

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

- ◆ Windy City Players
Grades K-4 September
5th @ 8:15
- ◆ Book Fair
October 9th-12th
- ◆ Generations Day
October 12th
- ◆ General HASA meeting
(Open to all families)
October 17th at 7pm

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.

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.

***HASA Newsletter will go out the in the last Wednesday
Envelope of the month***

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 6-8 attend Wednesday, August 22nd @6:15.**

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 31st.**

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 at lwloim@gmail.com

Biztown

Biztown is a wonderful fieldtrip opportunity for 5th 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 6th.

Survive Alive

Survive Alive is a great opportunity for 3rd 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 25th and 26th**

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.

Make sure to visit our Faculty Wishlist on the school website to view our staff's favorites.
www.aeahrsolutions.com/access

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Maloy @ maoly.sarah@yahoo.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 5th at 8:15 am**

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 5th at 2:15pm** in the Church.

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. *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 at 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. During field trips in uniform the preferred shirt color is burgundy.

There are gently used uniforms available for purchase. Please see Julie Hohenstein in the office or contact Molly Schwartz at mschwartz@seacsfw.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 5th graders will attend January 7th-11th.

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 at March 7, 2018 at St. Pius in Granger, Indiana.

Generations Day

Generation's Day is held on the last day 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's Day will be **October 12th**. Please contact Amelia McArdle at amcardle@hotmail.com or Julie Baker at juliaannbaker@gmail.com with questions.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is **October 9th-12th** this year. It is a great way to begin a solid reading routine at home and support our school library.

Students are given a chance to preview the fair earlier in the week. They will purchase books later in the week. For our younger students, book fair volunteers will assist them in completing a wish list. 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!

Purchases made at the Book Fair help fund new Library materials. Last year, our library earned \$7,000.

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

Trick-or-Trunk

Trick-or-Trunk is a fun way for families to participate and help our students celebrate Halloween. Kindergarten-5th grade students will take turns "trick or treating" from car to car. Trick-or-Trunk takes place on **October 31st**.

There are two ways parents (or Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, or Neighbors) can help: Donating candy and participating as a candy car.

Participating cars can showcase their creativity as much or as little as they desire. Younger siblings can come and help pass out candy, prizes are awarded for best decorated car. The students have a great time showing off their costumes, seeing all the decorations and the costumes of people at their cars. Contact Amy Kleinrichert (459-9191) or amy@sonshineacademy.net with questions.

Turkey Bingo

Turkey Bingo is an event for your whole family! Bingo winners will win a turkey!

Player can eat lunch and buy bakery items from the bake sale. Every food item purchased gives players a chance to win prizes! 50/50 games award large cash prizes.

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.

You can donate prizes or SCRIP. They will be used for winners of the drawing. This year's Turkey Bingo will take place on **November 11th from 1-3pm in the Cafeteria**. Watch the Wednesday Envelope for more information. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering please contact Marcia McDowell at 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 21st at noon in the PAC**. Watch the Wednesday Envelope for more information.

International Festival

The International Festival allows students to learn about other countries and cultures and share what they have learned. Students in 1st- 4th grade will learn about a country with their class and then come back to school in the evening with their families. They will "travel" from classroom to classroom and learn about other countries and cultures.

This year it will take place on **November 20th 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 will perform on December 13th at 7 pm. Watch the Wednesday envelope for updates about when the program is scheduled.

Volunteer are needed to help backstage. Please contact Andrea Hill (573-1550) andreamiller036@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Christmas Show for Preschool, Kindergarten and Grades 1-4

Our 4-year-old Pre-K classes and Kindergarten classes will perform during the day. They do not perform in the evening. Students in grades 1-4 perform in both daytime and evening shows. Their attendance is mandatory, and is reflected in their Music class grade. The Christmas Show for Pre-K-4th grade will be on December 14th.

There are volunteer opportunities helping with costumes, set, backstage directing of students. Please contact Andrea Hill (673-1550) andreamiller036@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is a 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. In celebration of Catholic Schools Week students will participate in various activities. More information will come home in the Wednesday Envelope. Catholic Schools Week is January 27th - February 1st, 2019. Please contact Kristine Discala to volunteer at kristinediscala@gmail.com.

SNL! Seton Night Live!

Seton Night Live! is our largest fundraising event of the year. It is a great night out for couples. Tickets can be purchased as a couple or for 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 for SNL is a great way to meet people and support a great cause. SNL will be **March 23rd, 2019** starting at 5:30 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the event, you can contact Sarah Shively @ sarah.shively@yahoo.com or Katie Slee at sleekatie@yahoo.com.

Fine Arts Festival

The Fine Arts Festival is **April 25th at 6:00pm** in the PAC. Students in Band and Choir will perform to showcase their talents.

Volunteers are needed to help put together a program and to assist students backstage.

Please contact Andrea Hill (573-1550) andreamiller036@hotmail.com to volunteer.

FAME

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

Volunteers will be needed to help transport, hang the artwork, and to help find the artwork of our students.

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

Garage Sale

The Garage Sale is a 7th grade class fundraiser and service project. Gently worn clothes, furniture, household items, toys, etc. will be collected and sold to benefit the 7th grade.

If you have unwanted items found during your spring cleaning please consider donating them to the Garage Sale. The garage sale will take place **March 16th, 2019**.

Spring Musical

The Spring Musical is a voluntary show. Our 5th-8th graders can try out for roles. Fiddler on the Roof is the featured musical playing April 8th-9th, 2019.

The Spring Musical is the most demanding of all the Fine Arts events. It requires a significant amount of volunteers to ensure its success. Volunteers will be needed to help with costumes, set work, programs, and backstage work.

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

School Kidz

Make your back to school shopping easy while supporting our school! Order your school supplies, pick them up at registration and the school earns at 10% rebate!! Families can purchase grade appropriate school supply kits, with quality supplies. This convenience saves time and also acts as a fundraiser for the school at no additional cost to you. Look out in April for more information.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Omo at 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. Look for more information in the Wednesday Envelope.

A participating products list can be found at www.boxtops4education.com Please contact Rebecca Berning @ nolmommy@yahoo.com or Barbara Stowe @ bstowe07@yahoo.com with questions.



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Way of the Cross

Way of the Cross is enacted by SEASCS' 8th graders in the Church. Live performances are held during school hours. All SEASCS parents are invited to attend this powerful event. This year, the Way of the Cross will be held April 18th at 10 am in the church. Parents, Grandparents, and parishioners are all invited.

HASA General Meetings

October 17th at 7 pm in the Library
December 12th at 7 pm in the Library
February 13th at 7 pm in the Library

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