



October 18, 2018

Dear Catholic School Parents,

I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful fall season highlighted with the beautiful colors of upstate New York! I am writing to update you on some of our latest accomplishments at the Catholic Schools of Broome County. As I indicated in my last letter, we embarked on a number of projects over the summer as part of our ongoing CSBC Capital Campaign.

The CSBC celebrated a Ribbon-Cutting event at Seton on October 5th which included three blessings from Most Reverend Bishop Robert J. Cunningham. Over 200 people were in attendance at the Ribbon Cutting and we cherished the special moments in dedicating two of our newly renovated spaces. The Seton Gymnasium was dedicated in honor of former administrator and lifelong supporter of our schools, William "Pete" Gallagher. The Concetta A. Mirabito and Thomas J. Mirabito Student Learning and Activity Center was dedicated in honor of a wonderful couple who committed their lives to serving their community. If you have not yet had the opportunity to see the renovations to these areas, please stop by and be amazed!

On Monday, October 22nd, the new CSBC website will be launched! The site represents a consolidation of all four school sites into a system-wide website. In addition to providing information for current families, the site will also be used as a marketing tool including updated branding for our schools. A new CSBC video will also be added once it is completed.

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) released the state test scores this month. The CSBC scores were incorporated into the Broome-Tioga BOCES regional test score proficiency graphs. As in the past, the CSBC scores for both ELA and Math for grades 3-8 compared favorably to all of the other schools in our region. Congratulations to all our students and teachers for such excellent academic achievement!

I have attached a list of both completed and in progress Capital Campaign projects. Please pray for our continued success in making the Catholic Schools of Broome County the best version of ourselves possible. Thank you to all who help make our schools so great. God bless all of our students, families, teachers, staff, board members and administrators.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth Carter'.

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Capital Campaign Project Update

The following capital projects were completed this past summer:

- Enhancements to the main entrance to Seton
- Seton crest engraved in the front concrete walkway
- Expansion of the existing driveway in front of Seton
- Seton Student Learning and Activity Center and Sainly Grounds upgrades
- Replacement and redesign of the Seton Gymnasium floor.
- New scoreboards and shot clocks in the Seton gym.
- Turf improvement and widening of the Seton athletic field
- Installation of new retaining wall for the Seton athletic field
- Protective netting at both ends of the Seton athletic field
- New LED lighting throughout Seton
- New ceilings at Seton
- Terrazzo floors throughout Seton polished
- Front hall renovations and new tinted front windows at Seton

The following academic and student support projects were also completed:

- Pre-school program added manipulatives for experiential learning
- K-6 added learning tools for experiential learning
- K-6 music program enhancements included adding 10 keyboards at each school
- K-12 theology program review and curriculum coordination completed
- 22 stability ball seats added to each of the elementary schools
- Community school coordinator hired for the elementary schools

The following projects are in progress or in the development phase:

- Roll out of the Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Program starting in 2019 with Kindergarten
- Curriculum coordination for science and math for grades 5th through 12th
- Review of current services for students with special needs
- Seton business program to begin in Fall 2019
- Seton performing arts upgrades will start this year
- New LED lighting for the elementary schools
- New CSBC marketing video production highlighting each of the four schools