



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Nov. 4 - No school Mass-prayer in courtyard

Nov. 9 - No aftercare

Nov. 10-11 - NO SCHOOL - Festival

Nov. 10 - McGym Night

Nov. 14 - Noon Dismissal; All school Retreat Day at St. John Neumann; No aftercare.

Nov. 22 - Grandparents/Special Friends Day Mass at 9:00am

Nov. 23-25 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 1 - Christmas Concert/Festival of Trees 6:30pm - SES Gym

Dec. 2 - Noon Dismissal

Dec. 5-7 - Santa Workshop

Dec. 16 - Noon Dismissal

Dec. 19 - Jan. 3 - Christmas Break

Jan. 4 - SES Feast Day; Classes Resume; Re-registration begins

Jan. 6 - Report Cards

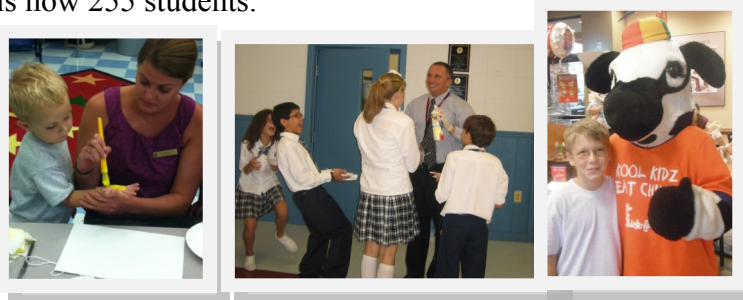
Jan. 13 - Honors Mass; Noon Dismissal

Jan. 16 - No School MLK

Jan. 29 - School Open House for new families

Our school year got off to a great start!

We were blessed to welcome 252 St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School students and their families on the first day of school on August 15, 2011. We began last school year with 224 students. Demand for enrollment in our school continues to increase. Seventy-four new SES students joined our school family this year! Our current enrollment is now 255 students.

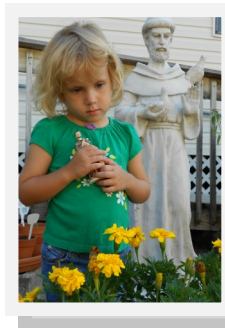


Christmas Concert and Festival of Trees

On December 1, 2011 we will have our annual Christmas Concert and first "Festival of Trees". Each class will have a 6.5 foot beautifully decorated Christmas tree with differing themes on display in our gymnasium. These trees will be available for purchase through silent auction bidding.

Retreat Day...The theme is stewardship!

Our all school retreat day is Monday, Nov. 14 at St. John Neumann High School. Our campus will be closed due to Festival clean-up. Students are to be dropped off between 7:30-8:00am and picked up at 12:00pm at SJN. We are continuing our theme of caring for God's creation as our focus for the retreat. Students will participate in special presentations and activities centered on the importance of stewardship.



Giving thanks to Grandparents...



SES and HASA will be hosting Grandparent's Day on Tues., Nov. 22, 2011.

This day is designed to honor grandparents and celebrate the special and unique relationship they have with their grandchildren. Grandparents, or "Special Friends", are invited to participate in this memorable day by accompanying their grandchildren to Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by brunch and visits to the classrooms. We are excited to welcome the important people in our students' lives to our SES School family!

"To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances; to seek Him, the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."

~ St. Augustine

Volunteer Hours

Volunteerism provides a means by which parents can participate in the education of their children and opportunities to get to know other parents. Our school program is strengthened by and depends on this partnership.



We greatly appreciate the donation of time, talent, and treasure on the part of our parents. In the past, we have required parents to volunteer 40 hours (20 fundraising and 20 love hours). We realize this is difficult for many working parents to achieve, so we have reduced this requirement to 20 hours of service per family each school year in either or both areas. Since the number of required hours has been cut in half, we ask that ALL parents actively participate in our fundraising and other activities, and/or contribute monetarily to the school.



Please remember that to volunteer at school (chaperone field trips, coach sports teams, class parties, work in cafeteria, etc.), everyone must be finger-printed and attend Safe Environment training.

Innisbrook Fundraiser - Purchase your holiday gift wrap, candy, and other items and help your child's school in the process. SES will receive credit for every purchase you, your friends, and family members make from the online store. Please follow these steps to order:

1. Go to www.innisbrook.com
2. Select Shop the Innisbrook Online Store on the right side of the home page (just under Family & Friends Support a Fundraiser)
3. Enter our School #: **103868** then click Go
4. You will see the SES school name; click Continue
5. Proceed to order the items you like

SES Festival Nov. 9-13

A festival volunteer sign-up board is located in the main courtyard of the school. Please help us make the festival a big success by signing up now! Pre-Festival Ride Tickets are on sale. Buy your festival ride tickets early and save. We have sheets of 18 tickets for \$10.00 and the week long wrist band for \$50.00. The student that sells the most tickets in his/her class will win a week long wrist band! Please see Mrs. Kelly in the school office if you would like to purchase pre-Festival ride tickets.

School-wide Christmas Community Service Project

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School will once again be participating in a Christmas community service project by adopting children in need through Catholic Charities. Each member of the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School family will be given a child's Christmas "Wish List" to fill. The Wish List includes an outfit, a pair of shoes, and a toy. The goal is for our children to shop for the gifts, wrap them, bring them to school for distribution, and most importantly, understand the true meaning of Christmas by helping others.



Save on tuition through SCRIP. This national program offers gift card shopping with a "payback". The GL Scrip Program allows each Seton family to accumulate funds to help pay down tuition. Please contact Lisa Gast at 216-2857 for more information.

GYM Donations - Earn volunteer hours for donations to our gymnasium building fund. Every \$25 donated equals 1 fundraising hour. Questions? Contact: Mrs. Wecker in the school office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SES Silent Auction and Gala
scheduled for March 24.**

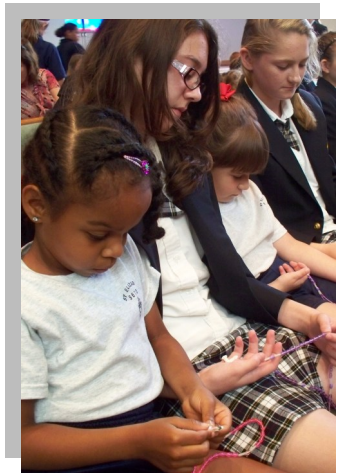


Educating the Body, Mind and Spirit...

Students at SES had their first “Green Day” on October 4, 2011. This was to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. Students wore green to indicate their commitment to doing their share to be environmentally responsible and care for God’s creation.

Students, teachers, and parents gathered in the school courtyard for a short play on environmental awareness and a class bulletin board contest (bulletin boards were designed with all recycled materials). Older students paid tribute to St. Francis by writing and illustrating stories about St. Francis and reading them aloud to younger students.

A tour was given of the newly planted organic vegetable garden (planted by students in grades 1-4), as students sang *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*. Students have been learning many lessons on being good stewards of God’s creation. The 2011-2012 school year at St. Elizabeth Seton School is full of opportunities for students to “turn green”.



During the month of October, St. Elizabeth Seton School students pray the Rosary after the Friday student Mass. Older students help their younger buddies learn how to pray the Rosary.

Ave Maria University Baseball players and St. Elizabeth Seton School students “TEAMed UP” to bring out the best in each other... On Friday, October 21, 2011, St. Elizabeth Seton School students in grades PK3, PK4, K, 1, and 2 enjoyed a visit from Ave Maria Men's Baseball Team. Along with their head coach, Shawn Summe, players joined students in their classrooms for snack time and center time. They read stories to the students, played games, helped with their letters and numbers, prayed, did art projects, and even played dress-up!



St. Elizabeth Seton School students enjoyed a Sports Assembly in the new gymnasium on Oct. 11. Student athletes who participate in fall Sports were recognized and all students enjoyed a visit from the school mascot.

~ *We have Panther Pride!!!*



8th grade students get to demonstrate some of the skills learned in Life Skills class. They made their PK3 buddies happy by making them a special Halloween sack embroidered with their buddy’s name.

We Love SES!

St. Elizabeth Seton's Teacher Corner

Mrs. Hunter—Pre-K 3

Our class has been learning about the autumn season, circles, squares, and the colors red, yellow, and blue. Craft projects, songs, and finger plays are among the fun activities. The boys and girls were very excited about showing off their costumes during the Halloween parade.

Mrs. Roberts—Pre-K 4

What a great first quarter! The PreK-4 students have made new friends, learned the classroom routine, and how to write their name. Fall is a time for change. We have changed from being unable to do things by ourselves to getting organized, following directions, and being respectful of others. We really enjoy learning about Jesus, praying, and going to Mass together too.

Mrs. Crowley—Kindergarten

October is a very busy month in Kindergarten. In Science, we have been learning about plants and graphing the growth of our own plant. In Math, we have been learning about numbers 0-5, creating and making sets and combinations. In Reading, we are learning to blend the sounds together and reading words. In Religion, we are learning about God's gifts to us!

Ms. Hardy—First Grade

First Graders have adjusted nicely this year. We are learning about Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math. They really enjoy working on the computers.

Ms. Luciano—Second Grade

Since August we have been working very hard in 2nd grade. In Math, we continue to learn about Glyphs, sharpen our addition and subtraction facts, as well as place value and money. In Language Arts, we have explored parts of speech, punctuation, and writing descriptive stories. Our monthly projects have been wonderful! The students have given fantastic presentations and are so proud of their hard work.

Mrs. Reagan—Third Grade

Third grade has already mastered rounding numbers to the ten thousand's place in Math! Currently, we are using our classroom and Mrs. Reagan's plants from home to learn more closely the 4 main parts of a plant. The students have discovered that a magnifying glass is fun to use. We have begun our 3rd grade community service project by making 54 Halloween cards with personal notes inside to the residents of Barrington Terrace Assisted Living Facility. Our project will include different types of projects for each of the holidays until our end-of-the-year finale. We are busy, busy, busy. School is fun!

Mrs. Quevedo—Fourth Grade

The fourth grade is certainly a very busy place. The students have researched and learned about a saint. They have completed their reports and are now preparing for their oral presentations. We look forward to learning more about the saints.

Mrs. Tenbarge—Fifth Grade

The fifth graders have easily adjusted to a new school year and have been very busy. In addition to writing essays about their favorite things, the fifth graders also completed research to create informative brochures about selected Native American groups. In Religion, we spent time memorizing the Beatitudes and then wrote our own versions of "Beatitudes for Students". We have enjoyed preparing activities for two different liturgies and love singing as part of the choir at Mass. We are each looking forward to presenting our persuasive Power Point projects to the class and convincing them that our chosen planet is the best in the solar system!

Mrs. Gingras—Middle School Science

The 6th grade has adjusted well to the Middle School routine. They are making it to classes on time, with the appropriate books and materials. In Science, they have learned about minerals, rocks and plate tectonics. The students are busy finishing their science fair projects. They have enjoyed getting to know their Pre-K buddies while attending Mass with them.

Mr. Reagan—Seventh Grade

The seventh grade is currently learning the 50 United States capitals, along with the 44 Presidents. Some of the students do not understand why they can't just identify President Adams, President Roosevelt, President Harrison, President Johnson or President Bush by last name only! The twenty Mysteries of the Rosary, along with the Stations of the Cross are currently being studied in Religion class. All of the students in the seventh grade are very excited, anticipating the SES Festival starting November 9th. The students are also busy completing their 10 hours of community service.

Mrs. Lyon—Eighth Grade

The 8th grade Life Skills class has been very busy this 1st quarter. They personalized Halloween treat bags by embroidering the names of their Pre-K Buddies on them and the entire class filled them with yummy Halloween treats. They distributed these goodie bags while on a visit to their buddies' classroom to assist the Pre-K3 in making a Halloween craft.

Mrs. Winter—Resource/Enrichment K-4

The ACE groups have been having fun with "Brain Gym", quick warm-up exercises done before a lesson to help improve memory, concentration, and focus. Aim High's organic garden is sprouting seedlings. 3rd grade Reader's Theater is practicing for the Christmas play. 4th grade Reader's Theater is practicing for the SES feast day on Jan. 4th. Fourth grade Drama Club is participating in a Recycling Video contest.

Ms. Vargas—Middle School Resource/Enrichment

The Language Arts classes have been working on narrative writing, grammar, vocabulary, and spelling. We are looking forward to soon creating class blogs, starting with 8th grade! TV Production has been learning about production of a short news program, created PowerPoints regarding TV then and now, and is busy working on a video project of what life was like when they were born versus today. The 5th grade Aim High group is working on completing their science projects. Lunch and Lit. groups have decided on Every Soul a Star and Each Little Bird that Sings as their reading/discussion choices, the Scholar Bowl team has been diligently practicing for our first practice match in November versus GVMS, and the Academic Quest team is preparing for their big competition in January!

Mrs. Sweeney—Middle School Math

In Middle School Math, we have been working on prime and composite numbers, prime factorization, multiples and factors. We've also been learning about variables, algebraic expressions, and solving equations and inequalities. The new Math textbooks offer many resources for students to use both at school and home. Having the Math textbooks online is a great asset.

Mr. Tenbarge—Health/Physical Education

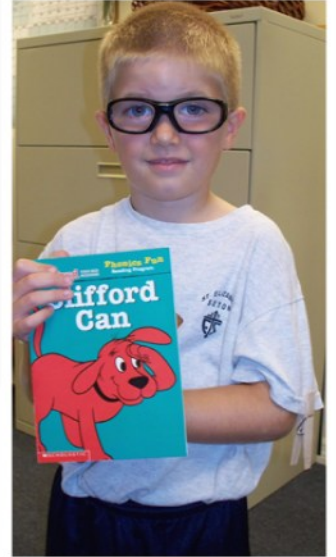
PK-3 - 2nd grade Physical Education classes have been concentrating on loco motor movements, teamwork activities, and fitness activities. The 3rd - 8th grade classes have been focused on learning and refining volleyball skills in addition to participating in fitness activities. Just recently, we began performing some basketball activities in addition to fitness challenges.



Middle school safety patrol students keep younger students safe while crossing the street after attending Mass.



5th grade students tell how they can see the good in others.



PK4 students learn to read!



Girls volleyball team reaches new heights...we are proud of our Sunshine Athletic Conference champs!



Bishop Dewane celebrates Mass and greets all the students at St. Elizabeth Seton School.



Seton students remember the heroes of 9-11.

The Golden Gate Fire Company visited SES during Fire Prevention month on Monday, October 24, 2011. Students learned first-hand what to do in case of a fire, the importance of home fire detectors, and were shown special fire equipment. Battalion Chief Dean Anderson from Golden Gate Fire Rescue engaged the talents of the fire dog puppet as he demonstrated proper fire safety practices with some St. Elizabeth Seton student volunteers. Second grade students got a chance to visit the special fire safety house brought in to show students evacuation procedures and practical tips on what to do in case of a fire.



Students commemorated the tenth anniversary of the September 11 tragedy with a prayer service at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. Students in grades 1 through 8, teachers, and parents were present as student representatives from various classes processed into the Church carrying flags with the names of the 9-11 victims and posters of the twin towers. Students read Gospel readings and honored the lives of the victims and heroes with a focus on forgiveness and need for healing and love through God's graces. Various hymns and the Star Spangled Banner were sung to insure that students at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School will never forget.

