New Projects Update

- Separate from and in addition to the $3.2 million raised through capital campaign funds, two anonymous donors have donated over 900K for a new turf field at Seton Catholic Central. Following their lead, several other donors have come forth to help close some of the gap needed to fund the new turf field. The new field is scheduled to be completed on August 19 in time for the start of fall practices. If you have not seen it, be sure to check it out as it is too amazing for words! Please plan to join us for the dedication of the John G. Dowd field which will take place on September 15th starting with a Mass at 11am, ribbon-cutting and dedication, followed by a picnic and fun-filled day of activities.

- Several donors have requested their capital campaign donations to be used to update the Monsignor Peter J. Owens Chapel at Seton. The Chapel is being renovated to provide a more peaceful and efficient space for weekly masses and prayerful meditation for our students, faculty, staff and families. The Chapel will also be a location to display the Elizabeth Ann Seton relic that was donated last year.

- A Communications Lab is being installed at Seton with technology to enable students to create podcasts, practice and enhance their public speaking skills and deliver daily announcements. The lab is located across the hall from the Chapel.

- Last year our three elementary schools implemented the Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Program for our kindergarten students. After the first year of the program, our teachers shared very positive feedback about higher levels of student engagement and enhanced reading excitement. This year aspects of the program will be implemented for 1st and 2nd grade students.

- In order to prepare our elementary and junior high school students for the NYS Next Generation Science standards, we will be revising our science curriculum for grades K-8. The new program is entitled STEMscopes and will be offered in conjunction with our Project Lead the Way program, providing students with an enhanced STEM curriculum.

- Last year we welcomed a Community School Coordinator to our elementary schools supported by capital campaign funding and in collaboration with Binghamton University. This year, again as part of this collaboration with BU, we will add MSW interns who will provide clinical services at each of the four schools.
After a review of our student success services, several additional supports have been added to our schools. At Seton, a Student Success Team meets bi-weekly to discuss strategies to support students who may be struggling academically, socially or emotionally. Additionally, all faculty in the four schools have received Response to Intervention (RTI) training which will continue in the 2019-20 school year.

This year Seton Catholic Central will begin offering introductory level courses for the Business Program. A faculty member has been hired and will offer two sections of Introduction to Business in the fall.

Filming for a new CSBC video has been completed and is currently being edited. The new video will be used for marketing purposes and segments will be added to our website.

A Performing Arts Control Room has been built in the previously unused space in the back of the William P. Gallagher gymnasium. This will allow sound and lighting to be orchestrated from that space and enhance the performances.

Several other minor facility upgrades that will be completed this summer include new solar shades for temperature control at All Saints, repairs for a retaining wall at St. John, repairs to one of the restrooms at Seton, as well as addition of insulation and a new section of roof at Seton.