



SETON SOUNDINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feast of St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton
January 9**
10:15 a.m.
Basilica of St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton

**Catholic Schools
Week Celebrations at
Mother Seton School
January 25-January 30**

**HSA Spaghetti Dinner
January 25**
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
MSS Cafeteria

**HSA St. Patrick's Day
Dinner
March 14**
6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Carriage House
Emmitsburg, MD



Mother Seton School students prepare the way for the Light of the World during the Advent season by participating in various Advent Outreach Projects, such as the 3rd-grade's collection of care items for the Alzheimer's Wing at St. Joseph's Ministries or the 6th-grade's outreach to the Catocin Pregnancy Center. They epitomize our mission of inspiring students to dedicate their lives to love and serve Christ in the tradition of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Vincent de Paul. In this photo, **Brendan Ott** (gr 5) helps his prayer partner **Jacob Marron** (K) in creating a blanket for Project Linus, which delivers handmade blankets to children staying in hospitals.



Dear Friends,

During this season of giving and receiving gifts, I have reflected upon many gifts I have received – my family, my vocation as a Daughter of Charity and the gift of working with children in the education ministry.

One of my greatest gifts is that of my family. My early years were spent growing up in Wildwood, NJ with my sister, Trisha, and two brothers, David and Bill.

My family relocated to Tallassee, Alabama, where

I graduated from high school and completed my bachelor's degree at the University of Montevallo. Following college, I taught at a Catholic school in Montgomery, AL before entering the Daughters of Charity in 1991.

As a Daughter of Charity, I have had the opportunity to work in a variety of schools in Mobile, AL, Jackson, MS, and Birmingham, AL. I completed a Master's degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Dayton and have been a principal for 16 years. I was inspired to become an educator by my 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Bradley. Her nurturing and innovative teaching style made such an impression upon me that from the time I finished her class, I knew I wanted to be a teacher and work with children.

Each day I have the privilege of interacting with students, parents, and faculty helping to spark the flame of discovery and learning in each child. I am very blessed to work with a tremendous group of educational leaders at MSS who embrace this vision and work diligently to encourage children to deepen their understanding of God's call and to help them embrace the keys to knowledge.

Since my arrival in July, I've also been blessed with the gifts of a gracious welcome in this community, a tremendous witness of commitment to Mother Seton School, and a school full of wonderful students and parents.

Sister Brenda Monahan, D.C.

Dear Friends of Mother Seton School,

I am Sister Joan Corcoran, and I am delighted to join the Mother Seton School family as Assistant School Principal. I have already met many wonderful members of the MSS community, but for those for whom I haven't met, please allow me to introduce myself. I was born and raised in Syracuse, New York, as one of seven children. I am a 1978 graduate of Onondaga Community College and SUNY at Fredonia with degrees in Business Administration.



Before joining the Daughters of Charity in 1982, I worked in the corporate world, but a

desire to teach led me to change my career focus after becoming a sister.

I received a Master's in Elementary Education from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York and embarked on a teaching career that brought me to five different schools in New York and Delaware, including a position as Assistant Principal and then as Principal. Following this time, I ministered in a parish for seven years in Upstate New York and moved on to teach GED to adults in Brooklyn, New York for a year. In 2013, my community missioned me to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where I worked at the Seton Center for almost a year before coming to MSS.

It is a privilege to work at Mother Seton School and be part of a team to assist our children in their early years, teaching them about their Faith in Jesus Christ, and giving them a great educational foundation that will assist them as they move forward in life.

Sister Joan Corcoran, D.C.

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VMY Welcomes New Members



Newest VMY members stand with (L-R) **Sr. Ann Adele Kelly, D.C.**; **Pat Orner** and **Gwen Topper**, Ladies of Charity; **Rob Judge**, Exec. Dir., National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; **Ann Howse**, SVDP-Our Lady of Grace; **Pauline Manalo**, President, SVDP-Western MD; **Sr. Linda O'Rourke, D.C.**, Dir. of Seton Center; **Darlene Dickerson**, SVDP-Our Lady of Grace; and **Marie Wicks**, SVDP-Baltimore.

The Seton Council chapter of the Vincentian Marian Youth (VMY) welcomed six new inductees into its fold on September 30: **Grace Blanchard** (gr 7), **Ana Hand** (gr 7), **Jeremy Hochschild** (gr 7), **Eilis McCormick** (gr 8), **Jean Pembroke** (gr 7), **Lea Roberts** (gr 7), and **Carleton Walker** (gr 7). Students contributed canned goods for the Seton Center Food Pantry as part of the prayer service and induction ceremony. VMY members perform various community service projects, and must spend a year in service before being formally inducted into the international organization. Mother Seton School is proud to be home to one of only four chapters in the United States.

SUPERIORESS GENERAL VISITS WITH MSS COMMUNITY



Sister Evelyne Franc, D.C., Superioress General of the **Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul** (center), visited MSS on October 3, 2014. Sr. Evelyne, who was visiting from Paris, France, wanted to personally thank the students for the money they raised last year for Daughters of Charity missions in Rwanda, Africa.

World Peace Day 2014



This year's theme for MSS's World Peace Day celebration was based on the Bible verse Ecclesiastes 3:1-2: *To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose unto heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.*

Mrs. Karolyne Myers, MSS Art Teacher, encouraged the students

to look at the seasons as new beginnings, and to use the beginning of autumn as a time of reflection on peace. Students took this opportunity to discuss peaceful acts to make our world a better place. During the September 22nd ceremony, the school recited together the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, while the Peace Tree and Seasons of Peace panels were revealed.

Author Encourages Students



Author **Richie Frieman**, whose book “Terple” is about a little turtle with big dreams, talked to MSS students on October 7 about the writing process, social media safety, and following your dreams. He held a Q & A session afterward, where he good-naturedly fielded plenty of questions about his days as a professional wrestler.

“Dream big. And remember, the sky isn’t the limit--it’s just the start.” Author **Richie Frieman**, a native of Baltimore and host of the weekly podcast, “The Modern Manners Guy”, gave out this sage advice when he spoke with students on October 7. Frieman talked about the life of a writer and the process of putting words to paper and getting it published. He emphasized the importance of **never giving up on your dreams**, and used the example of his life-long desire to be a professional wrestler--a dream he did eventually fulfill before becoming a writer. Frieman also took a few moments to talk about using social media wisely. “The internet is forever,” he warned. “So don’t be stupid!” Signed copies of his book were made available to students after the presentation.

Veterans Day Program

On November 7th, MSS welcomed military veterans to a special ceremony honoring their service to our country. The patriotic program included prayer, the posting of the colors courtesy of American

Legion Post 121 Color Guard, special guest speaker **SFC Christopher Alley**, and Taps performed by **SGM (retired) Clay Beard**. A slideshow of veterans, past and present, accompanied the presentation.



Our MSS community welcomed veterans of the US Armed Forces for a special ceremony honoring their service. A reception in their honor was held after the program.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Lighting the Way for Our Students

The Annual Appeal is **our largest fundraising campaign of the year**. The gifts received help fund the programs that make MSS the vibrant, Christ-centered community it is. We ask for your support in helping us reach **our new goal of \$35,000 this year**. Together, we can continue to light the way for generations to come!

Scan for our online Annual Giving page or visit bit.ly/35KGoal.



And the Saints Go Marching In...

4TH-GRADE TRIMS THE TREE

Students in the 4th-grade, under the guidance of our MSS art teacher, Mrs. Myers, **created angel ornaments** and at the invitation of the Town of Emmitsburg, **hung them on the town's Christmas Tree in the square.**



STUDENTS SOAR WITH STEM

From building rockets to learning about Photovoltaic Cells (solar power), students in 4th, 7th, and 8th grade put their scientific know-how to the test during one of the **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)** clubs offered at MSS. Guest speakers from our community, including the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Mount St. Mary's University often come in to speak with club members, inspiring them to **broaden their minds through in-depth scientific investigation.**



5th-grade made the Saints come alive for the annual MSS All Saints Day Mass held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on November 3.



Scan for more "Saint" photos!

Inspiring Future Authors

The next William Faulkner or Judy Blume may hail from Mother Seton School! Students in grades 3-5 can now practice creative storytelling during Seton Scribblers, a young writers group launched this fall. Members learn about the writing process while sharing their stories and poems with fellow students. At the end of the year, the writers will have the opportunity to see their work in print when the first MSS literary journal is published.

Christian Character



At MSS, we recognize those students who demonstrate certain traits in our Christian Character Traits program. Our November Christian Character Trait was "Citizenship", as exemplified by these students: **Isabella Alley & Jonah Cavey** (Gr 8); **Jonathan Glass & Grace Blanchard** (Gr 7); **Jack Guinan** (Gr 6); **Megan Adams & Natalya Jacobson** (Gr 5); **Pearl Walker** (Gr 4); **Cassidy Sill & Luke Iferd** (Gr 3); **Kiernan Myles** (Gr 2); **Sophia Erdman & Vincent Guo** (Gr 1); **Parker Hohenstein, Logan Berg, Emma Simmons, Sarah Simmons, & Brady Flickinger** (Gr K); **Eva Doll, Madalyn Keese, Lillian Clark, & Francis Rosato** (Pre-K).

Alumni Spotlight - The Golibarts



Mark Golibart (MSS '14) was MSS Student Council Vice-President.

This June saw a noteworthy occasion. **Mark Thomas Golibart** (MSS 2014), son of **Mark Golibart** and **Samantha Bollinger Golibart**, graduated from Mother Seton School. Mark and his sister **Emma** (MSS 2013) are the fifth generation in their family to be educated by the Daughters of Charity. Mark's father, **Mark Rohrback Golibart**, attended Mother Seton for three years, and his Aunt **Helen** (MSS 1977) and Uncle **Martin John (MJ)** (MSS 1978) are both graduates. Three generations removed, Mark's grandmother, **Chica Godbee Golibart**, graduated from St. Joseph's College in 1956 with a nursing degree, and married Mark's grandfather, **Martin Golibart**, MSM Class of 1957. Going back one more generation, **Margaret Jarboe Rohrback Golibart**, who would

be Mark and Emma's great-grandmother, graduated from St. Joseph's College with her BS in 1916, and Margaret's mother was a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy. We will miss having a Golibart at MSS, and we are honored that Mother Seton School and the Daughters of Charity have been part of their family's educational experience for five generations. In addition, many aunts, uncles and cousins attended St. Joseph's Academy, St. Joseph's College and the Mount. Four of Mark and Emma's great aunts became Daughters of Charity: **Sr. Madeleine O'Brien**, **Sr. Justine Posey**, **Sr. Lauretta Posey**, and **Sr. Barbara Golibart**.



“Angels Above” and All Around

Our relationship with our alumni is one of the things we cherish. We have an active and beloved alumni, as demonstrated by the Little Family: **Tim** ('74), **Mary Lou** ('76), **Pam** ('77), **Tony** ('78), **Scott** ('79), and **Ed** (friend of '88). The 7th Annual “Angels Above” Alumni Golf Tournament, organized by the Lit-

tles, took place on October 3rd and welcomed over 90 golfers. The tournament benefits the **Jack and Shirley Little Scholarship Fund** and has raised **over \$60,000**, which directly benefits our students. The next tournament will be October 2, 2015--so save the date and come tee off with us!



Mary-Lou Little, Tony Little, and Jane Moore present a \$10,000 check to Sr. Brenda from this year's golf tournament to benefit the Jack and Shirley Little Scholarship Fund at MSS.

CELEBRATE OUR ALUMNI WITH US!

Join us as we recognize graduates from the **Class of 1965** on their 50th anniversary and **Class of 1990** on their 25th anniversary during our annual **Mother Seton School St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day Mass**, January 9, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Please RSVP to advancement@mothersetonschool.org by Wednesday, January 7th.



Grandparents Day 2014

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society!" (Pope Francis)

Grandparents Day is one of our most highly anticipated annual traditions. This year's event, held September 26, saw the largest turnout we've had to date--275 visitors! After a continental breakfast, family and friends were invited to

their student's classroom, where they read stories, played games, and made crafts. Those who visited Mrs. Kuykendall's room participated in a science experiment, and the Pre-K's visitors were treated to a performance by the students. Afterward, all adjourned to the auditorium, where they were entertained by song and poetry.



Anthony Kinnamont enjoyed the day with his grandmother, Doris Kinnamont.

WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY?

Are you looking for a meaningful way to make a lasting difference in the lives of children?

Consider becoming a member of the **Mother Seton School Legacy Society.**

Members remember MSS in their will and can designate how they would like their gift to make an impact.

Members will be honored for their leadership in their belief in the importance of Catholic education.

Contact **Jennifer Buchheister '83** in the **MSS Advancement Office** for more information at 301-447-3165

Remembering Loved Ones

Being part of the MSS family doesn't end when a student graduates. We continue to pray for our graduates, their families, and our benefactors, and we remember and celebrate their lives. On November 25th, we held our annual **Memorial Service for Deceased Family and Friends.** Students and family members lit a candle when their loved one was remembered during the roll call of names. This year, we remembered:

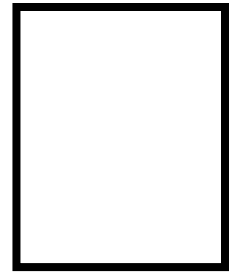
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| Mike Cohee | Doris Lovie Jones | James Pugh, III |
| Bettie Delaplaine | Jen Kaas | Giacomo Rabaiotti |
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| SPC Tyler "Brent" Hammett | Marilyn Melvin | Joseph Selby |
| James Hansbrough, Jr. | James Metz | Peter "Christopher" Smith |
| Marlene Harbaugh | Betty Zito Morgan | James Anthony "Butch" Topper |
| Jean Haught | Pastor Gary Morgan, II | Mary Topper |
| Tony Holz | Jane Morningstar | |
| Ann Hooton | Gloria Mras | |



Aidan and Liv Cliber light a candle for their uncle, **John Preston**, who attended MSS in the 70's.

Scan for more photos from the Memorial Service or visit bit.ly/MemorialService2014





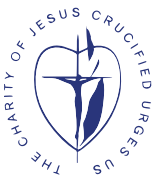
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Terri Zigler with Sr. Brenda Monahan, D.C., principal of Mother Seton School

Since the Mother Seton Learning Center opened, we have continued to grow and expand our services, staying true to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's legacy and providing these programs at no additional cost to families. Our strong instructional program provides academic/social and consultative support, including speech and language services, support for English Language Learners, service and school-based learning plans, and enrichment opportunities to challenge our more advanced students. **Over 70 students currently visit the Learning Center for support and enrichment**, and it's thanks to our dedicated staff--which includes four Daughters of Charity and a retired educator--and the generosity of our benefactors that we are able to accomplish so much for our students.

Terri Zigler
Mother Seton
Learning Center
Director



DAUGHTERS
of **CHARITY**
PROVINCE of ST. LOUISE

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