcomed a daughter, Louisa Alma Meisenheimer on April 3, 2023.

Nicholas Wyand, SCC '06 and his wife Katie welcomed a son, Jaxon Henri Wyand, on May 27, 2023.

Wade Studley, SCC '04 and his wife, Dana welcomed a son, Adam Wade Studley on July 14, 2023.

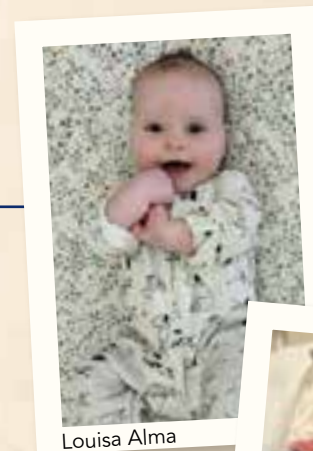
Emilee Collins Quantock, SCC '12 and **Ethan Quantock, SCC '11** welcomed a daughter, Lylah Jean Quantock on August 7, 2023.

Aaron Fregeau, SCC '04 and his wife Bailey welcomed a son, Silas Rabideau Fregeau on September 3, 2023.

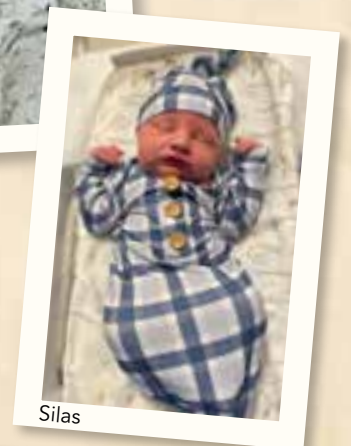
Patrick Murnane, SCC '07 and his wife Toni welcomed a son, Patrick Thomas Murnane, III on September 12, 2023.

Demi Pellerin Cook, SCC '09 and her husband Adam welcomed a son, Kallum Donald Cook on September 17, 2023.

Matt Dickson, SCC '03 and his wife **Anna Meisenheimer Dickson, SCC '06** welcomed a son, Neuhart Loyal Dickson on November 20, 2023.



Louisa Alma



Silas



Kallum



Savannah

Families are challenged daily in work, child raising and in our community. The vulnerability of our world makes it more important than ever to make the right decisions and choices for everyone in the family. Some of these are hard and some come with no effort. Being a part of Seton Catholic was one of the easiest and most rewarding choices our family ever made.

As a young adult, the family I grew up in sponsored exchange students and eventually, so did I before meeting my spouse.

After marrying and having our own children, my husband and I wanted to make meaningful choices for our children's education.

Seton is not just a building or a place to drop off my children. Seton is our "other" home. Like all families, we have grown, faced obstacles, faced sad losses, and rejoiced in victories. All of these have had the support of our school family.

And when we look back at the last decade, it has been this school cheering us on and encouraging us to cross that finish line.

Our family is part of Holy Cross Parish here in Plattsburgh. To say we have been blessed by all the people in our lives is an understatement. We are a family of six who have decided to raise all the children in the Seton School for as long as we can. Ms. Forbes, all the teachers from elementary to high school have been formidable anchors and never cease to amaze us with their efforts to make this great school a place that students yearn to come to daily.

The talents of Mrs. Gingrich, which she captures in the *Knightly News*, highlighting the little moments in our children's lives in her photos, are priceless. The pictures show the Artwork or a STEM activity that the children perform. These little gestures of Seton make monumental impacts on families as the shared memory allows us to be a part of the daily lives of our children. Sister Helen, with her ever-joyful bells were imprinted on my children. Everyone works hard to bring all they can to this school from concerts, to published poems of students, to school musicals. The bonds among families at pep rallies, and

bon fires is exciting! The quiet moments in the library, for example, as my son was encouraged to lead a chess club, teach children that they can be leaders.

It is easy to believe in this school and we want to return the favor by asking how we can help. During the merger, my husband and I loved how we could be a part of our children's school as they invited us to paint, help build lockers, move and set up the new classrooms. Families are really welcomed here because we are all connected and stronger when we are together. When we lost our family members or when



I was in the hospital, teachers and the families from our children's classes united and held us up. My sons felt the support and the love in surviving the struggles we faced. This is yet another reason we love this amazing school. Now that our youngest is older, we are blessed that all four of our children attend Seton Catholic. I have been honored to help in aftercare, substitute teach, and be part of the SFA (the Seton Family Association). All these things have endeared me to be more supportive and have a deeper love for this school. This is a school that is about families and students first. The classes, clubs, Community Service Days, the Sports, and just so much more make you feel like this school can shape students into young men and women that can make a difference in our world. What parent would not want their child to be a part of that?

Our family started out with our two sons. But in one afternoon everything changed for us. It was Seton who helped my husband and I to find a way to foster the two youngest into our family and make them a part of Seton Catholic. Now these two amazing children get to benefit from the chance to grow in faith and character. My children now range from Pre-K to middle school. One of the best parts of Seton is how the academics inspire creativity in my children's education. My children have found mentors in the staff, and even mentors from the older students, who have taken the time to invest in my children.

I admire and still am wonderfully surprised when I see how older grades look out for the young ones and take the time to teach, set good examples, tutor or just be a friend. Again this school is a family. My husband and I attend meetings and know that when our children leave for the day they are with people who truly care and will be there for them in good and bad times. They will cheer them on as they grow up with all the challenges of life.

This sense of school unity is a value to the community. Our "Seton Strong" students learn the value of service, the rewards of sports, and the strength of faith. The halls and playgrounds are filled with friendships and relationships. My children feel loved, accepted, challenged, and part of something special.

Seton is an immeasurable gift to families who wish to feel valued and grow in faith. Seton provides a wonderful and valuable catholic education that will help my children stand strong when they take their first steps into adulthood. My husband and I are so thankful to all those who have been a part of our lives. This includes the current staff and those who have retired. With all our hearts thank you so much. Go Seton. To those who are not sure listen to the words of our school song the next time you see us in the city parade as our voices are raised tell our narrative and welcome others.

Go Seton Knights. May God bless all of you. We are so lucky and grateful to all those who have welcomed us and taught our children.

—**Matthew & Desiree Kirk**

Seton Catholic is a wonderful institution for learning. Our daughter is in 6th grade now and has been attending Seton since she was in Pre-K. It has been such a rewarding experience for our family. The teachers are so supportive and provide a positive environment. They do love their jobs and it shows. The school is the perfect setting for making friends. The teachers understand the needs of their students and most of all they concentrate on learning. Through religion, Seton teaches students about oneself and developing life-long skills that are so important today. Academically, having smaller classes allows for more one on one attention between the student and the teacher. Students are taught cursive writing in second grade and take band, chorus, and learn a foreign language starting in middle school. Seton also offers several sports like soccer, indoor and outdoor track, and basketball. There is much to offer. We love our Seton family. —**Andre & Loretta Cappiello**



Seton. Where to begin?
To quote John Mellencamp:

No, I cannot forget from where it is that I come from
I cannot forget the people who love me
Yeah, I can be myself here in this small town
And people let me be just what I want to be

The second two lines didn't feel true when I was in high school at Seton, but they do now: hindsight is a beautiful thing! As an adult, I've come to understand that no one feels like people let you be just what you want to be, when you are a teenager.

My husband and I both graduated from what is now Seton. When our daughter was ready to go to pre-K, we both knew it was worth foregoing a new car, huge TVs, etc. to send our kids to Seton. I could write far more than anyone would want to read about why we love this school, but I think I can sum it up with one word: family.

The families we both came from, the family we've created, the family we belong to at Seton are what we value. There are countless times we have experienced the deep connection of the families at Seton, and we value it now more than ever. Our school reinforces the values we strive to teach our kids at home. In this world of social media, we appreciate Seton.

So yes, we like the high academic standards. We like the small class sizes. We like the fact that every child who wants to can participate in sports (and most do).

But we love the family.

On a more personal note: A few years ago our young son suffered a head injury that required that he remain home for most of third grade. The support from Seton, the special attention from his teacher, and the concern shown by everyone at the school during that time and during the additional three years it took for his full recovery meant the world to us. We love our Seton family, and we're thankful for them.

—**John & Liane Trombley**



We are the proud parents of a daughter who has attended Seton Catholic for her primary, middle, and secondary education. We believe that Catholic schools have long-standing traditions and help students achieve high standards. In addition,

they are committed to educating and developing the whole student, spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. As our daughter prepares to enter university, we are confident that Seton Catholic has prepared her to navigate a challenging world.

—**Michael and Heather Langlois**

In a culture where everyone is virtually connecting, Seton offers a sense of real community, real purpose, and real connection. That means small classes, caring teachers, and great friendships. But it feels like so much more...like an education for a meaningful life.



—**Julia and Michael Devine**



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