

Here's the latest in news from Seton...

From the Classroom

- Local actor and educator Elaine Qualter visited Ms. Ellison's sophomore English classes to do a workshop on Shakespeare's language. Students learned about the connection between iambic pentameter and a character's emotions, and scanned several lines of Macbeth. They played theater games and prepared for their own in-class performance of several Macbeth scenes.

Roadrunner News

- Our basketball team has had an amazing season this year. As we send off our three seniors Ty Marshall, Julia Weatherly and Alexis Martin who have helped this year's team to a WCAC and City Title Championship we would like to thank the coaches, teachers, administrators, fans, parents and the entire Seton community who have cheered on our team all season long. It has been an incredible ride for everyone and an exciting winter for us all. Please enjoy reading the articles below:
 - ["Seton beats St. Johns to win WCAC girls basketball championship"](#)
 - ["Elizabeth Seton Tops St. Johns for girls WCAC basketball title"](#)
 - ["Seton seniors travel long road to WCAC title"](#)
 - ["Elizabeth Seton defeats H.D. Woodson in girls' basketball City Title Game"](#)
 - ["Seton storms past Woodson for City Title"](#)
 - ["DC Sports Fan WCAC Championship Game vs. St. Johns Highlights"](#)
 - ["DC Sports Fan Seton wins WCAC Championship; beats St. John's"](#)
- Congratulations to the following members of the varsity basketball team who received 2010 WCAC honors:
 - Tyaunna Marshall '10 - 1st team & Player of the Year
 - Julia Weatherly '10 & Melanie Royster '11 - 3rd Team
 - Alyssa Albanese '11 - Honorable Mention
 - Coach Jazz Perazic - WCAC Coach of the Year
- Ty Marshall is named ESPN RISE player of the week for girls basketball:
 - [ESPN RISE girls players of the week for week of 3/18/10](#)

- On Monday March 29th the Varsity Girls Basketball team received a Resolution from the State of Maryland for their City Title Championship at the State House in Annapolis on an open floor. The Resolution was presented to the team and Coaches by former Bladensburg Mayor, Senator David Harrington, and Senator Doug Peters.
- Please check out the link below to read and watch an update on Seton's Field of Dreams Project:
 - [Field of Dreams Project](#)
- Congratulations to Nia Walcott '11 who made the U17 Trinidadian National Soccer Team. Please follow the link below to read about Nia's amazing accomplishment:
 - [Walcott makes 2010 U17 Trinidadian National Soccer Team](#)
- Softball Pictures! Courtesy of Jim Geiser, Seton parent and photographer, please check out the following pictures from a few of Seton's games so far this season:
 - [Seton JV vs. McNamara 3/18](#)
 - [Seton Varsity vs. McNamara 3/18](#)
 - [Seton vs. St. Mary's Ryken 3/19](#)

Guidance

- We have processed over 700 college applications, received over 200 acceptances and students have been awarded over \$3 million in scholarships so far.

Office of Institutional Advancement

- Update on alumni dance that was on 3/14
 - Our Alumnae Dance held on March 14th was a great success! It was great to see so many faces at this event! Please check out these photos from the dance courtesy of Jim Geiser Photography: [2010 Seton Alumnae Dance](#)
 - 50th Anniversary Alumnae Reunion & Family Celebration - [click here](#) to purchase your tickets or to place an ad in our event program, to offer personal testimony or words of congratulations! Please remember that tickets will not be sold at the door so please be sure to get your tickets today!

Admissions

- Please remember that the deadline for all transfer student applications for the 2010-2011 school year is Monday April 12th .

Marketing

- We hope you have joined us on our social media campaign!
 - [Seton on Facebook](#)
 - [Twitter](#)
 - [YouTube](#)
 - [Linkedin](#)

Community Service

- On Saturday, March 20th and Sunday, March 21st, more than fifty Seton students volunteered at the PG County Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.
- Seton's third Urban Plunge retreat was held on Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th. Several faculty members and twenty-four students participated in the over-night service retreat. On Friday night, participants fed and ate with the members of McKenna Center, a men's shelter near Union Station in Washington, which was provided by Seton faculty and staff. Students and teachers then spent the night at Seton and on Saturday morning broke into five small groups and volunteered at organizations in and around the DC area. These sites included Capital Area Food Bank, Little Friends for Peace, Little Sisters of the Poor, ARC, and Food & Friends. The retreat ended with mass on Saturday afternoon.

Campus Ministry

- In conjunction with the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities we participated in a Friday to Friday Food Drive, from March 12th – 19th. Each homeroom received several grocery bags with a suggested food list and poster. Our students collected 1,853 cans of food and 312 boxed food items.

Special thanks to Mrs. Lawhorne, Mrs. Joyner, Mrs. Payne, Diana Acosta '12, Chenise Murphy '12, Jessica McCullough '12 and Hillary Wright '10 for counting the items and packing the school bus. Grateful thanks to Mr. Kirwin and Mr. Berry who took the food to Capital Food Bank.

Clubs & Activities

- Don't forget to come to Seton's Art Show which will be taking place at the 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 24th.
- A reminder that the deadline to submit an application for the Spanish Club trip to Spain in the summer of 2011 is March 31st.
- A group of 12 Seton students will be traveling to Paris over Spring Break. Stay tuned for exciting news and pictures about their trip!

Instrumental Music

- Please check out pictures from Seton's Chamber Music Event held on March 8th at Seton
 - Photos courtesy of Jim Geiser: [2010 Seton Chamber Music Event](#)

Vocal Music

- Four Seton students and Dr. Vadala participated in the Maryland All-State Chorus weekend held from February 26th -28th: Gabriela Sotomayor '10 sang in the Women's chorus, and Moyenda Kulemeka '10, Allie Colby '10, and Tikeah Miller-Johnson '11 sang in the Mixed Chorus, for which Dr. Vadala served as accompanist.

Two days after All-State, Seton Chorale took part in the annual All-Catholic High School Choral Festival on March 2nd, rehearsing and performing at Gonzaga High School along with choirs from Gonzaga, DeMatha, Stone Ridge, St John's, Good Counsel, and Bishop McNamara. Each group performed individually and then combined on three selections (one in Russian) under the direction of Dr. Aaron Smith, director of the U.S. Naval Academy Choirs.

On March 6th, Seton's Concert Choir took part in a celebration of women's choral music at the University of Maryland Memorial Chapel. Sponsored by the University's Office of Women's Affairs in recognition of Women's History Month, they performed both individually and in combination with the University of Maryland Women's Choir, the Washington Women's Chorus, and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Women's Chorus. Each director, including Dr. Vadala, conducted one of the four combined pieces.

All choirs went to the District 1 Adjudication under the auspices of the Maryland Choral Educators' Association on Monday, March 8th. Groups are evaluated by three judges. Out of 34 participating choirs from PG County Schools, only three, including Concert Choir, received superior ratings from all three judges and in sight-reading. Both Seton Chorale and Chorus received overall Excellent ratings.

The beautiful and well-prepared performances of all three groups in their many activities in March was achieved in spite of time lost to rehearsal because of weather-related school closings. It's difficult to convey how much focus and hard work these students put into learning, memorizing, and performing music in this hectic two-week period, and Dr. Vadala is very proud of all their efforts.

Seton Chorale received the ultimate accolade from the All-Catholic Festival audience when they finished the plaintive song, "Nine Hundred Miles" -- two seconds of total silence from an audience who had been drawn in to the quiet emotion of the song before the applause began. One of many congratulatory audience members after the University of Maryland concert commented, *"I know that this wasn't a competition, but if it had been, your group (Concert Choir) would've blown them all away!"*

As you can see from this month's issue, March has been a wonderful month for us. All of our girls have given us constant reason to celebrate their achievements this month. From our WCAC and City Title Championships and college acceptances to our food drive and accomplishments of our vocal music students, Seton continues to achieve in a way that inspires our community. Thank you to everyone who made this month's issue possible, and most importantly Congratulations to all of our students, who continue to surpass our expectations every day.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun April break and we look forward to your return on April 12th.

Until Next Month,

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