



Alumni & Friends



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Catholic School Students Live Their Faith by Engaging in the Community



Richard A. Bucci

Since I assumed the role of President of the Catholic Schools of Broome County approximately five years ago it has been my pleasure to highlight the academic and athletic achievements accomplished by our students. I believe it's also important for alumni to learn how Catholic school students are involved in the community locally and beyond our borders.

Over the last four years Seton Central Catholic students have made six trips to Haiti. The students work in two orphanages supported by the Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus. They also volunteer at Mother Teresa's Children's Hospital and have run a medical clinic in Cite Soleil. Cite Soleil is considered the one of the most deprived regions in the western hemisphere.

These visits have been supported in diverse ways by the entire K-12 student body. Over the last two years all of Seton's boys and girls basketball teams held foul shooting contests raising \$18,000 for diverse projects. Elementary students collected hundreds of pounds of toys and medical supplies to be distributed at Haitian orphanages.

This year Seton students will be hosting their fourth Relay for

Life. Relay For Life is an overnight fundraiser for the American Cancer Society where students form teams and take turns walking around a track. Relay For Life is about a school community coming together to celebrate those who have successfully battled cancer while remembering those who lost. Seton is one of only a handful of high schools in New York State holding a Relay. To date they have raised approximately \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society.

All schools coordinate multiple food drives for Catholic Charities donating thousands of pounds on an annual basis. Over the last two years Seton students have participated in harvesting several tons of potatoes for local CHOW Warehouses.

In addition to these efforts Seton students have worked on mission trips to the Philippines and worked with Habitat for Humanity to build homes in Delaware.

While the projects are varied there is one common denominator. Catholic School students feel compelled to live the fundamental Christian message of helping those who are less fortunate than themselves. The students are truly points of light strengthening communities by assisting their most vulnerable residents. This is the essence of Catholic education.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 21

Seton Rocks-
Including Mr.
Wheeler's Retirement
Farewell

June 23

Hengel Sports Classic

June 5 at 4 pm

at St. Thomas Aquinas
Church
SCC Choir Spring
Concert
Also featuring
SCC musical
instrumentalists

May 13 & 14

Relay for Life
at SCC

Jeep Raffle Finishes the Race- Winners Announced

The first prize winner of the 2015 Catholic Schools of Broome County Jeep Raffle is Mr. Daryl Forsythe of Norwich, NY. Mr. Forsythe chose to forgo the Jeep and received a sum of money instead. The second prize of \$1,000.00 was received by Mr. and Mrs. Tim and Mary Ellen Vaverchak of Binghamton. Mrs. Vaverchak is a first grade teacher at St. John the Evangelist School. The third prize winners were CCHS 1973 alumni Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Therese (Hidock) Buckley of North Carolina. The winners donated a total of \$1,750.00 back to the Catholic Schools of Broome County! Many thanks for their generosity, and congratulations to all!

Proceeds from the raffle will be used to improve the four local schools and for student tuition assistance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOME COUNTY APPOINTS TWO NEW PRINCIPALS

Mr. Matthew Martinkovic SCC 1996 was named Principal of Seton Catholic Central Senior and Junior High School, Binghamton in November 2015 replacing Mr. Richard Bucci. Mr. Bucci remains as President of the Catholic Schools of Broome County.



Mr. Martinkovic earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Art in teaching from SUNY Cortland. He holds a certification in School Building

Leadership from Le Moyne College in Syracuse. Mr. Martinkovic worked for the National Audubon Society's Seabird Restoration Program as a Research Supervisor for 7 years before coming to the Catholic Schools. He taught Science at St. Joseph's, St. James, and All Saints before becoming Principal of St. James Elementary School, and now as Principal of SCC.

The position of Principal at St. James Elementary was filled by Susan Kitchen. Mrs. Kitchen, who has a Master's Degree in curriculum and instruction from SUNY Cortland, was previously the challenge enrichment program coordinator for the Binghamton City School District, where she had been employed since 2001.

She graduated from SUNY Oneonta with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and received an Associate's degree in early child education from SUNY Broome.



Mrs. Kitchen began her teaching career at the former Our Lady of Sorrows School in Vestal.

National Catholic Schools Week

Right: Binghamton Mayor Rich David presents President Richard Bucci with a proclamation in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Activities culminated in a Catholic Schools flag raising ceremony outside of City Hall.

Below: Binghamton Mayor Rich David with the students from the Catholic Schools of Broome County at City Hall in celebration of National Catholic Schools Week.



GEORGE PHILLIPS, SCC 1994 will be taking a leave of absence from his position at SCC because of his run for Congress next year. Mr. Phillips has worked as Dean of Students, Theology and History teacher for many years.

MR. BRIAN HYLAND, SCHS 1971 has agreed to accept a position in Oklahoma City as a curator of papyri and medieval manuscripts starting in the fall of 2016. It is the largest private collection of biblical papyri, manuscripts, early printed books, and artifacts related to the Bible and biblical studies in the United States.

Mr. Hyland has taught at Seton Catholic Central for 30.5 years. The courses he has instructed include Latin I, II, III, IV; AP Global History and Geography 1 (and occasionally 2); AP World History; AP European History and World Mythology. He has also served as Chair of the Social Studies Department since 2009 and as Mock Trial coach/teacher.

Mr. Hyland has served as the SCC Head Coach for Varsity Cross Country and Varsity Track & Field for 28 years. Mr. Hyland says, "I may be leaving Seton, but I'll always be a Saint at heart!"

His creative teaching methods, wit and humor will be greatly missed by all!

*"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world."
Nelson Mandela*

Retiring Music Teacher Mr. James Wheeler's Final Farewell!

Seton Rocks concert will take place Saturday, May 21st 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at SCC, 70 Seminary Avenue, Binghamton, NY. Music will be performed by current and previous SCC students. The groups will be accompanied by The Scott Freeman Band. Drinks, food and raffles will be available. All proceeds will benefit the SCC Music Department and support the *Seton Rocks scholarship. The organizers are looking for individuals or businesses that would like to sponsor the event. Individuals/businesses interested in helping or donating may contact Sonya Rundell at sonyrun@aol.com or call 607.768.3859.

This event will also serve as a farewell to Mr. James Wheeler as he will be retiring from his position as SCC music teacher in June after 40 years of service with the Catholic Schools of Broome County. Come and hear some great tunes and honor the man who influenced many a career in music, and the love of music in many more!

*Seton Rocks Instrumental Music Scholarship- Seton Rocks Scholarship is an instrumental music scholarship for Seton Catholic Central graduating seniors. Students must be attending a college or university in the fall after graduation. Selection for this scholarship is based on SCC instrumental music department participation and a commitment to participating in instrumental music in college.

SCC Ranks Highly at the State and National Levels

Seton Catholic Central has been ranked 14 out of 121 Catholic high schools in New York State and 186 out of 1,222 Catholic high schools in the United States.

The survey was conducted by Niche. Niche was founded in 2002 by Carnegie Mellon University students as CollegeProwler.com. By providing reviews and insight from a range of experts, they make choosing a neighborhood, college, or K-12 school a more transparent process.

The 2016 Best Catholic High Schools ranking provides a comprehensive assessment of the overall experience at a Catholic high school. This grade takes into account key factors such as the strength of academics, school culture and diversity, as well as student and parent reviews, in an attempt to measure the overall excellence of the school.

“Among recent curricular additions is a pre-engineering curriculum affiliated with RIT. Seton has also expanded its language offerings by adding American Sign Language and Mandarin,” Bucci continued. “Next year every student will be provided a Chromebook which will significantly diversify the way teaching and learning occurs at Seton.”

Science Olympiad Team Goes to Regional Competition

The 7-9th Grade SCC Science Olympiad team participated in a Science Olympiad Invitational competition in January competing against 49 other teams from Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, and New York. The Bio Blitz, Optics, and Meteorologist Teams ranked in the top ten and received medals for their efforts. The team went on to compete at the Regional level and took 2nd place in the competition.

SCC Students Learn About Jewish Beliefs



Seton Catholic Central students expanded their knowledge of Hanukkah and Jewish beliefs in early December while touring the Temple Concord in Binghamton. The students learned about the Torah and the Hebrew language. They also had the opportunity to tour the Temple's Hanukkah House learning from displays showing the history of the holiday. The students played a game of dreidel, a four-sided spinning top, played with during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah.

Confucius Institute

Catholic Schools of Broome County are working in partnership with Binghamton University to establish a Confucius Classroom at Seton Catholic Central and also introduce Mandarin as a language option for students in grades 3-12.

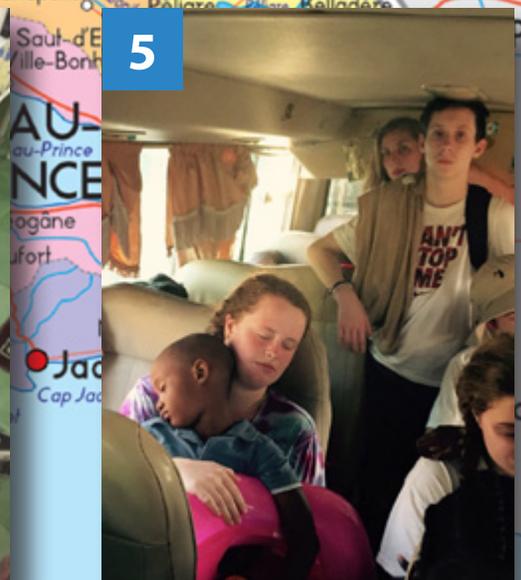
As part of the process the schools are working to introduce Chinese culture into the local Catholic schools. This includes a performance by Binghamton University students in celebration of Chinese New Year at SCC, and the making of monkey masks at the elementary schools and in Seton Catholic Central's art classes which represent the Year of the Monkey.

The program will be funded by the Chinese government.

The Hoops for Haiti event at SCC generated a total of \$10,100.00 dollars raised for the students' and Sr. Brigid's latest mission trip to Haiti in February 2016.



1. Alumna Kendal Valenti visits the orphanage of the Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus (MHJ).
2. Citi Sole (the slum) Medical Clinic, run by the doctors and the students.
3. God's love shines through at the orphanage.
4. Students visit Mother Theresa's Hospital for babies.
5. SCC senior Rachel Martin and a child from the Haitian orphanage slumber peacefully after a long day at the beach.



A Banner Year for Saints Girls Tennis



2015 Seton Catholic Girls Varsity Tennis Team
Central Division Champions
Section IV Class B Champions
STAC Champions Go Saints!

By Coach Katie Loughlin, SCC 1982

The Seton Catholic Girls Varsity Tennis Team had a big goal this season. They wanted to earn a team banner that will hang in the school gymnasium with all their names on it. This is not an easy task. The team has to win a Central Division Title, a Section IV Class B Title, and a Southern Tier Athletic Conference Championship.

The season started off very strong. We cruised through the first half of the season with an 8-0 record.. WOW! At this point the girls start to sing along to warm up music (if you could even call it singing ...). Three weeks later we improve to a 15-0 overall record. The singing is improving and the girls want me to participate in their crazy new dance moves. I am a bit hesitant to say the least.

We are now Central Division Champs! Now girls are pressuring me to dance. Against my better judgement I tell the girls if we win everything including sectionals and a STAC Championship I will dance with them....What was I thinking?

Off to Sectionals we go. We are up against some tough competition. We nailed it! A first place finish for the Saints! We also crowned 3 Section IV Class B Champions: Maya Haykal in singles and Alina Galyon and Claire Loughlin in doubles. All three earned spots in the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Championships. Check Sectional Title off the list...now I'm practicing my dance moves. Not pretty.

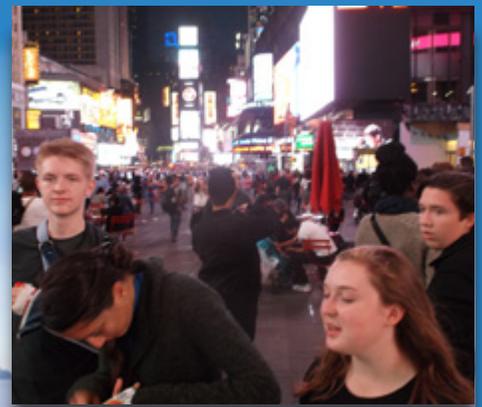
Finally we travel to Horseheads for the STAC Championships. Horseheads has won 4 consecutive STAC Championships. No pressure! We got this! Match is tied 3-3...the only court still playing is the second doubles team of Anna Korchak and Nikki Crowley. They win a very close match and Seton captures the STAC Championship. The girls storm the court! The Saints remain undefeated with a season record of 17-0. Time to celebrate! We earned the banner and yes, *Everyone Danced!*



The SCC History Club visited NYC with moderator Tom McDonough, experiencing such sites as the World Trade Center Memorial "Never Ending Fountain"; the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton; the Empire State Building and other sightseeing interests.

Left-World Trade Center Memorial "Never Ending Fountain"

Right- SCC students experience the beat of 42nd Street!

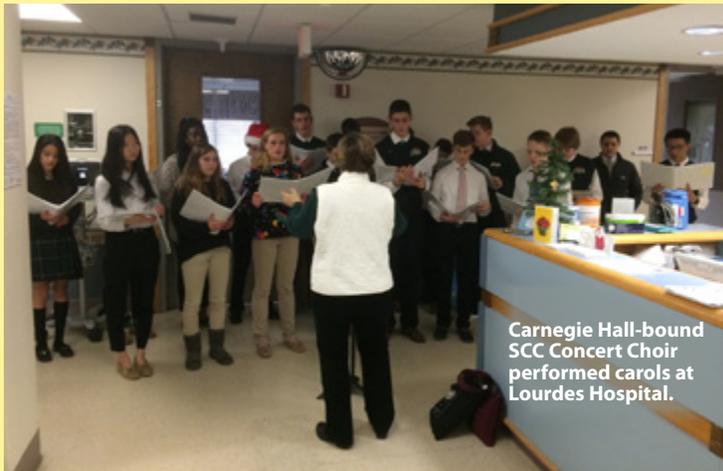


How Do You Get To Carnegie Hall?

Practice - Practice - Practice and encourage friends & family to donate \$50.00 to the "Cash for Carnegie Campaign"

The newly formed SCC Concert Choir headed to the Big Apple on May 1 and combined with 130 choristers from across the country to perform onstage at Carnegie Hall with the National Youth Choir. The group spent 2 1/2 days rehearsing with internationally acclaimed conductor and arranger Greg Gilpin prior to the concert. The action-packed itinerary included a three night stay at the Hilton midtown Hotel, a performance of "The Lion King" on Broadway, a visit to The Museum of Modern Art, and Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The 15 person choir under the direction of Jean Goodheart had



worked hard learning and polishing seven pieces for the concert. The music ranged in style from Mozart to Folk song and Spirituals. The students have developed their music reading skills and vocal sound. The local community will have the opportunity to hear the Concert

Choir at the spring concert on Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Binghamton.

To assist with the costs associated with this exceptional musical event, a "Cash for Carnegie Campaign" was established. The goal was set at 100 donations at \$50.00. The effort continues beyond the event to cover outstanding obligations.

Any amount would be greatly appreciated! Contact Jean Goodheart at jgoodheart@syrdiocese.org for information.

Thank you for supporting high quality and meaningful arts experiences for Seton Catholic Central students.

Alumnus Establishes Scholarship in Honor of Parents

SCC alumnus Ryan Cook 2008 established The Randy and Ellen Cook Scholarship in honor of Ryan's parents. (Ellen (Hanifin) Cook is an SCC '77 alumna.) The scholarship includes a five year commitment totaling \$5,000, with \$1,000 per year tuition assistance for one student, grades 1-8 based on the greatest financial need.

Ryan says, "My Catholic School education was a great gift my parents gave me, and I wanted to make that possible for some other child."

Ryan attended Siena College in Albany, NY studying Marketing. He currently lives and works in Seattle, WA and is employed in sales for Meridian Bioscience.

social media

Keep up with current events at the Catholic Schools of Broome County through some of our social media.

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL K - 6



The preschool through sixth grade students at St. John the Evangelist school in Binghamton have had a busy year so far. Their new principal, Julie Lamuraglia, was lucky enough to join this incredible staff of dedicated, knowledgeable and spiritual teachers last summer.

The teachers have been going to many workshops given through the Broome County Teachers Center and BOCES in order to keep a focus on the best practices in teaching. They have added a great deal of technology into their teaching. The students use Chrome Books, iPads, Smartboards and desk top computers throughout the day to practice their new skills and strategies as well as using different formats such as Power Point and Prezi to demonstrate their learning. Many of our students have learned how to code. They participated in the international "Hour of Code" that gave them the opportunity to learn how to program computers.

Having small class sizes in our school is important to the success of our students. The average class size is 16 students. This allows the teacher the ability to give individual attention to each student to support and extend his/her learning on a daily basis. We also have unique classes like Spanish instruction for preschoolers through sixth grade children.

The teachers, students and parents at St. John's are very invested in assisting

those in need. They have organized several collections of items and funds to help others. Some examples are the collecting of medical items and funds for Haiti, Trick or Treating for the Danielle House, CHOW food collection competition before Christmas and a sock collection for our veterans. The participation in these projects is always outstanding! Our little school donated over \$1,100 dollars to the Danielle House and over one ton of food to the hungry in our community. Big hearts, small school!

Our students also often participate in various academic competitions such as a Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Science Fair and Math-alon. The teachers and parents do a wonderful job preparing the children to do their best for each event. Winning and placing is a regular occurrence for our students. For example, once again, some of our sixth graders found themselves the Math-alon champions after defeating 14 other regional teams in December.

St. John the Evangelist School is a rare gem in the world of education. The children and teachers are happy and enthusiastic about learning and giving of themselves to God and their community. Prayer is integrated into all subject areas and is part of what makes this school so unique and successful. We ask that if you have any questions or would like to visit, please call us at 607.723.0703. We would love to have you share in our happiness!

Photos from upper left:

- ◆ First Day of School at St. John's - a happy Kindergartner and her little sister.
- ◆ St. John's Transitional Kindergarten singing at a nursing home in December.
- ◆ The St. John School 6th grade Mathalon team came in first in the Broome County Mathalon sponsored by BAE. The event took place at the new engineering facility at BU. The students were Rose Nugyen, Christian Kang, Joseph Miller, Mariano Kourtellas, Priscilla Williams, Francesca Garufi and James Yuhnick with coach Anu Rai.
- ◆ St. John's first and third graders working together on learning to code.
- ◆ Bring your Veteran to School Day - This is a major celebration at St. John's. Pictured is veteran Frank Rumble with his grandson, Sergio Rumble (3rd grade) while 6th grader, Patrick Carlton proudly holds the flag.
- ◆ Students loading the County Bounty food truck with food to take to CHOW.





The Race for Education at All Saints School raised over \$19,000.00. The funds will help with school programs, classroom upgrades, PTO events, field trips, and more.



Mascot for The Race for Education, Shannon Hayes, picked Fast Francis as the mascot's name.

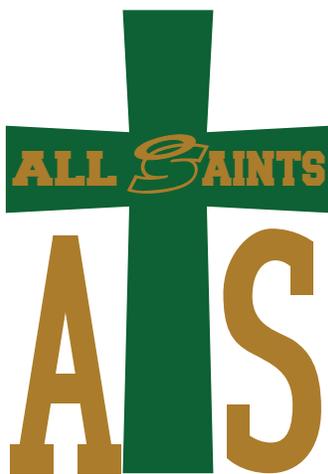


Rev. Donald Bourgeois leads the All Saints Playground Dedication

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

1112 Broad Street
Endicott, NY
607.748.7423

Ms. Angela Tierno-Sherwood
Principal



All Saints Christmas concert was directed by Mr. Christopher Kolpakas (SCC 2008).

*Left: Students from All Saints anticipate the Christmas Concert.
Below: Students from Mrs. Driggs first grade class await the Christmas concert.
Right: Mary is played by Patricia Brocius and Joseph is played by Adam Ackerman.*



Dedication of Playground at All Saints School

The blessing and dedication of the All Saints playground took place following the first Mass of the school year. The playground's completion was the result of a year-long study and fundraising efforts dedicated to providing a new and safe playground for the preschool through 6th grade students. All Saints Auction was the principal fundraising revenue for the project with the addition of an anonymous donor and benefactor providing the remainder funds necessary to complete the project.





Saint James Elementary School
 143 Main Street
 Johnson City, NY 13790
 607.797.5444



Grandparents were invited to join students for a special mass, reception and private school tours led by their grandchildren.



Colin Patterson (2nd grade) took on a special role at the school-wide mass with Bishop Cunningham in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, held at Seton Catholic Central.



The 5th and 6th grade classes helped the church pantry by moving all their food items from their old location into a new bigger space across the street from St. James church.



During Catholic Schools Week, students were able to visit the star lab in their gym. The digital dome gives students a projection of planets, stars, constellations and galaxies.



4th grade class projects on the solar system



St. James School ended Catholic Schools Week by cheering on the sixth grade class as they won the annual "students vs. faculty" volleyball game.



Pre-K student interacts with residents at Willow Point Nursing Home. Pre-K - 1st grade students, alternate monthly visits there making crafts and other activities.

2016 Mirabito Excellence in Teaching Recipient Honored

Mrs. Mary Ellen Vaverchak of Binghamton was named the recipient of the 2016 Mirabito Excellence in Teaching Award, sponsored by the Mirabito Foundation. The award was presented at the Catholic Education Foundation's 8th Annual Green Tie Dinner in March 2016 at Traditions at the Glen. Her family, husband Tim, and sons Timothy SCC 1997, Gregory SCC 2000, and Matthew SCC 2003 attended the event, sharing in the excitement.

Mrs. Vaverchak is a first grade teacher at St. John the Evangelist school. She has taught in the Catholic School system for 27 years and the public schools for three years. Prior to St. John's she worked at St. Catherine's in Hillcrest and Blessed Sacrament School in Johnson City.

Mrs. Vaverchak commented, "I am very humbled and honored to receive the Mirabito Excellence in Teaching Award. It is a pleasure being part of the Catholic Schools of Broome County where Christ

and Catholic Christian value are central to every lesson. I am blessed to work with and have the support of an excellent administration and truly outstanding, dedicated colleagues and staff."

For more information on the award and on how to donate to the fund, go to broomeexcellenceinteaching.org or call 607.348.0337.



SETON CATHOLIC CENTRAL... HOME TO ALL AMERICANS



By Guest Contributor

In the spring of 2004, Seton students played their last game as part of a combined lacrosse program with Binghamton High School. It was time to start a new tradition: *Saints Lacrosse*.

The American Indians called it the "Creator's Game". The French called it "lacrosse" because the player's stick reminded them of a Bishop's staff. That being said, it seems appropriate that lacrosse would be right at home with our Catholic Schools.

John Burtis, former Notre Dame lacrosse player, started Saints Youth Lacrosse in 2004 as a feeder program for the high school. The 12 year labor of love continues bringing the Creator's game to our grammar school boys and girls including his four children that attend(ed) Catholic Schools.

Travis Eckler, a former high school and NCAA All-American,

coached the varsity boys. His defensive coach was Nick Donatelli, a former high school All-American and goalie for Syracuse University. Their All-American credentials translated into program enthusiasm and immediate success on the field.

The game winning trajectory of Saints Lacrosse was 4-7-14-12-16-17, in the first six seasons, including Sectional Champs in 2009. From 2007 to 2010, the Saints had the distinction of having the leading scorer in Section 4.¹ The '16 Saint's boys went 15-4 losing in the Section 4 Class C Championship game.

Joey Slavik ('10)² and Jesse Wood ('10)³ were high school All-Americans. Joey and Gerry O'Brien⁴ were first team NCAA All-Americans. Joey played in the 2012 DIII National Championship game and Gerry on Lemoyne's 2013 National Championship team.

All-American coaches and players

includes 2x high school girls All-American Taylor Farrell.

Parents that helped form Saints Lacrosse would often say "anything worth doing is worth overdoing." Lessons for life, including patience, faith, perseverance and teamwork enhanced the SCC curriculum for dozens of young men and women. Seton boys have secured victories over every lacrosse program in Broome County, which is remarkable for a school with less than 50 boys per class.

The Creator's Game seems to be right at home at Seton Catholic Central.

¹ Keenan Dowd (104 pts '07), Jesse Wood (102 & 132 pts '08 & '09), Joey Slavik (150 pts '10)

² 3x D3 All-American (1st '13, 2nd '12 & '14) and 2x captain at Cortland.

³ All-time career leading scorer for career at DII Mercy College.

⁴ 2x All-American (1st '15, 2nd '13) and led Lemoyne to 2 NCAA National Championship games.

Jack Shay, CCHS 1967 has written a book on the German Prisoner of War experience in America during World War II. Published by McFarland & Company (ISBN: 978-1-4766-6235-0), *The Fort McClellan POW Camp* explains how and why nearly a half-million Axis prisoners came to be interned in America after capture in Europe and North Africa. It focuses on one of the largest POW camps in the country, the one called "The Model Camp" because of its humane treatment of prisoners, a camp chosen for some of the most talented POWs (writers, artists, musicians, and future politicians). The author has previously written four historical books and one historical novel. He returned to Broome County following retirement from the Interior Department and Congressional and Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Joe Kilmer, CCHS 1976 recently retired Drug Enforcement (DEA) Agent addressed the 8th grade students at Seton Catholic Central in December discussing his 31 year career with the Agency in which he worked in two dozen different countries coordinating the campaign against the illicit drug trade. He highlighted the role of the Drug Enforcement Agency in the ongoing battle against illegal drugs and the various roles agents play in it.

Matthew Scalese, SCC 1994 serves as Master Sergeant in the United States Army.

Joseph M. Johnson, SCC 2002 graduated from Broome Community College and Rochester Institute of Technology. He works for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles as a Driveline Development Engineer. Mr. Johnson was recently quoted several times in the March 2016 issue of *Car and Driver Magazine* in the article, *What Are the Makings of a Great Manual Transmission?*

Mario Mazza, SCC 2009 studied Animal Science at BOCES during his years at SCC. He works with animals at Animal Adventure in Harpursville, NY with owner Jordan Patch and wife, Colleen (Kozel) Patch, SCC 2003. Mario is also employed as an office

assistant for his father's business called Mechanical Specialties, Co. In his down time, Mario enjoys WWE WrestleMania, performs with the Lyric Players at the Endicott Performing Arts Center, and belongs to his Uncle Jim Goughary's (CCHS 1966) pit crew, handling their race car, a Nissan 350 Z, weighing over 2300 pounds.

Emily Marie Edwards SCC 2010 graduated from Stony Brook University (SUNY), Long Island in June 2015. She is now the Head Athletic Trainer at Mt. Sinai High School, Mt. Sinai, NY.

Miari (Vasquez) Liechti, SCC 2010 graduated from SUNY Broome with her degree in Nursing, took the NCLEX 8/2015 and is now a Cardiac RN at Wilson Memorial in Johnson City. She is attending Kaplan School of Nursing for her BSN and plans on obtaining her Masters to become a Family Nurse Practitioner. Miari is married and has two children.

Rose Bernier, SCC 2013 is a chemical engineering student at Notre Dame. She plays piccolo for Notre Dame marching band. Rose will be an assistant drum major next year in her senior year.

Molly Martin, SCC 2014 (photo below) performs on trumpet at the USC game at Notre Dame last fall. Molly is a sophomore English major at St. Mary's College.



REUNIONS



Bob Neylan, Dave Pochily, Bruce Sedlak and Steve Orrange, Seton Catholic Class of 1972

CCHS Class of 1966 – 50th Reunion, Fri.-Sun, Sept 23-25, 2016. Check your mailbox in June for invitation and RSVP info. To date plans include a tour of our alma mater on Saturday, September 24th at 2 pm with Mass to follow at St John’s at 4 pm. More details forthcoming with invitation. Contact Peg Stocking and the Committee – email Lydia@ptd.net– if you would like to help with the event or if you have high school memorabilia to share at the reunion – photos, fun stories or pictures of items that can be used for videos/displays at the reunion.

SCHS 1966 50th Reunion: The classes of ‘65 and ‘67 are invited. Sept. 9 thru Sept. 11, 2016. Ice Breaker, Friday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Jonathan’s Restaurant. Golf Tournament Saturday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. Tour of the old high school in the morning and miniature golf for the non-golfers; Dinner: Cocktails 6 – 7 p.m., Dinner 7 – 10 p.m. at the Binghamton Country Club. Sunday, Sept. 11- Memorial Mass (Location and time TBD) with Brunch following at the Binghamton Country Club.

Contact Dave Bilek at bilekds@aol.com (607-785-8030) or Sharon (Youarski) Loudon at jorgiewilma@yahoo.com (607-785-4140).

CCHS 1967 50th Reunion: Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2017. The reunion committee has put together an entertaining weekend including various talents involving our fellow classmates.

As the first freshman class of CCHS, we forged new traditions and set standards for the years to come. Those four years flew by, and after graduation, we quickly scattered in our own directions. Recapture a moment in time when CCHS was the place where we started our journey to adulthood.

As a warm-up to 2017, take a moment to share a favorite high school memory with us (and look for them in future mailings). If you have any high school memorabilia, please bring it to the event for display. Send any updated contact information for yourself or your classmates to Debbie Grassi at dgrassi1@yahoo.com, Kathy Zelesnikar Newberry at knewberry@stny.rr.com, or to Camille Muscatello at the Alumni Office at cmuscatello@syrdioocese.org.

CCHS 1971 The CCHS Class of 1971 is conducting its 45th Class Reunion the weekend of October 7-9th 2016. There will be an icebreaker on Friday October 7th at Abel’s Pub, formerly the Pine Lounge. On Saturday October 8th, there will be golf at Vestal Hills followed by Mass at SCC Chapel at 5:30 pm, and Buffet Dinner with DJ and Cash Bar at Dillingers Celtic Bar and Eatery located on 77 State Street in downtown Binghamton at 7 pm. Teachers, Staff, upper and lower classmates are welcome to join us. To sign up for golf contact Jerry Gaube at jgaube@stny.rr.com. To make your reservation and payment for the ice breaker and dinner please contact Cheryl Vitaletti at CVitaletti@scsd.us and also let Cheryl know if you plan to attend the Mass.

CCHS 1976 40 Year Reunion: Friday, July 29th- Tom Race Memorial Golf Tournament at State Park. Saturday, July 30th- Mass is at 4:00 p.m. Location to be announced. Dinner at the Binghamton Club at 6:00 p.m. Contact Eileen Fox if interested: foxei80@aol.com or 607.743.9832.

SCHS 1976 40 Year Reunion Summer of 2016. For more details, or to report updated contact information, please call the Alumni Office at 607.348.0337 or email cmuscatello@syrdioocese.org.

SCC 1996- 20th Reunion- Weekend of July 23rd. Contact Regina Speicher at reginahutchinson@gmail.com

SCC 2006 10th Reunion! Contact Dan Miller for details, update contact information, and if you’d like to assist with the reunion. Email Dmiller@wicz.com OR rosdower@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

St. Patrick’s Academy

Marie (Norris) Neylan, 1952
Margaret A. McCarthy, 1957

St. Paul’s High School

Gerard F. (Buddy) Nolan, 1944
John (Jack) Edwards, 1947
Patricia A. (O’Neil) Norris, 1947
James J. Houlihan, 1950
James F. Roehm, 1951
Margaret Jean (McNerney) Carlin, 1952

Catholic Central

Paul T. O’Neil, 1969
David (“Dewey”) Warren 1972
Alexander M. Roberts, 1973

Seton Catholic Central

Dr. James E. Freije, 1977
Gale (McAvoy) O’Gorman, 1982
Christopher L. Corwin, 1994

Staff/Faculty

Thomas Cheevers, former SCC Football Coach /Parent of Alumni
Barbara A. Conklin, former SCC Guidance Counselor

Memory Maker

“What does the fall remind you of?”

Christina asked an older man living with memory loss. He had trouble finding his words, but she gently encouraged him to keep going.

“Diversity of the leaves....like diversity of people”, he replied.

Later, she asked him to tell her about his painting. He gestured to the veins in his hand, then to the veins in the leaf. “We’re all the same,” he said.

Everyone is, or will be, affected by memory loss in some way, whether you are helping a loved one, supporting a friend, or navigating it on your own. While Alzheimer’s is one of the leading causes of death for older adults in the United States, it is both possible and common to live for 10-20 years after a diagnosis. There is no cure for Alzheimer’s or other dementias, but there are ways to continue to lead a full life.

Meaningful engagement in the arts reduces anxiety, depression, and apathy--all symptoms associated with memory loss—while increasing confidence and the quality of a person’s life. What’s more, the arts act as a backdoor entry to past memories and can inspire new memories.

Christina Muscatello, SCC 2004 first noticed this phenomenon shortly after graduating from Seton in 2004, while attending Binghamton University and working as a one-on-one aid for a family friend living with Alzheimer’s. Together, they made art, told stories, danced and had philosophical conversations about life.

After graduating from Lesley University with an Ed.M. in Integrated Teaching through the Arts, Christina went on to work for the I’m Still Here Foundation, one of the leading researchers and practitioners of non-pharmacological interventions for people with dementia, based in Boston, MA.



But Christina felt a tug to move back home to the Southern Tier where so many people in her community are affected by memory loss. In 2014, she co-founded The Memory Maker Project.

The Memory Maker Project makes art and cultural programs accessible to people living with memory loss in the Southern Tier. Christina brings joy into their lives through respectful interactions, threading conversations between the arts and participants’ personal stories.

You can learn more about The Memory Maker Project at: www.memorymakerproject.org or www.facebook.com/memorymakerproject.

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The Memory Maker Project is a project of the Center for Transformative Action, a Cornell affiliate and a registered 501(c) 3.

Hengel Golf Tournament Tees off Again! *Hengel/5-0-Hall of Fame Dinner to follow Tournament*

The 12th Annual Don Hengel Memorial Sports Classic sponsored by the Catholic Education Foundation of the Southern Tier to benefit the Catholic Schools of Broome County will be held Thursday, June 23, 2016. The Hengel-Hall of Fame/5-0 Dinner will follow the tournament.

This year’s Hall of Fame honoree is Marc Duquella, SCC 1993. Mr. Duquella holds 2 current school records in the discus (160’ 5.75”--1992) and the shot put (54’ 4.5”--1993). He also anchored a 4x100m relay team that set a school record in 1992 (45.9) that was tied in 2000, and broken in 2006. In

addition, he competed in the State Meet three times in discus (1991, 1992, and 1993) and once in shot put (1993.) He also played football during the Jud Blanchard years as a running back. He went on to compete for Cornell University in the throws, and set a couple of records in the hammer and weight. He is currently living in Washington State.

For more information regarding the golf tournament and/or dinner, please call Beth Putrino at 607.231.1440 or 607.341.6394, or email bputrino@syrdiocese.org. Visit the Hengel website at hengelsportsclassic.com.

Reflections of a St. Patrick's Academy Alumnus

In the fall 2015 newsletter Mr. Michael P. Heslin, St. Patrick's 1954 shared memories and updates about St. Patrick's and St. Paul High School's alumni. Here the account continues:

"My brother-in-law, Raymond McNamara, St. Paul's '42, served with the 89th and 101 Airborne Divisions. He participated in some of the more famous battles that these divisions participated in.

The Korean War, which was considered for years, "A Conflict", saw St. Patrick's graduates in the U.S. Marines and the Navy. Vincent D. McCormick, St. Patrick's 1948 was one of the Frozen Chosin, a name given to those Marines who fought at the Chosin reservoir. Finally fighting their way through, outnumbered by enemy troops and affected by the frigid temperatures which were unbelievably below zero F most of the time. (Once recorded at 54 degrees below zero.) Edward Heslin was part of the naval task force that got them out of Korea. The writer of this missal, Mr. Heslin served in the Navy though he never saw the Pacific Ocean much less Korea. Eugene J. Heslin served during the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and some earlier skirmishes in the Middle East."

"There have been those who entered the teaching profession and did a great job of it. I remember one particular woman who seemed very shy in high school. She went on to be head of the English Dept. in one of the local school districts. Her shining hour came during

a discussion between the school board and a group of parents who did not wish their children to read some of the books listed in the syllabus for high school students.

Not only did these parents not wish their children to read them, they did not wish anybody to read them. That teacher, the late Patricia Campbell, St. Patrick's 1954 stood her ground and told those parents that even though they may not like the language used in some of the books, this was what life was like in the ghettos and the streets of our cities. It is time that these children were made aware of what life was like outside of their homes. Ms. Campbell carried the day for the school and the school board. There were others who taught their students well. Among those were Jean (Foley) Burtis, Judith Ann (Moore) Farrell, and others."

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