

Seton Catholic Central School

October 10th Newsletter

Here are some important events coming up:

- **Friday October 11th: No School In-Service Day**
- **Monday October 14th: No School Columbus Day**
- **Wednesday October 16th: PSAT - Juniors**

- Please see the Schedule Galaxy website (<https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/163>) on our website for up to date sports schedule.

- Operation Christmas Child is right around the corner! Seton will again give out shoe boxes (we have some designated from the organization) though you can use others such as clear, plastic ones, etc. Information will be coming out about what to pack and not pack. Our goal is to donate 100 boxes to be shipped to children around the world from local churches.

How to Participate:

Have your son/daughter pick up a cardboard shoebox at school, outside Rm 209 (or you can use one from home - cardboard or plastic)

Decide if you are filling a box for a boy or a girl and for which age group...2-4, 5-9, 10-14 yrs

Fill with small gifts such as a small stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, coloring book/crayons, school supplies, hygiene items.

Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Please include shipping of \$9.00 for shipping as these get shipped throughout the world (in an envelope) or pay online to follow your box at samaritanspurse.org Mrs Schmidt will deliver these to a local church for distribution throughout the world.

Thank you for your generosity in brightening a child's Christmas with a gift filled shoe box.

- The annual NYC Christmas trip is Thursday, December 12th. This year's show is Cirque du Soleil, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at Madison Square Garden. Tickets and bus are \$160. Contact Mrs. Schmidt at mschmidt@syrdiocese.org . Seating is limited!

- The US Naval Academy is hosting an information session at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse on October 26. Learn about the admissions and nominations processes for the U.S. Naval Academy and talk with USNA Admissions Counselors and a newly graduated midshipman. Visit

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMi5h32MzYP7Ova3eE1bQ2YVESh8ROx-QvLAUVg8lqs8aLQg/view_form for more information and to register.

- Attention Seniors! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) becomes available October 1. Now is the time to get your FSA ID and gather together important documents. For more information about completing the FAFSA, visit <https://startheregetthere.ny.gov> and <https://studentaid.ed.gov>
- SUNY Broome is hosting a Financial Aid night on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Learn how to apply for financial aid, understand the financial aid award process, and get help from SUNY financial aid professionals. Students applying to any college are welcome to attend. Visit https://engage.suny.edu/portal/financial_aid_days to register.
- The Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce is hosting Family Career Nights where high school students and parents can connect with local business about career exploration and part-time, full-time, and seasonal job opportunities. Seton students are invited to attend the session that is most convenient. See the attached flyer for additional information.

October 17 - Johnson City High School

October 23 - Union Endicott High School

November 7 - Maine Endwell High School

- Greater Binghamton College Day is held on Wednesday, October 16 at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial arena. This is an opportunity to meet with representatives from Community Colleges, SUNY Colleges, Private Colleges, Ivy League Schools, Nursing Schools, the Armed Services, the Trades, and Financial Aid Officers all in one place. It's never too early to learn more about the college admissions process. We encourage all students to attend during the evening session which runs from 6PM-8PM. For more information and to view a list of participating colleges, visit <http://www.greaterbinghamtoncollegeday.org/index.php>
- The **Fall Fundraiser** has begun!!! This is our largest fundraiser for Student Council and goes to help pay for many events throughout the year, including the purchase of twenty Christmas trees and storage containers that each class and various clubs decorate and then donate to families through Catholic Charities.

The fundraiser includes two catalogs - one for magazines and the other for food and gifts. The food/gift catalog should say Extravaganza on the cover. If the packet you received says Simply Delicious, please have your son/daughter exchange it with Mrs Schmidt in Rm 209 for the correct one.

Students receive prizes at various levels such as dress downs, gift cards, free yearbooks and cash! The sale runs through October 25th.

The tuition credit program, previously mentioned in past newsletters, is no longer being offered. Sorry for the miscommunication.

- We will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT here at Seton on Wednesday, October 16th. This test will be administered to all Juniors during the regular school day and there is no fee. If for any reason a student will not be taking the exam, we will need a written note from his/her parent/guardian.

- Seniors should have had their Senior picture taken or have made an appointment to be included in the yearbook. Lifetouch sent information out to each Senior during the summer. They will send the pictures together on a CD to Ms. Schmidt by mid-November. Ms. Schmidt will meet with each Senior to confirm that the picture sent is the one chosen for the yearbook in order to meet the first yearbook deadline.
- Maryknoll is hosting an essay contest for students in grades 6-12. The theme is "Learn to swim against the tide, learn how to share Jesus and the faith he has given you." Students are asked to write an essay explaining how and with whom they share the Good News of God's love. Additional information is available at <https://maryknollsociety.org/publications/essay-contest/>

God Bless,
Mr. Martinkovic
Principal

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