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Our least action when done for God is pleasing to Him. ~St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

From the Principal

Happy, happy winter! Although the roads have been treacherous, God has blessed us with abundant beauty in the snow covered trees and glistening, diamond-like blanket of snow. I pray that you have been safe and able to enjoy some winter fun!

- † With all the busyness, we failed to recognize our wonderful Student(s) of the Month for the month of December. Congratulations to 6th graders: Cassandra Will, Tyler Revett, Jacob Harrand, and Danielle Ehardt, 7th graders: Anna Marie Clear, Julia Thompson, Noah Passinault, and Connor Valade, and 8th graders: Jacob Klingelsmith, Jacob Muzljakovich, and Krista Morse! What a blessing we are to have your leadership in our school!
- † Our finalists competing in the Geography Bee today are, (in no particular order): 6th graders: William Kalajian, Mary Frances Myler, Riley Dorgan, Rori Richardson, Joey Wilson, Nick Bosio, Jack Roop, Sarah Chouinard, Alternates: Bailey Langbo, Daniel Simaz, Julia Brunner, 7th graders: Olivia Schmitz, Marek Laucky, Charlie Donahue, Jonathan Pax, Fitz Doud, Camille Madion, Peter McAndrews, Tyler Spigarelli, Alternates: Nick Meddaugh, Dominic Hathaway, and Emily Gallagher, and 8th graders: Patrick Klym, Beily Ostrom, Victor Casler, Jay Jones, Joe Coates, CeCe Richardson, Parker Wilson, Megyn Ostrom, Alternates: Krista Morse, Anne Lyman, and Bridget Puetz. Congratulations to all, and thank you for sharing your geographical talents with us!

In closing, I want to thank you for your incredible children. They are such a joy to be around and I dearly love each and every one! Your commitment in raising your children to be strong, Christ-centered young men and women is evident in their daily behavior. Please know of our commitment and prayerfulness as we continue your good efforts at home, here at school, and, as always, thank you for your partnership and communication.

Sincerely Yours in Christ Jesus, Lori J. Phillips

We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty.

~Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Upcoming Events...

1/28 - 2/3 Catholic Schools Week: Faith ~ Academics ~ Service

1/31 No Mass due to All System Mass on 2/3

2/3 All System Mass @ 8:30 a.m. in SFHS gym; **Please have students to Saint Francis gym by 8:00 a.m.**

2/15 County Spelling Bee at Grand Traverse Academy at 6:00 p.m.

Please note the following items for Catholic Schools Week specific to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School. See complete details of the Catholic Schools Week events attached to the GTACS News.

Tuesday, 1/31	Adoration: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Snowman Building Contest by Advisory: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Snow attire please! Catechism Bee: 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Friday, 2/3	Talent Show: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Diocesan Prayer Request and Parent Lunch Duty Schedule for the week of 1/23/2012.

Our prayers are for...

1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27
Rev. Albin Gietzen	All Seminarians	Rev. Joseph Graff	Rev. John Greene	Rev. Msgr. David Greka
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Levi Cribbs Sophia Mackey	Kelly Kazmierski Allison Taylor	Morgan Chippewa Isabelle Reamer	Beth Friend Andrew Nelson	Tina Bosio Ian Gabriel

Please plan to be at school from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on your scheduled day. If you cannot make your day, please find a replacement or send \$15 to the SEAS office to hire a sub with at least 24 hour notice. The schedule for the entire year is posted on the GTACS website.

Our Prayers Are With...

- † The O'Brien family. May God hold you in His loving embrace during this difficult time.
- † All those in our school and church family that are battling illnesses.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Schools Week Staff Luncheon February 2, 2012

We have an amazing school staff that goes above and beyond to ensure our children are very well taken care of. Let's join together to show our appreciation for all they do. For a small donation of \$5.00 we are able to take the worries away and provide a delicious Italian meal for our staff! You may send in cash or checks made payable to GTACS. Please send in your donation to the school office in my name by Monday January 30th.

Thank you for all your support and generosity. May God bless you, Bridgett Lambdin

If you would like to help or have questions, please call or email.

231-409-7794 or Bridgett@45thfudge.com

8th Grade Pizza Kit Fundraiser (Washington D.C. Trip)

The Little Caesar's Pizza Kits will be delivered on 1/27/12. Contact Nicki McFadden at 218-6083 with questions.

Monthly Beatitude

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Parent Rosary Group

We are happy to announce that Claire Scerbak is leading our Parent Rosary Group for our St. Elizabeth Ann Seton students, staff, and families. The first Rosary Group will be held Friday, 1/27/12 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Rosary Group will meet the last Friday of each month. Please join if you can.

Prayer protects. Prayer reminds. Prayer moves mountains!