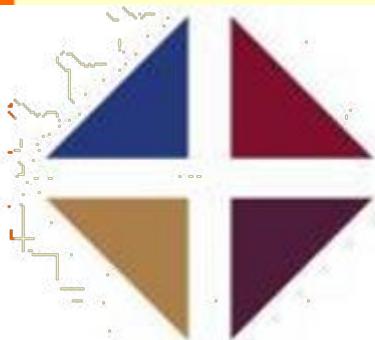


# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

New Family  
Informational Packet

HASA



## Welcome to Our Community!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. We hope that you feel at home in our community and encourage you to become involved in the various events and activities at the school.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School welcomes family involvement. Parents are welcome to check in at the office and meet their student for lunch any day; additionally there are special events meant specifically for family to attend with their student.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Back to School Night  
Grades K-5 Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>  
@6:00 pm.  
Middle School (6-8) Aug.  
22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 pm
- ◆ Plant Show Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ General HASA meeting  
(Open to all families)  
Wednesday Oct 10 @ 7pm.

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## Get to Know Your HASA

All of our new and returning school families are part of our vibrant HASA organization.

HASA recognizes the importance of parental support and guidance in helping our students grow spiritually and academically, and thereby creates opportunities for families to give their time and talent to benefit our students and our school.

The HASA handbook has more information on the different committees and how to contact their chairs. A copy of the handbook is provided at registration and the handbook is also available on HASA's page on the school website.

The dates listed to the left represent upcoming projected HASA meetings.

Reminders and agendas regarding these meetings are sent home via the Wednesday envelope and monthly HASA update.

## The Wednesday Envelope

Every week, the school office sends home a Wednesday Envelope which includes a newsletter, calendar, lunch menu, and other important information.

All newsletters will be sent electronically for those families that have e-mails. For those families that do not have email addresses, the newsletter will be given to the oldest or youngest (at parent's request) child in each family.

In addition to the newsletter, all families will receive an actual Wednesday Envelope each week. It holds items that cannot be sent electronically, such as SCRIP or flyers and information from school groups.

Family envelopes are to be returned the next school day. These are a very important source of information for families to learn what is going on at the school. Information about signing up for clubs, try outs, school performances, and what is going on at the school can be found in these envelopes.

If you are not receiving the electronic envelope please contact the office to get on the mailing list.

## Back to School Night

Back to School Night is an informational night for parents; students do not need to attend. This year it is Parents of kids grades K-5 attend Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> @6:00. Parents of Middle School Students attend Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> @6:00.

Parents will get information about school happenings and procedures, then go to their child(ren)'s classroom(s) to get information from the teachers about what will be happening in the class and the expectations and procedures the teacher has for the class.

## Flower and Plant Show

The Flower and Plant Show is done in conjunction with the Parks Department. Flower and vegetable seeds, plants, and herbs are distributed in the spring and students care for the plants over the summer and enter the items in the annual Fall Flower Show judging.

Students who wish to participate send their plants in to school and the plants will be displayed for people to see. Outside judges will award winners and the top plants are invited to the City Plant Show. This year the show will be August 31<sup>st</sup>.

This event is also a great way to volunteer. Volunteers will be needed at the event to help with set up, guiding the plants to the right places and tearing down. In the spring volunteers can help order and distribute the seeds and plants. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sarah Stephan [lwolm.16@gmail.com](mailto:lwolm.16@gmail.com)

## Biztown

Biztown is a wonderful fieldtrip opportunity for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Saint Elizabeth; it teaches them life skills. Students will run a town, write resumes, practice job interview skills, write checks, use debit cards, open savings accounts, and buy things.

Students will have had class lessons leading up to the trip and teachers will send information home to parents as it approaches. This year it will be December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Survive Alive

Survive Alive is a great opportunity for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

On this field trip students visit the Fort Wayne Fire Department's Survive Alive House, a full-size, two-story residential structure equipped with state of the art special effects to simulate a real house fire. They will learn about fire safety and practice what to do in the event of a fire. September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Staff Appreciation

The Staff Appreciation Committee organizes the "Giving Tree" program for back to school night. Trees are hung in the teachers' rooms with donation ideas for the classroom.

The committee also organizes special appreciation raffles and lunches for the staff throughout the year. This presents a wonderful volunteer opportunity for parents to donate to our staff and their classrooms.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Maloy @ [maoly.sarah@yahoo.com](mailto:maoly.sarah@yahoo.com) or Melissa Polston @ [melpolst@hotmail.com](mailto:melpolst@hotmail.com)

## The Windy City Players

The Windy City Players are a neat opportunity designed for our PreK-4 students to see musical performances at the school.

Some parents opt to join their students for these performances. The performance will be September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## The Living Rosary

The Living Rosary is a performance prayer put on by Saint Elizabeth students for their fellow students at an all school mass. This year it will take place October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm

This is a wonderful way to see the rosary and parents and grandparents are invited to attend.

## Learning Adventures

Learning Adventures is an opportunity for students to enjoy enrichment activities after school in their areas of interest. Students can explore science, art, crafts and other creative outlets. All classes are taught by adults who have been screened through the diocese. They will start in September.

*We do have some classes scheduled after October. You can find all the details under the HASA tab on the school's website.*

If you have questions about Learning Adventures or ideas for future classes contact Amy Kleinrichert @ amyklein70@gmail.com.

## NWEA Testing for K-8

NWEA testing for K-8 is an important test for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. It helps the school measure students' growth.

These tests happen in September, January, and May.

More information will be sent home in the Wednesday Envelope as testing dates approach. Parents should make sure students are well rested.

## Uniforms

The dress code can be found in the student handbook, but on days when students are going on a field trip in uniform the preferred shirt color is burgundy.

There are gently uniforms available for purchase. Please see Julie Hohenstein in the office or contact Schwartz [mschwartz@seascsw.org](mailto:mschwartz@seascsw.org)

## STARBASE

STARBASE is a wonderful educational program, sponsored by the Department of Defense.

STARBASE students participate in challenging "hands-on, minds-on" activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Students explore careers and observe STEM applications in the real world.

The program encourages students to set goals and achieve them. This is a fantastic opportunity for our middle school students.

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will attend January 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.

## Pueri Cantores

Pueri Cantores is a select choir. Notices about auditions will go home in the Wednesday Envelope. Ten students will join other choir from our Catholic schools and perform.

## Generations Day

Generation Day concludes the week of the Book Fair. This is a school-wide event where students can bring a special person(s) to school that day (Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Neighbors, Mom, Dad, etc.). They will enjoy time in the classroom, at mass, school tours, a welcome from the principal, and then attend the book fair. This year Generation Day will be October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Amelia McArdle or Julia Baker @ [amcardle@hotmail.com](mailto:amcardle@hotmail.com); [juliaannbaker@gmail.com](mailto:juliaannbaker@gmail.com) with questions.

## Book Fair

The Book Fair is October 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> this year; it is a great way to kick off a solid reading routine at home and support our school library.

Students are given a chance to preview the fair first then attend later in the week to purchase books. For our younger students book fair volunteers will assist them in completing a wish list that parents can review at home before sending in money for their shopping day.

Parents are always welcome to come to the book fair as well! This is a great way to select books with your child, purchase books as holiday or birthday gifts, and support our school!

This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer; volunteers are needed throughout the book fair to help set up, work the fair restocking books or as a cashier, and to help students select books. Time slots are short shifts and this is a great way to meet other parents and students! Watch the Wednesday Envelope for more information. Contact Andrea O'Neill [oneill.ajoy@gmail.com](mailto:oneill.ajoy@gmail.com) Angela Stockmaster (625-6409) or [angelastockmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:angelastockmaster@yahoo.com) with questions.

## Books and Buddies

Books and Buddies is a fun family event during the Book Fair where students can come back to school in PJs and listen to stories read by some of our wonderful teachers and staff! For Parents this is a great opportunity to shop for those gifts while the kids enjoy some stories.

This year Books and Buddies will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## Trick or Trunk

Trick or Trunk is a fun way for families to participate and help our students celebrate Halloween. K-5 students will take turns "trick or treating" from car to car. This year it will take place on October 31st.

There are two ways parents (or Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, or Neighbors) can help: 1) Sending in Candy to be passed out. 2) Showing up to pass out candy.

This is a fun activity that you can put as much or as little in as you want, younger siblings can come and help pass out candy, prizes get awarded for best decorated car, and the kids have a great time showing off their costumes and seeing all the decorations and costumes of people at their cars. Contact Amy Kleinrichert (459-9191) or [amy@sonshineacademy.net](mailto:amy@sonshineacademy.net) with questions.

## Turkey Bingo

Turkey Bingo is a great way to have fun with your whole family! Bingo winners win a turkey!

You can eat lunch and buy bakery items from the bake sale. Every food item purchased gives you a chance to win prizes! There are 50/50 games awarding large cash prizes. This is a great way to have fun with your whole family, young and old!

This is also a great volunteer opportunity and your whole family can volunteer. Volunteers are needed to help publicize the event, work at the event to help work the kitchen and pass out bingo cards, and to help set up and clean up.

Additionally, you can donate prizes or SCRIP to be used for drawing winners. This year's Turkey Bingo will take place on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm in the Cafeteria. Watch the Wednesday Envelope for more information. If you have questions or are interested in helping please contact Marcia McDowell @ [m2mcdowell@frontier.com](mailto:m2mcdowell@frontier.com)

## Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee is for students in grades 5-8. The winner of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School Spelling Bee goes on to compete in the Final Local Spelling Bee.

This year it will take place on December 21<sup>st</sup> at noon in the PAC. Watch the Wednesday Envelope for more information.

## International Festival:

The International Festival is a great opportunity for students to learn about other countries and cultures and share what they have learned with their families. Students in 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade will learn about a country with their class and then come back to school in the evening with their families to travel to the other classrooms and learn about other countries and cultures.

This is a great learning opportunity and a fun way to include families, but it is not restricted to just families of 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade students. This year it will take place on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM.

## Christmas Program for Band, Show Choir and Guitar

Students in grades 5-8 who are in Band, Show Choir, or Guitar perform their Christmas show at coming up December 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm. Watch the Wednesday envelope for updates about when the program is scheduled.

Volunteer opportunities include putting together a program and helping direct students backstage. Please contact Andrea Hill (573-1550) [andreamiller036@hotmail.com](mailto:andreamiller036@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

## Christmas Show for Preschool, Kindergarten and Grades 1-4

4 year old pre-k classes and kindergarten classes perform in the daytime Christmas show, but do not perform in the evening show. Students in grades 1-4 perform in both the daytime and the evening shows-their attendance is mandatory, and reflected in their Music class grade. The Christmas Show for pre-k-4<sup>th</sup> grade will be December 14<sup>th</sup>. Watch the Wednesday envelope for information about the date the program will be scheduled.

There are some volunteer opportunities in helping with costumes and set, as backstage directing of students. Please contact Andrea Hill (673-1550) [andreamiller036@hotmail.com](mailto:andreamiller036@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is a wonderful celebration of Catholic schools and how important they are in the formation of our faith community.

There will be presentations after mass to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Throughout the week various activities will go on to celebrate Catholic Schools, more information will come home in the Wednesday envelope. Catholic Schools Week runs January 27<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## SNL! Seton Night Live!

Seton Night Live! is our biggest fundraising event. It is a great night out for couples. You can buy just a couple tickets or reserve a whole table. There is good food and music and a live and silent auction. It is a great way to spend an evening out and raise money for the school.

Volunteering that night is a great way to meet people and help out this great cause. Also, there are several committee volunteer opportunities that will be announced leading up to the Auction. SNL will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30pm

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the event, you can contact Sarah Shively @ [sarah.shively@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah.shively@yahoo.com)

## Fine Arts Festival

The Fine Arts Festival is April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm this year. Students in Band and Choir perform to showcase their talents.

Volunteers will be needed to help put together a program and to help direct students backstage to the proper places.

Please contact Andrea Hill (573-1550) [andreamiller036@hotmail.com](mailto:andreamiller036@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

## FAME

Specially selected student artwork from several schools will be displayed at the Grand Wayne Center. We encourage all Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School students to go visit the artwork in support of their classmates.

Volunteers will be needed to help transport and hang the artwork, and also on the display dates volunteers will be needed to help Saint Elizabeth School families find the artwork of Saint Elizabeth School students.

Please contact Andrea Hill (573-1550) [andreamiller036@hotmail.com](mailto:andreamiller036@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

## Garage Sale

The Garage Sale is a class fundraiser/service project for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. Gently worn clothes, furniture, household items, toys, etc. are collected and sold in a large garage sale.

If you have unwanted items as you start your spring cleaning you can donate them to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class Garage Sale. This year the garage sale will be March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Spring Musical

The Spring Musical is a voluntary show. Students in grades 5-8 are able to try out for roles. Students work hard and deliver a wonderful show. The Musical is Fiddler on the Roof and will be April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Spring Musical is the most demanding of all the Fine Arts events. It requires the most help from volunteers in order to work. Volunteers will be needed to help with costumes, set work, programs, and backstage work.

Please contact Andrea Hill (573-1550) [andreamiller036@hotmail.com](mailto:andreamiller036@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

## School Kidz

Order your school supplies, pick them up at registration and the **school earns at 10% rebate!!** Families can purchase tailor made school supply kits, with quality supplies which contain supplies needed for the student's grade. This convenience saves time and also acts as a **fundraiser** for the school at no additional cost to you.

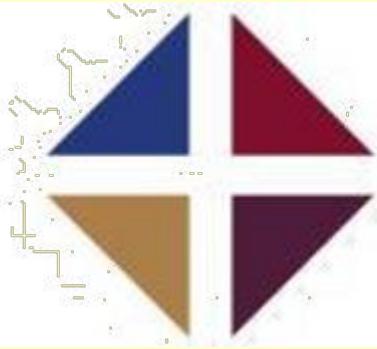
Kits that were ordered are ready to pick up at school registration. Look out in April for more information.

If you have any questions please contact Geri Fromm (856-7220) [oliviashouse@embargmail.com](mailto:oliviashouse@embargmail.com) or Jennifer Omo [jenniferlomo@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferlomo@gmail.com)

## Box Tops for Education

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School participates in Box Tops for Education; incentives, contests, and promotions are held throughout the school year, so save your box tops to send in with your students!

A participating products list can be found at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) Please contact [Rebecca.Berning@nolmommy@yahoo.com](mailto:Rebecca.Berning@nolmommy@yahoo.com) or [Barbara.Stowe@bstowe07@yahoo.com](mailto:Barbara.Stowe@bstowe07@yahoo.com) with questions.



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## Way of the Cross

Way of the Cross is put on at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. It happens during school hours, but many parents choose to attend, even if their children are not in 8<sup>th</sup> grade because of how powerful and moving this prayer is. This year Way of the Cross will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the church. Parents, Grandparents, and parishioners are all invited.

## Pioneer Pal Contact Information

If you encounter questions, you can always inquire at the office, but please feel free to sign up for a Pioneer Pal at our HASA welcome table at New Family Registration on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-7:30 pm.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_