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HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

**Welcoming families into
joyful service**

The 2025-2026 school year has been a great year thus far for Home and School. We have a great group of faithful (pun intended) Home and School attendees.

In December, we thoughtfully prepared a Christmas basket for each staff member. Each item was so full of love and a genuine gift of the family that donated to it. Together, these items were a true blessing.

We are looking forward to launching a chocolate bar sale with World's Finest Chocolate. This business has a rich history in fundraising for Catholic schools and organizations. We can't wait!

We also look forward to providing another meal for teachers during their conferences on February 19. Later in the semester we will celebrate them during Teacher Appreciation Week.

This year has been a year to restructure and reignite the collaboration of parents supporting the school. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community at Seton. God is Good!

Academic Spotlight

Meet Mr. Nick Wilson: Middle school math and phy. ed.

**Bringing new energy and a faith-filled presence
to Math, Health and P.E.**

Mr. Wilson is the new teacher on staff at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. He is already bringing great energy to both our classrooms and our gym.

For many years he worked in retail before feeling called to earn his teaching license. He began as a substitute teacher as a building sub where every day he had a new class and new subject. But once he was done with his coursework, he hoped to find a school where he could build relationships with students and teach in a faith-filled environment. That desire led him to call St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. After speaking with Rhonda Anderson, he realized Seton was the place he had been looking for where he could share his faith while teaching and connecting with students.

In the classroom, he especially enjoys teaching math because it is concrete and has clear right and wrong answers. He connects the Catholic faith to math by reminding students to persevere, work together, and keep trying, even when a problem feels challenging.

Nick's love of sports, especially baseball and softball, adds to the



energy he brings to Physical Education. Outside of school, he plays in a softball league in the summer. At Seton, he hopes to introduce students to a newer sport this year: speedball, as well as, working with Mr. Halverson in setting up a Winter Sport Club.

What has impressed him most about Seton so far is the people. He has been struck by how dedicated the staff is, not only to helping students learn, but also to supporting families and living out the school's Catholic mission each day. Please give a warm welcome to Mr. Wilson!



Our Mission Statement: Using Jesus as our guide, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School provides a community where students, staff, and family live our faith and share knowledge to further spiritual and academic growth.

Featured Alumni: A Six-Generation legacy at Seton.

In 1852, a two-room school opened on the very land where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School now stands. It started out as a small school for local children. Over time, the school has grown and changed over the years. Its story has continued since then and has carried on - not only in this place, but also in the families who are part of its history.

One of those families is the Kullman family, with six generations connected to this Catholic school community. The legacy begins with Fredericka Steffen, who attended what was then St. Mary Magdalene School in the 1850s. She later enrolled her son, Alfred. After him came his daughter, Catherine (Steffen) Maersch, and her husband, Fred Maersch. Their daughter, Mary (Maersch) Kullman, attended Holy Family School and is a current member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Mary and her daughter, Kristin Kullman (Holy Family School, Class of 1987), recently shared their family's story with our school community. Today, Kristin's son,



Asher, the sixth generation in this notable family, is a student at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

Mary and Kristin spoke fondly of their Catholic school days. Mary recalled that when she was a student, nearly all of the teachers were nuns.

At that time, the school went through ninth grade and had about 600 students, with classrooms that sometimes held as many as 48 children. She remembers students being well behaved, and the nuns as kind and excellent teachers.

Students walked to and from school each day and were even allowed to go home for lunch. Daily Mass was optional, but many students attended

regularly. Mary also remembers walking to Grant School twice a week, where the girls took home economics and the boys took manual arts.

Much had changed between the time Mary attended the school and the years her daughter, Kristin, was enrolled, but both remember the warmth of the school community.

Kristin shared memories of the large carnivals held for students and families, and she even remembers a bowling alley, along with a miniature bowling alley in the school basement. Those happy memories helped convince Kristin that Holy Family was the right place for her son. Today, Asher is a sixth grader at Seton School.

We hope and pray that this family's legacy continues for many generations to come. We are blessed by the beautiful mix of students whose families have been part of Seton for years, and those who are just beginning a new story that, God willing, will grow into traditions for generations.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LEADING LEADING WITH FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

Meet Uziel! Uziel Negrete is currently in eighth grade at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School and looks forward to graduating in June. He has attended Seton since the first grade and has many fun memories of his classmates and teachers throughout the years.. One of his favorite things about Seton is that it is a Catholic school where everyone treats one another like family. He believes the teachers truly care about their students and want them to succeed.

Uziel's favorite class as an eighth

grader is Religion, taught by Mr. Hiles, because it teaches him how to live his life. He loves engaging in his faith through school activities and attending Mass along with other special faith formation activities like rosary, adoration, and confession. Uziel says Seton helps him stay true to who he is.

Outside of class, Uziel enjoys playing basketball and is also interested in fashion design. He uses an app to design hoodies and other athleisure clothing. He hopes

to become an entrepreneur someday.

If there's one thing Uziel wants to be known for, it's staying positive and being a good friend.

His advice for younger students is simple: "Be yourself." He feels St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School is a place where students can do just that!

