

PTO officers or myself with your preference, which will assist PTO in deciding whether or not to hold the exchange in August.

BAND/VOCAL CONCERT FOR GRADES 5-6

The spring Band and Vocal Concert for grades 5 and 6 will be held on Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 pm in the Rochleau Center.

All are cordially invited to attend.

There will be a matinee offered at 2:00 pm that day for those unable to attend Thursday evening. If you know of family/friends who will be attending the matinee, please RSVP to the office at 515-295-3509.

SIXTH GRADERS WIN AT MATH BEE

Seton students took home two trophies and medals on March 27, 2012, at the annual Sixth Grade Math Bee, held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Prairie Lakes AEA 8 and St. Mary's School, Storm Lake, sponsored the competition with 21 regional teams and 106 students participating.

Samuel Trainer earned second place and will advance to state competition in Fort Dodge on April 27, and Ben Degen finished eighth overall. The Seton team, also including Noah Buscher, Megan Wadle, Caitlin Thilges, Lexi Berte, and Jenna Boelter, won 3rd place in the team competition. The Seton math coach is Mary Foth. Congratulations to everyone!

JUMPY MONKEY COFFEE SALES CONTINUE

BGS Jumpy Monkey Coffee is still for sale. Coffee may be purchased by contacting Molly Buscher at molly-buscher@gmail.com or (515) 379-1070. All coffee profit goes directly toward adding to and upgrading technology.

PLACEMENT DEADLINE

Deadline for placement request for the 2012—2013 school year is Tuesday, May 1. Forms may be picked up in the Seton office.

** A reminder that placement forms are only for grades K-5 as sixth graders move to BGJH in the fall.

FOURTH GRADE INVITED TO EPAK

The fourth grade class has been invited to take part in EPAK—Educational Partners—Agriculture and Kids. Iowa State University Extension Team works in partnership with our county naturalist and the Farm Bureau. Students are bused to the Emmetsburg Fairgrounds and spend the entire day May 9th. The program is designed to help students develop an understanding of the impact of agriculture on the environment, their everyday lives and health and safety.

Upon arrival students meet with a group guide that escorts us to one of seven hands-on activities. Those activities are Animal Bits and Pieces, It's More Than You Think, Gate to Plate, Soil Savvy, Why Water?, Farm Animals and Insects. All are looking forward to this learning experience! *Nancy Nelson*

A CATHOLIC PLACE FOR KIDS

Our religion series has a nice parent component for parent and student reference. Another resource available to you is www.JClubCatholic.org. It is put out by the Paulines. It is full of wonderful materials for all different levels: Catholic jigsaw puzzles, saint of the day, jokes, coloring pages, music, mysteries of the rosary, etc. that talk to you and play music also. I found the sight to be very entertaining, educational and faith-filled. Would be a good alternative for summer rainy days. Enjoy.

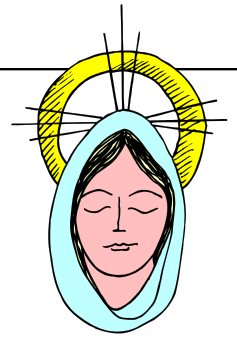


This group that attended the non-public school Legislative forum in Des Moines. Attendees were:

Brandon Schiltz, Billy Schiltz, Kathee Froehlich, Al Boisjolie, Grant Reding, Mandy Laubenthal, Brad Magill who met with Representative Tom Shaw.



FAITH ALIVE AT SETON



KINDERGARTEN PREP Kindergarten Prep has been talking about the different types of weather. We have also been discussing how all plants and animals need the sun and rain. We know all of God's great gifts come with the different weather; rainbows from rain, flowers need rain and sun. We are so happy it is spring and have gone on walks to find all of the gifts God gives us.

KINDERGARTEN: Kindergarten students have been very busy planning their class Mass. They helped choose the songs and readings and items that they carried up for the opening procession. Each student had the opportunity to read or song lead. Reading and speaking on a microphone is a skill we start early at Seton. Classes attend student Masses throughout the year.

GRADE 1 First grade is studying Baptism. In Baptism, we first receive grace, the gift of God's life within us. Baptism washes away sin, restoring us as children of God.

GRADE 2 "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord". As the second graders conclude their lessons about receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist we are reminded we need to take the gift of Jesus out into our everyday lives. With summer approaching, we will focus on using our words and actions to share Jesus' love to others during our summer vacations.

GRADE 3 In the third grade classrooms we are busy celebrating the wonder season of Easter. One of the ways we have done this is by thinking of the new life Jesus gave us and the signs that are visible in our world. One sign is the butterfly. We had an art project that was over the butterfly, a sign of new life. This also crossed over into the subject of Math. We saw how the butterfly had symmetry, and we used the concept of reflection to create these signs of God's love for us.

GRADE 4 As May approaches our prayers again are focused on Mary and the rosary. As a class we will be saying the rosary in her honor. Students continue studying the Ten Commandments in class. After the celebration of Easter, we begin with the fourth commandment. With this commandment students have discussed how to respect and honor parents, guardians and all people in authority. The fifth commandment teaches us to respect all human life. The sixth through tenth commandments show us how to share love, respect the property and dignity of all people by learning and living the truth that indeed comes from God.

GRADES 5-6 The 6th grade students worked together to perform **The Living Stations of the Cross** for Seton students as well as family members and guests at St. Cecelia's Church on April 5, 2012. The students prayerfully and dramatically recreated each of the 14 stations, retelling the events of Good Friday. The presentation was a poignant and solemn reminder of Jesus Christ's suffering and death at Calvary and a reflection of His tremendous love for each of us.

(If you didn't have an opportunity to attend the Stations this year, it would be well worth your time next year. It was a faithfilled and holy presentation—it displays clearly one of the strong reasons for Catholic schools. KF)

SPECIALS In the past few weeks both Seton Kindergarten classes have lead our weekly mass. What a blessing it is to see and hear these youngsters leading, reading, announcing, and singing. I must say it is one of my most favorite parts of this job. To see this evidence of the astronomical amount of learning that has taken place in just 9 short months boggles my mind. In August, many of these students can read simple, short words, and only some can match pitch and sing. By April, the end of the year, when we prepare for mass, these students can read sentences with some expression, and can sing like angels. Mass day is full of nervous fidgeting and proud smiles all together. We are very proud of them. You should be proud, also. BTW – Don't forget to thank your Kindergarten teacher, if you can read this.