

June 9, 2010 - Feast of St. Ephrem

Dear Friends,

I miss the students already! The school, though not empty, is much quieter than normal. It's the time when the business of the end of a school year wanes and plans are made and solidified for the next one. Speaking of which, there will be changes for next year about which you should be aware. They are listed below. (Please immediately mark these important dates on your calendars!)

- We will be going as "green as we can" for next year. The traditional packet that contains many important forms and information, including the Parent / Student Handbook for 2010 – 2011 and many other required documents will be online this year at www.setoncatholicsschool.org – this will be available beginning August 2nd, 2010. There will be a link on the homepage that will take you directly to these important documents. **Please note: three important forms WILL be available for pickup at the school.** They are; emergency medical authorization, student data, and family information forms. It is important that these and all of the required online documents and forms be printed out, completed, and returned to the school office no later than August 25th.
- The official office hours for the summer will be 9:00AM – 2:00PM. This begins on Monday, June 14th. The school is closed during the month of July and reopens on Monday, August 2nd. Office hours will be from 9:00AM – 2:00PM until Friday, August 20th. Regular office hours (8:00AM – 4:00PM) resume on Monday, August 23rd.
- Our "Get the Scoop" evening for all new parents and new students will be on the 16th of August beginning with a 6:15PM Mass in the Chapel. Our Seton Clothing Store will be open from 5:00 – 8:00PM that evening, and again on August 17th from 9:00AM – 12:00Noon.
- Our general "Parent Orientation Meeting" is scheduled for Monday, August 23rd at 7:00PM in the Seton Chapel. This is for parents only. Our used uniform sale will be held on this evening and the Seton Clothing Store will be open for business.
- Our school calendar for the 2010 – 2011 school year is presently online. The first day for students in grades 1 – 8 is Wednesday, August 25th, 2010. Kindergarten classes begin on Thursday, the 26th of August with a ½ day on the 26th and 27th of August. Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:00 Noon on both of those days. Details will be given at the Kindergarten Open House following our August 23rd Parent Orientation Meeting.
- Supply lists for the 2010 – 2011 school year for each grade will be online by August 2nd, 2010.
- Class lists will be posted on the Seton website on the 20th of August beginning at 2:00PM. They will not be posted on the doors of the school as they have been in the past. Password protected areas of the website require the username and password provided by the school.
- Reminder that both words are case sensitive. Also remember that the login is for Seton families and should not be shared outside the Seton community.

- We will need volunteers for next year and I can't stress this enough. We do not make it mandatory that parents volunteer, but I feel sometimes that we should. We have been woefully short of volunteers at lunch/recess this year, and we will need volunteers to monitor busing for us at the beginning of the year. Please think about donating some of your time to us for these purposes.

- **IMPORTANT:**

School Day Time Change:

There will be a change in the beginning time of our school day next year. The changes made in school start times for Hudson City Schools affect us. 70% of our students reside in Hudson, and many of them use Hudson transportation to and from Seton. Hudson schools have instituted a "two-tier" system of busing for next year rather than the "three-tier" system that has been in place for years. This means that there will be two start times in Hudson, rather than three. This necessitates an earlier start time for Seton. Dismissal time will remain the same.

For next year, the following will be in place:

1. Hudson bus students will arrive here between 8:00 – 8:05AM on Hudson buses. They will be riding with the first tier of Hudson students. (High School and Middle School students)
2. Any students arriving before 8:10AM will remain in the gym until they are dismissed to classrooms at 8:10AM.
3. The tardy bell will ring at 8:20AM.
4. Prayer and announcements will be promptly at 8:25AM.
5. The earlier beginning will allow for slightly longer lunch periods, especially for our younger students.
6. Dismissal will remain at 3:15PM.
7. Hudson will provide up to two buses at the end of the day to function as St. Mary Express buses if you would like your child to participate in that run. The St. Mary Express buses will leave Seton at 3:20 and arrive at St. Mary's about 3:30PM.
8. Students riding the Hudson buses home will be taken to Eastwoods School where they will transfer to their home bus as they presently do at Ellsworth Hill Elementary School.
9. All other districts have been notified of this change in the school time, and they will be adjusting their schedules to accommodate our new start time. They will notify the Seton families in their districts with the new information.
10. Hudson parents will be notified by Peterman Bus Company in August as to particular pick up and drop off times for individual students.

Please check our Website OFTEN for updates about Seton as this will be the only "handwritten" information you will be receiving from me this summer. Again, we are making a very concerted effort to "go green" for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Thank you,

Mr. Selner