



# SETON SOUNDINGS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 6th Annual His Place Car Show May 2

8:00 a.m. Registration  
12:00 p.m. Judging  
3:00 p.m. Awards  
MSS Grounds

### Fine Arts Festival May 4

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
MSS Auditorium

### May Procession May 8

10:45 a.m.  
MSS Auditorium

### MSS Carnival May 18-23

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
MSS Grounds

### Alumni Night

Monday, May 18



With a chick-chick here and a chick-chick there, 1st- and 2nd-graders received a unique hands-on experience in life science! The students participated in **Schoolhouse Chicks**, a joint program of the American Farm Bureau and Frederick County 4-H that allows students to hatch their own chickens. For three weeks, students nurtured the eggs in incubators, used “candling” to look for embryos, then watched excitedly as the chicks pipped and hatched, ready to play. 2nd-graders **Kedrin Evans**, **Olivia Adams**, and **Michael Metz** share playtime with the chicks. One chick from each class will be shown at the Great Frederick Fair in September, while the rest will go on to lead happy lives on a farm.



Dear Friends of Mother Seton School,

Celebrating our faith, creating opportunities for worship, and seeking to serve others is at the heart of MSS. At the beginning of Lent, each student, faculty, and staff member made a commitment as to walk with Jesus during this season of the Church by placing their Lenten promises on a footprint displayed throughout the school. This journey of faith included the ritual of receiving ashes; committing to sacrifice, so as to share our “treasure” with others through the Rice Bowl collection; reflecting on our need for conversion in the sacrament of reconciliation; and spending a morning in retreat on Holy Thursday to focus on the meaning of the Triduum and the Paschal Mystery. These experiences reflect the belief expressed in our mission statement that MSS strives to inspire students to love and serve Christ.

In a world where we have recently learned of so much persecution of those who follow Christ, a Catholic education offers a place where our children can learn and live their faith openly, expressing their beliefs in a God who offers new life and leads us to love each other through relationships based on peace, justice, and harmony. It is a gift to work in a community so deeply rooted in faith and in the values a Catholic education offers.

As we celebrate this Easter season, know that your continued support brings new life to our school and helps us live the mission of creating “a vibrant Christ-centered community” focused on helping each child to reach his/her potential.

Be assured of my gratitude and prayers as we continue rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus!

*Sister Brenda Monahan, D.C.*

Dear Friends of MSS,

As our journey through Lent has given us a spiritual renewal of faith, so, too, does God’s creation mimic this renewal with the rebirth of beauty soon to be seen around us in the new buds, flowers, and fresh growth. It is appropriate, then, that Mother Seton School also experiences continued renewal and growth through our faithful stewardship. MSS has evolved from its rustic beginnings to the robust institution you see today when you walk into our beautiful atrium, and it continues to grow thanks to the gifts received from stewards like you and other faithful donors and institutions.

When I was a student at MSS, we occupied what is now commonly referred to as the “old section” built in 1964. I and my fellow students thought it was a big facility then;



of course we were much smaller as well! In 2002, a “new section” was added to the building becoming a tangible symbol of not only the school’s physical expansion, but more importantly, our growing capacity to continue the mission of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton by offering a Christ-centered education of academic excellence to even more children. As stewards of the school and our Patron Saint’s mission, we bear a responsibility to care for and maintain the gifts we’ve received.

One of the challenges we face is the overhaul of the HVAC system in the “new section” and replacement of the system in the “old section”. The administration and the Board have been exploring and developing plans for a new HVAC system and we are hopeful that the project will be complete by the end of summer. We are grateful to the Daughters of Charity, and all our many donors, for their financial support that made this project a reality.

**Peter D. Fitzpatrick, Esq.**  
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# Christ-Centered Financial Peace



*“Let your life be free from love of money but be content with what you have, for he has said, ‘I will never forsake you or abandon you.’” Heb 13:5*

For most families, it is a sacrifice to provide their children a Catholic education, and in keeping with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s legacy, MSS does anything we can to help families. This spring, we provided the opportunity for families to learn how to manage their finances within a Christian frame-

work. Financial expert **Dave Ramsey’s “Financial Peace University”**, a 9-week evening workshop, was held at the school for those interested in learning ways to reduce debt, increase savings, become more insurance and investment savvy, and more. Classes will continue as long as there is interest. Free childcare is provided. If you are interested in attending future classes, or would like additional information, please contact **Jen Buchheister** at [advancement@mothersetonschool.org](mailto:advancement@mothersetonschool.org).

## PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION



8th-graders learned about the history and significance of icons in our faith.



8th-graders **Tara O'Donnell** and **Liz Buchheister** took part in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

## Celebrating Vocations

**Sr. Denise LaRock, D.C.** and our seminarians, **David Gallegos** and **Jeremy Smith**, gave an inspiring talk to our 3rd- through 8th-grade students about their vocations and how they were led to serve God in that way, as part of our **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)** celebration.



## Having a Heart for Others



Victory in this year’s **Have-a-Heart Volleyball Game** went to the Eighth Grade, who defeated the Faculty/Staff team, 95-92. But the real winners are the children in Tunja, Colombia. **\$622 was raised for the Daughters**

**of Charity mission in Tunja**, and will go toward housing and education for young girls there.

Scan to see more photos from the game!



# FOCE Excellence in Teaching



**Caroline Pugh**, Executive Director of the Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE) stands with **Sister Brenda Monahan, D.C.**, Principal at Mother Seton School, **Sister Ann Claire Rhoads, D.C.**, and **Carol Hinds**, President of the Board of Directors of FOCE. Sister Ann Claire was the recipient of the 2015 FOCE Excellence in Teaching Award for Mother Seton School.

As an educator, administrator, mentor, and colleague, **Sister Ann Claire Rhoads, D.C.** has touched the lives of those around her in many positive ways, encouraging students to fulfill their potential and challenging them to strive even higher. For that reason, she was chosen to receive this year's Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE) Excellence in Teaching Award for Mother Seton School. "Sr. Ann Claire is such an enthusiastic and creative teacher," says **Sister Brenda Monahan, D.C.** "She has the gift of being able to balance the challenges of working with students of diverse learning styles and abilities." Of receiving the award, Sr. Ann Claire says, "I appreciate all the gifts God has given me. Teaching at Mother Seton School has been a joy and the students, faculty, and staff genuinely live the mission of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton."

## Patriot Pen Winners

For the second year in a row, 8th-grader **Amina Beasley** took top honors in VFW Post 6658 Patriot Pen Essay Contest. This year's theme was "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans". 8th-grade

er **Eilis McCormick** received second place, while **Alexei Wood**, also in grade eight, took third. Amina went on to receive 3rd-place at the District Level, while Eilis received Honorable Mention.



Members of VFW Post 6658 present the top three awards in the annual Patriot Pen Essay Contest. (L-R) **Sharon Williams**, **Jane Gjerde**, **Amina Beasley**, **Eilis McCormick**, **Alexei Wood**, **Gwen Topper**, **Gloria Bauerline**, and **Patrick Gjerde**.



## NEVER TOO OLD FOR DR. SEUSS

In celebration of Dr. Seuss's 101st birthday, Mrs. Hahn's 8th-grade class intently listened to **Tara O'Donnell** read *The Sneetches* during Library class.

# Future Scientists Take The Prize

## HISTORY COMES TO LIFE FOR 3RD GRADE

From saints to sports stars, presidents to artists, the **3rd-grade** transformed themselves into notable figures for their **Biography Parade**. Each student introduced themselves as their character and presented interesting facts about their lives.



From extracting plant DNA to determining whether gender influences the ability to see optical illusions, this year's Science Fair highlighted many interesting projects from our future scientists. Congratulations to the winners: Gr 2-**Brady Koenig** (1st Place); Gr 3-**Ethan Little** (1st Place), **Nathaniel Hand & Ethan Georgoff** (2nd Place-T), **Anthony Kinnamont** (Hon Men); Gr 4-**Jane Disharoon** (1st Place), **Helen Hochschild** (2nd Place), **Eleanor Metz** (3rd Place), **Brendan Guinan** (Hon Men); Gr 5-**Mia Ferraro & Megan Adams** (1st Place-T), **Nicholas Jorgensen** (2nd Place), **Clarence Pavlovic** (Gr 3), **Lucy Matson & Natalie Jacobson** (Hon Men); Gr 6-**Natalie Bosche** (1st Place), **Matthias Buchheister** (2nd Place), **Larisa Tayler** (3rd Place); Gr 7-**Ana Hand** (1st Place), **Lea Roberts** (2nd Place), **Jeremy Hochschild** (3rd Place), **Daniel McCarthy** (Hon Men); Gr 8-**Jack Walker** (1st Place), **Amina Beasley** (2nd Place), **Adrianna Bussey** (3rd Place).

## Tech in the Classroom

## 6TH-GRADE BLENDS SCIENCE WITH THE ARTS



6th-graders **Matthias Buchheister**, **Bridget Collins**, and **Olivia Sica** entertained Kindergarten with skits about Alfred Wegener and Harry Hess, "founding fathers" of continental drift theory and plate tectonics.



Thanks to the generosity of our school community during October's **Penny Power Appeal**, we were able to purchase a classroom suite of Chromebooks that will add to our mobile computing program and enhance students' digital learning experience. **Sr. Brenda Monahan, D.C.** watches as 3rd-graders **Vincent Reaver** and **Liam Bussey** demonstrate their technological skills.

# Alumni Spotlight - Bill Kuhn, III.



**Billy Kuhn with a beautiful 62 Corvette Convertible Restomod currently in progress at His Place.**

Many of you may know **Billy Kuhn, III, MSS '85**, as the proprietor of His Place, Inc. in Emmitsburg. We know him as an alumnus and a dear friend to MSS. For the past six years, Billy has been organizing the **His Place, Inc. Car Show** charity event. "We wanted to give something back to the community and start something fun," Billy says of the decision to begin the event six years ago. For a small entry fee, people can show off their vintage autos and hot rods to the number of enthusiasts who attend. After a round of judging, winners are presented with trophies. "People take a lot of pride in their vehicles," he said. "They're especially happy when they win a trophy." For those that attend, there is no shortage of food, door prizes, and entertainment.

This year's proceeds will go to MSS and to Hospice Frederick County. Billy partners with various sponsors, including major sponsor Rocko Meats of Thurmont, to keep costs low and in-

crease the donation to MSS and Hospice.

In addition to running his successful shop on Creamery Road and organizing the Car Show, Billy and his crew also participate in car shows and auctions nationwide, including events in Hershey and Carlisle, as well as Mecum Auctions, which is broadcast on NBCSN. "We restore, refurbish, and custom build all makes and models, though our specialty is Corvettes." They are also sometimes commissioned to buy and sell for customers.

For as much of a car guy that Billy is, he's a people-person at heart. His favorite part of the His Place, Inc. Car Show is the people. "I especially enjoy seeing and talking to all the patrons who attend."

The **2015 Car Show will take place on May 2nd** on MSS grounds. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with judging at Noon and award ceremony at 3:00 p.m. For more information or to enter a car, contact Billy at [bkuhn3@yahoo.com](mailto:bkuhn3@yahoo.com). There are still some sponsorship opportunities open, as well. It's a lot of hard work, but Billy doesn't shy away from it. "It is a joy to do the show to help the school and Hospice."

## Celebrating 50 Years



On January 9th, we celebrated the **Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** with Mass at the Basilica. Our honored guests were members of the Class of 1965, who celebrate their 50th anniversary this year.

**Mary Kay Sherwin McCall** (L), **Patricia Myers Orner** (C), and **Deborah Baker Fragale** (R) were recognized during the Mass and later attended a luncheon in their honor at the school.

## ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE MSS CARNIVAL!

Hey MSS Alumni- We miss you and we want to see YOU! Come to the MSS Carnival **Monday, May 18** Music by our own alumni- *Elementree: Megan McGee MSS '13 & Kara Roberts MSS '13*

\*First 100 MSS Alumni to stop at our table get a FREE GIFT.

# Father-Daughter Dance

On March 7th, MSS was filled with music and the laughter of happy girls as they danced the night away with their dads and friends. The annual **Father-Daughter Dance**, a much loved tradition at MSS, went on as planned despite the snow on the ground. Fathers and daughters enjoyed hot dogs and delicious baked goods, and had the opportunity to have their pictures taken. The girls left with memories of having had a spe-

cial night with their fathers--and a goody bag with a sweet treat inside! Events like these wouldn't be possible without our parent volunteers. If you're interested in helping next year or would like to organize a Mother-Son event, please contact the HSA at [hsa@mothersetonschool.org](mailto:hsa@mothersetonschool.org).



**Gabriella Brauning**, Kindergarten, enjoyed a night out with her dad, **Bradley**, at this year's Father-Daughter Dance.

## 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

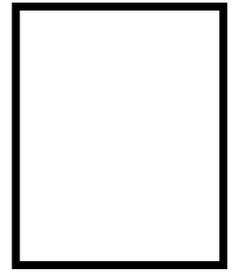
# H.S.A. St. Patrick's Celebration

Dinner, dancing, and a bit of the "luck o' the Irish" made for a festive night at the **St. Patrick's Celebration**, sponsored by the **Home and School Association (HSA)**, on March 14th. Guests included parents and relatives, alumni, board members, faculty and staff, and Daughters of Charity. The Carriage House Inn, festooned in green and white, was the backdrop for live and silent auctions, an Irish-themed dinner, and

games in support of raising funds for the HSA. Throughout the year, the HSA provides material and supplies for the classroom, as well as for the Learning Center, the playgrounds, and extras to enhance the students' learning experience.

Scan for more photos from the St. Patrick's Celebration!





**THE MISSION** of Mother Seton Catholic School, a vibrant, Christ-centered community, is to inspire students to strive for **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** and dedicate their lives to **LOVE & SERVE CHRIST** in the tradition of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Vincent de Paul.



**Madison Wahl, Halle Houck,  
Caroline Mullineaux, and  
Fabiana Nogales**

**A Catholic education means a great deal to my family and me.** My whole life I've been going to a Catholic school, learning to strive for academic excellence and becoming a faithful person. Going to a Catholic school like **Mother Seton School** helps me learn more about my religion and the many things God has done and the plans He has for us. MSS helps you to live the Golden Rule: *"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."* **I am very thankful for this Catholic education** because I can learn about God and His wonderful creations, and we all have the opportunity to come together as a Christ-centered community. **I get a great education** in math, science, social studies, language arts, and more from amazing teachers, and I get to be with my best friends!

**Halle Houck  
Class of 2015**  
Started at MSS in  
3rd grade



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