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Ron Hansen & Tobias Wolff

Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 (6:30 - 9:00 pm)
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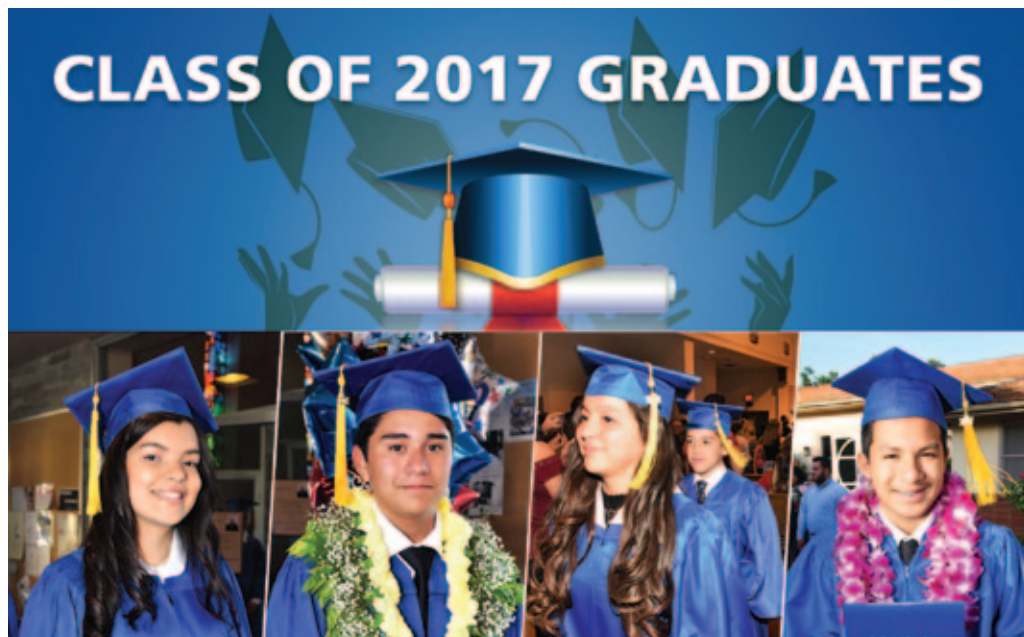
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Thank you!



The graduating 8th Grade Class of 2017 marked a wonderful end to the academic year. Our graduates are now attending the following high schools; Bellarmine, Sacred Heart Prep, Saint Francis, Cristo Rey, Sequoia, Menlo-Atherton, Mercy Burlingame, Summit, and Oxford Charter. Graduation is a proud moment for students, families, teachers and staff. We know that they're prepared and well-placed for the challenges ahead.

We wish you all the very best!

Our entire Pre-K Class of 2017 graduated in June, having achieved so much in just one year. With many of our preschoolers counting to 100 we were able to progress to skip counting by 2's up to 20 objects. Letter recognition and sounds were also mastered. However, as important is the forming of good friendships, and learning about ways to show God's love by how we work with and treat others. They're definitely ready for the exciting transition to Kindergarten with a room equipped with even more to explore. They may miss their afternoon Pre-K nap time, but they'll find that our full-day Kindergarten is an exciting place to learn and grow.



Transforming the School – We're Ready for the 2017-2018 School Year

It has been a busy summer! By June 9th (yes, school was still in session) classrooms were empty of desks, chairs, filing cabinets, books, supplies and more. Office spaces were completely cleared out and the school kitchen packed up and moved elsewhere. That included four industrial sized refrigerators - all bulletin boards taken down, and even tiny hooks and nails on walls removed. This was all in preparation for a huge summer project! St. Elizabeth Seton School has had a complete makeover. Asbestos tile flooring has been removed and new tile installed. The interior and exterior of the school has a fresh coat of paint, and ceiling tiles in all classrooms have been reinforced and painted. The new improvements throughout the school look outstanding! St. Elizabeth Seton School was blessed to receive these improvements from the Shea Family Charitable Foundation.



BEFORE

AFTER

Ms. Rosa, our principal, worked closely with Sylvia Martinez, the Project Manager from Shea Family Charitable Foundation to coordinate this work. We are very grateful to the Shea Foundation for this amazing gift to our school and to Sylvia for her guidance during this summer long process. St. Elizabeth Seton School would not have been able to undertake a project of this scope without this extraordinary gift. Students can now enjoy coming to school in this vibrant, renewed environment. We welcome visitors at any time to come and see our students in action!

Student Service Programs

Our Vice-Principal, Mrs. Maguire, worked hard to devise and implement a guided Service Program for our Middle School students last school year – and we were thrilled with the results! It is only in serving others that we learn to appreciate all that we have!



Our 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students were inspired to earn service hours by helping in the home, in their parish communities and local neighborhoods. We had students volunteer in soup kitchens; at animal rescue centers, make goods for seniors and others, train to be altar servers and church greeters and more. Student groups gave meaningful PowerPoint classroom presentations to explain their service work and experiences. Most importantly, they expressed how they felt their volunteer work impacted the lives of others and how it changed their way of thinking.

Mrs. Maguire stated that “Service is not only important but necessary. Our whole community is made up of a diverse fabric of people, and we all have a voice in creating change to improve the lives of our neighbors, and promote a more just world. This service program is a positive step toward educating our students about participating in their local community.”

STA Book Drive – Excitement in 2nd Grade

It's wonderful to see how confident our second grade students are by the end of the school year. Having developed a greater level of English fluency; comprehension and overall confidence in reading English, the St. Thomas Aquinas (STA) parish community encourages this independence each year by gifting all second grade students with summer reading books! Each child in our 2nd Grade class gets to request book titles that they would enjoy for summer reading. Beautifully bundled and labelled packages are then made up and then distributed by Terry Atkinson and Father Stasys just before the summer break. Lots of excitement that day – thank you so much STA Community! As always our students are delighted, and you've captured the perfect grade to gift with your generosity.



Blessed by Bring-Me-A-Book Buddies Program

Painting Personal Cubbies AND new books to take home too!

Our Pre-K Class has been blessed by weekly visits from the Bring-Me-A-Book Buddies Program throughout the school year. Delighted students got to listen and learn from so many rich and engaging *picture books*, after which the class was gifted with the books to enjoy over and over again! But that's not all – the year ended with a grand finale – decorate your very own Book Cubbies. Armed with aprons, paint brushes in hand and stickers galore, a fun and creative time was had by all. Cubbies were painted and time was spent embellishing with stickers for a unique and individual look. Parents gathered to learn more about the value of reading daily and ways to work it into an enjoyable daily routine at home. Our Pre-K students selected three new picture books (with text in English and Spanish), loaded their new cubbies, and then each family proudly took their masterpiece home. What a wonderful way to inspire new readers and also take the opportunity to reinforce support from home that truly makes a difference. Thank you so much – and rumor has it that next year both our Pre-K and 1st Grade students will get to enjoy this programSuper!



Awards for 2017: Grants That Will Enrich the Program at Seton School



The Thomas Merton Center

We were blessed to have been awarded five grants during our last school year that will allow us to enrich the programs at St. Elizabeth Seton School. New Book Bags for Pre-K – 2nd Grades, a new Science Text Series with an advanced digital component for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students, funds to purchase faith formation materials, and a grant to build and fully equip a sports shed for all to enjoy. Amazing - Thank you to all of our funding donors, and especially to the communities who support each of these funds. We feel really blessed and will update you on our progress throughout the year.





Principal's Corner

Summer 2017

Dear Seton Supporters,

The 2016-17 school year was full of activities and opportunities for our students. The children enjoyed learning in a positive, faith-filled environment, participated in monthly liturgies and weekly prayer services, and attended field trips that provided opportunities for them to learn and grow.

We made some changes to our school plant and began the process of moving our school library to the extended care facility. The purpose of this project was to remodel the library to create additional offices and a conference room. Our Vice Principal, Mrs. Maguire now has an office of her own, as does our Food Program Coordinator, Mr. Rios. The conference room will now afford us space to hold conferences during and after school. This is a welcome addition, as we had no meeting space for larger groups outside the classrooms. We are grateful to Mr. Juan Ortega, a Seton grandparent, for helping to repurpose this space for us. I'd also like to acknowledge Mrs. Mary Ratner, who, along with some volunteers, sorted the books by grade level and boxed them to be moved out of the original library. This was an incredible amount of work!! Thank you Mary!!



DREXEL
SCHOOLS

Transforming Catholic Education

During the third trimester of last year, the school administration made the decision to join the Drexel School System in the Diocese of San Jose for the 2017-18 school year. This system began a few years ago with seven Catholic schools in the diocese, and three more schools including Seton have joined this Fall.

As you know, we have been actively utilizing technology for the past five years and have been fortunate to have a 1:1 iPad program. By joining Drexel, the implementation of the Blended Learning Model will augment our current use of technology to enhance instruction and help to improve student achievement. In transitioning to the Drexel System, our school has also benefitted from major school improvements this summer, as well as gaining additional tuition assistance for our school families for this new school year. Our teachers will now be meeting twice per month with teachers from the other Drexel schools to collaborate. We welcome this change and are excited to implement this program in the coming weeks. I am very grateful to the teachers for their enthusiastic participation in the Blended Learning Academy at Santa Clara University this summer.

I would also like to applaud the entire staff for their hard work in packing up the contents of their classrooms, offices, the kitchen, etc. so we could prepare the school for the upgrades to our school plant this summer. In returning to school in August, we had to unpack all the boxes and put everything back in place. This process was completed with a positive spirit of teamwork, and everyone is excited about the new appearance of our building!

On Wednesday, October 11th we will welcome authors Ron Hansen and Tobias Wolff to Seton School. Please mark your calendars for this special event to raise funds for our tuition assistance program. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by the authors at 7:30 p.m., and book signing at 8:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased through our Development Office at the school. For more information please call Carmel Caligaris at 650-326-1258. We look forward to seeing you!

Gratefully,

Ms. Evelyn M. Rosa
Principal

"Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness."

— Dalai Lama XIV

More Ways You Can Help

Giving Opportunities

- Sponsor a Student
- Event Support
- School Food Program
- Planned Giving

Volunteer Opportunities

- Events
- Tutoring
- After School Program
- Student Mentoring

We have so very much to be grateful for, but still we need your financial support to supplement this year's food program. We serve breakfast, lunch and a snack each day to the majority of our students.

A huge and heartfelt thank you to the Daughters of Charity and our sponsors - without your prayers and financial support none of this would be possible.





22nd Annual Seton Scramble 2017 – We had a fabulous day and fun for all!

Seton Scramble for Students – Tournament Trophy



FIRST PLACE TEAM

1ST PLACE

Jeff Denson
Dale Denson
Tom Harington
Dave Acosta

John Maggiore
Jim Maggiore
Peter Susnow
Bruce McAllister

2ND PLACE

Closest to the Pin #8
Long Drive #16 Men
Long Drive #16 Women
Putting Contest
Chipping Contest

Nick Bastone
Peter Susnow
Marie Scigliano
Ken Goodman
Dennis Gaushell



SECOND PLACE TEAM

We really couldn't have asked for a better day for golfing! This year's Seton Scramble for Students had five new teams join us, additional sponsors, support from Hobeys, Mission Brewery, Sysco, Stanford and Coupa Café and many generous silent and live auction donors who together helped us to raise just over \$43,000 to support our students! We are most grateful to all of you!



This year's Fund-A-Need was directed at support for the school's food program. We need to subsidize \$60,000 per year to provide breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack for students each day. At the Scramble, \$14,000 of the total raised was specifically given to the Fund-A-Need Program, leaving us a balance of \$46,000 still to fund!

We are asking through this Seton News Appeal for your help with the Food Program for this coming school year.

**Please help us to raise \$46,000
for the Seton School Food Program**

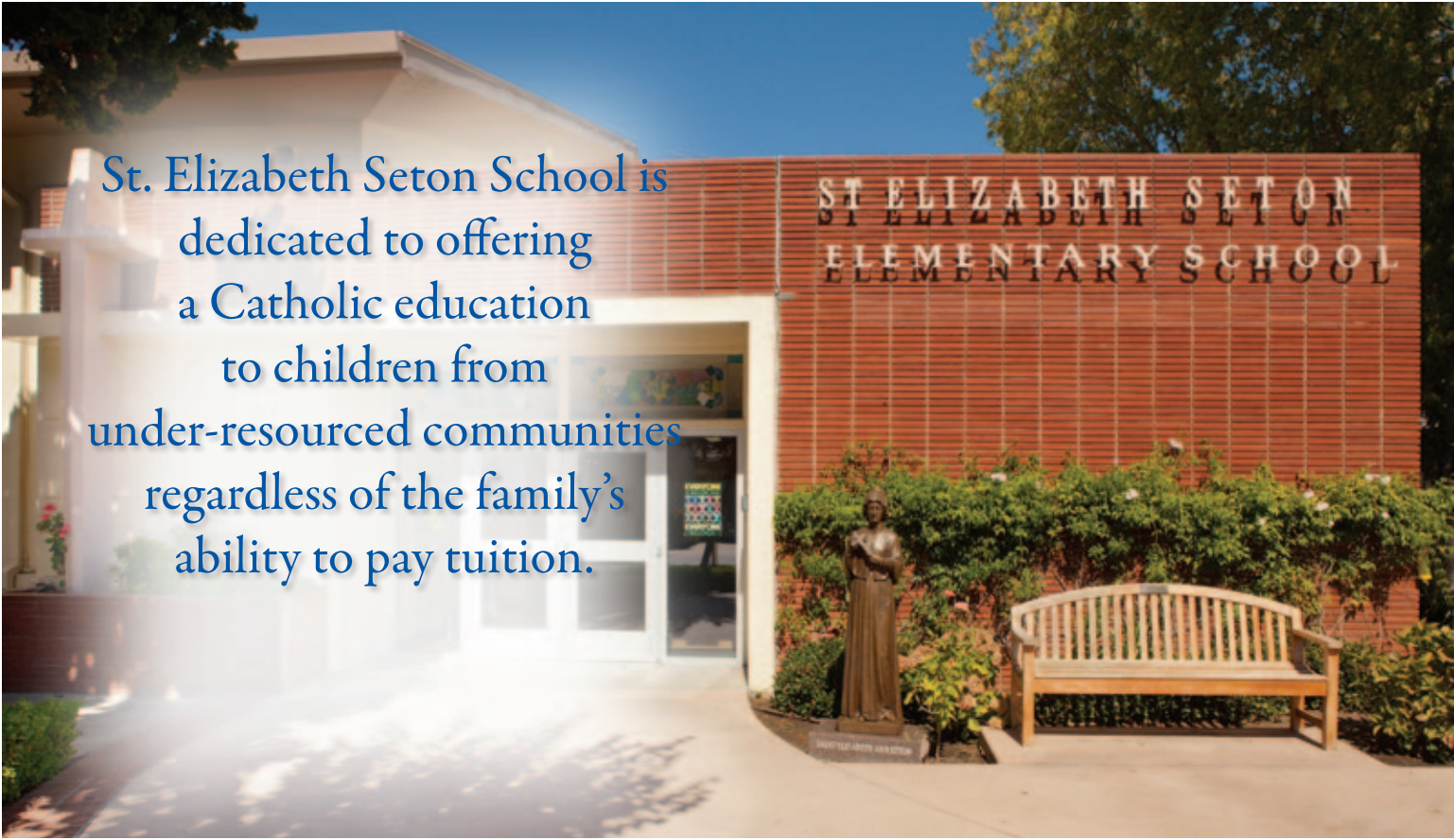


A big thank to all our sponsors and this year's Golf Planning Committee: Carolyn Brennan, Whitney Denson, Barbara Kent, Eliane Neukermans, Mary Ratner, Evelyn Rosa, Ellen Maguire and Carmel Caligaris.

Seton Run Club

A lap of the Seton School field measures 0.2 miles – five times around makes a mile. Our Run Team every Thursday took the challenge to collectively run the miles from Palo Alto to Disneyland (382 miles). Our laps were totaled each week and progress monitored. We're grateful to *On Your Mark*, a Los Altos Running Store, who donated running socks for everyone and sponsored a Disneyland cake and ice cream social to celebrate our success. Thank you Adam and Micheline! Run Club continued with a challenge to run the miles to the Grand Canyon (756 miles) and a request to stop at Legoland on the way! Lego pops and Lego wrist bands celebrated mid-point, but the opening of the school gates to run our final laps around the school was definitely the grand finale. Boulder bouncing balls were awarded and well-deserved ice-pops to cool down. TEAM- we're learning what that really means!





St. Elizabeth Seton School is
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a Catholic education
to children from
under-resourced communities
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