

The Knightly News

The Official Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School



**Reaching
Higher in
Mind, Body
and Spirit.**

#ExceptionallySeton

We've finished another year not unlike a marathon. Many strides were made from start to finish, we put forth our best efforts and the accomplishments along the way have had lasting impacts. Our break comes as a blessing, time to reflect with our family, friends, and faith. Before we know it, we will be back to making great strides and setting pace for another noteworthy year at Seton Catholic. We wish everyone a blessed summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

YODA-lay-hee-hoo...



There is always something fun and exciting happening at Seton Catholic. From spirit weeks, school wide trivia nights and Kahoots to the invariably fun, always super early morning Family Feud questions made possible by Mr. Tomasko. This past month and into May we looked forward to "May the 4th Be With You." A date chosen to play on the pun that rides it's catchphrase. This fan created day celebrates the Star Wars movies, paying tribute to those classic films made by George Lucas. In honor of this exciting day, we counted down, by identifying a famous painting that has been made into a Star Wars Parody. The first student or teacher who correctly identified the original art piece title AND the original artist won prizes that ranged from painting kits to Star Wars merchandise. All perfectly suited for use in this galaxy.

Seton Catholic welcomed an addition this past month, when the resident Canadian Gees hatched one gosling to add to our family. Here are some facts about geese from the Iowa Department for Natural Resources.

Quick learners: Baby geese, called goslings, are impressionable little birds. They've been known to follow just about anything that moves, from dogs to humans, mistaking the creatures for their mother.

Partners for life: Canadian geese don't start looking for a mate until they're two or three years old. The birds mate for life, which can be anywhere from 10 to 25 years.

Hefty birds: Canadian geese are the largest geese in the world. Most adults weigh between five and fourteen pounds, with some weighing up to twenty pounds. Females weigh slightly less than males.

Seasoned travelers: Since geese need open water, where they can swim away from land predators, as well as for food, frozen winter water doesn't suit the birds. Geese will travel from 2,000 to 3,000 miles during the winter if they can't find open water, returning to their birth place in the spring.

Energy efficient flight: The "V" formation geese travel in makes them recognizable even high in the sky. Each bird in line flies a little higher than the goose in front of it. One explanation for the formation is that the front bird breaks the headwind so the birds behind it can draft along the airflow from the front. Geese communicate by honks while migrating and shift positions so the birds can take turns flying in the front to help the geese from getting too tired.

Winged and dangerous: Canadian geese aren't afraid to face a threat. If a parent goose feels something is a threat to their nest or goslings, they may attack. Stretching out their neck while hissing and honking loudly serves as a warning to predators, along with biting and slapping with their wings.



Honk!





*4 Principles, 4 Reasons,
Charity, Unity,
Fraternity, Patriotism.*



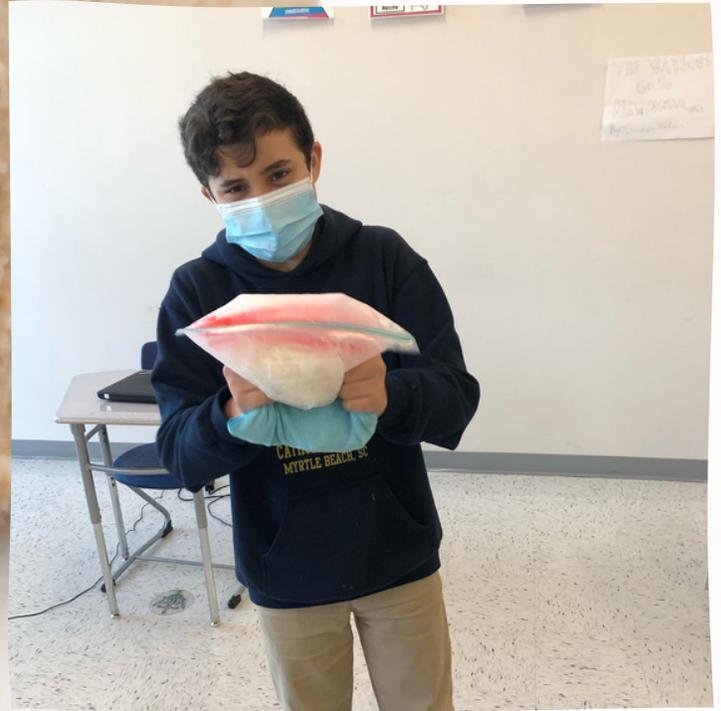
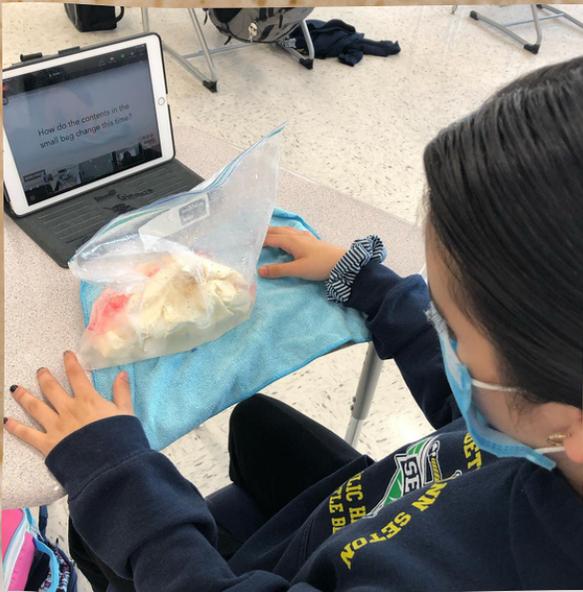
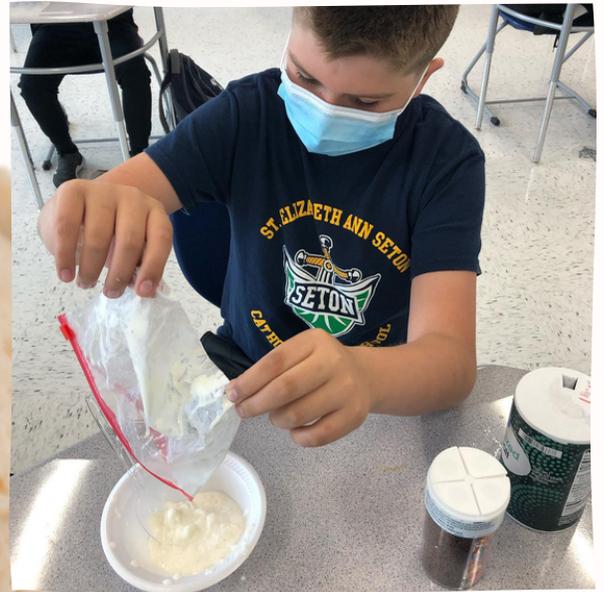
Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Charles A. Smith Council No. 7531 for your continued support of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School scholarship fund. Your sponsorship of Catholic education is greatly appreciated and to be admired.

Keeping Aim



"An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. So when life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means that it's going to launch you into something great. So just focus, and keep aiming."

Science Buddies



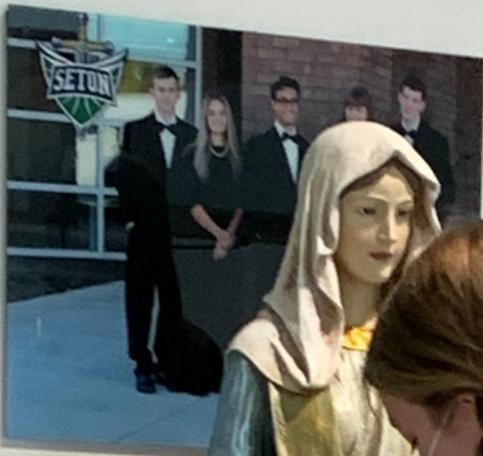
With the warmer weather upon us, students in sixth grade STREAM learned about the chemistry of ice cream by making a batch of their very own! Students worked together to measure the ingredients and observed the change in consistency before choosing their toppings and enjoying their creations! You could say that this project was in the [Ziploc] bag!

Blooms By NHS



National Honor Society made and sold vases of flowers for Mother's Day. Flowers were distributed after school and Mass held at the school. NHS also provided the roses for the Crowning of Mary ceremony, held after Mass on May 7.

May is Mary's Month!



The Seton Catholic community celebrated May as the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Students from each grade level adorned our school's statue of Our Lady with roses during our first mass in May, and the entire school was represented in honoring Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. It was a beautiful display of what makes our Catholic school community so special. For centuries, there has been a connection between Mary and the month of May. Just as we are rewarded by the new life and new hope that spring provides after the winter months, we also transition to a new spiritual season and remember how Mary lifted us out of the long, dark days of winter and continually brings us to the promising days of spring.

Steadfast Grace



On behalf of the Seton faculty, staff and students, we wished Mr. Hanes a happy Principal Appreciation Day earlier this month. He was gifted a beautiful watercolor map of the school. Thank you, Mr. Hanes for all your help and support, for your leadership, your steadfast grace and calm ways. Thank you for building a Seton community with an environment that fosters creative learning. For keeping us safe during these crazy times, the countless hours that you spend at Seton and your gifts, they make us who we are today. A school that truly reaches higher in mind, body and spirit as we define excellence.

Counting Pennies to Make Cents



1-2-3-4, We Declare a Penny War. The Seton Beta Club sponsored a school-wide Penny Wars fundraiser this past month. This made perfect "cents" as a fun competition to keep everyone on their toes as we wind down the school year!

Officers and members created flyers, designed each grade's collection container, coordinated groups of students to count and wrap coins each day, and provided daily updated totals to keep up the excitement!

Students quickly learned the ropes of placing pennies and dollars in their own containers to add points to theirs, and placing nickels, dimes, and quarters in other grades' containers to deduct points from theirs, all while donating to a great cause!

In strategizing their plan to be the winning class, students were great about "calling all coins" throughout the week, checking their piggy banks, car consoles, lint traps, drawers, and adding significantly to their totals each day!

With many surprise lead changes, seventh grade raised the highest amount of money with \$134.72, and eleventh/twelfth grade had the highest amount of points, including 3,257 pennies! Each winning class received a relaxed dress day for their enthusiasm!

Thanks to everyone's generosity and Seton spirit, we raised a total of \$589.00 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! Based on everyone's PRICELESS reactions, this is a tradition that we are so glad to have started and hope not to CHANGE!

Collecting From the Comfort of Your Home



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School celebrated the STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) initiative and service to their community by creating and selling handmade pottery. All funds raised by this auction went directly to the Catholic Charities of South Carolina. Students in Art and Chemistry classes have worked together, all year on this project. They were responsible for making the pottery and the glazes through a period of testing by trial and error. Art students made test tiles which were bisque fired (the first of 2 firings required of pottery). Once the tiles are bisque, they can be glazed. The tiles created were fired and a series of glazes for each color were painted on test tiles, then fired again. There can also be variations in the colors due to the firing process by manipulation of the kiln temperature. Students documented variations in the glaze recipes to determine which combination of chemicals create the best set of colors at a specific temperature. We send our gratitude out to S²TEM Centers SC for the grant which made this project possible and all the bidders, we raised over \$1,000 and sold all pieces!

No Greater Love



"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Last Friday, Fr. David invited us to reflect on the question: What is friendship? God's relationship with man is described as friendship throughout Scripture. As we strive to earn the title of being Jesus' friend, we remember our great, shared faith and all of the opportunities that bring the Seton Family together and encourage our friendships of virtue to grow. For centuries, the month of May has been dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Virtue. Students participated in a May Crowning celebration by placing flowers on the statue of Mary in the main hallway.

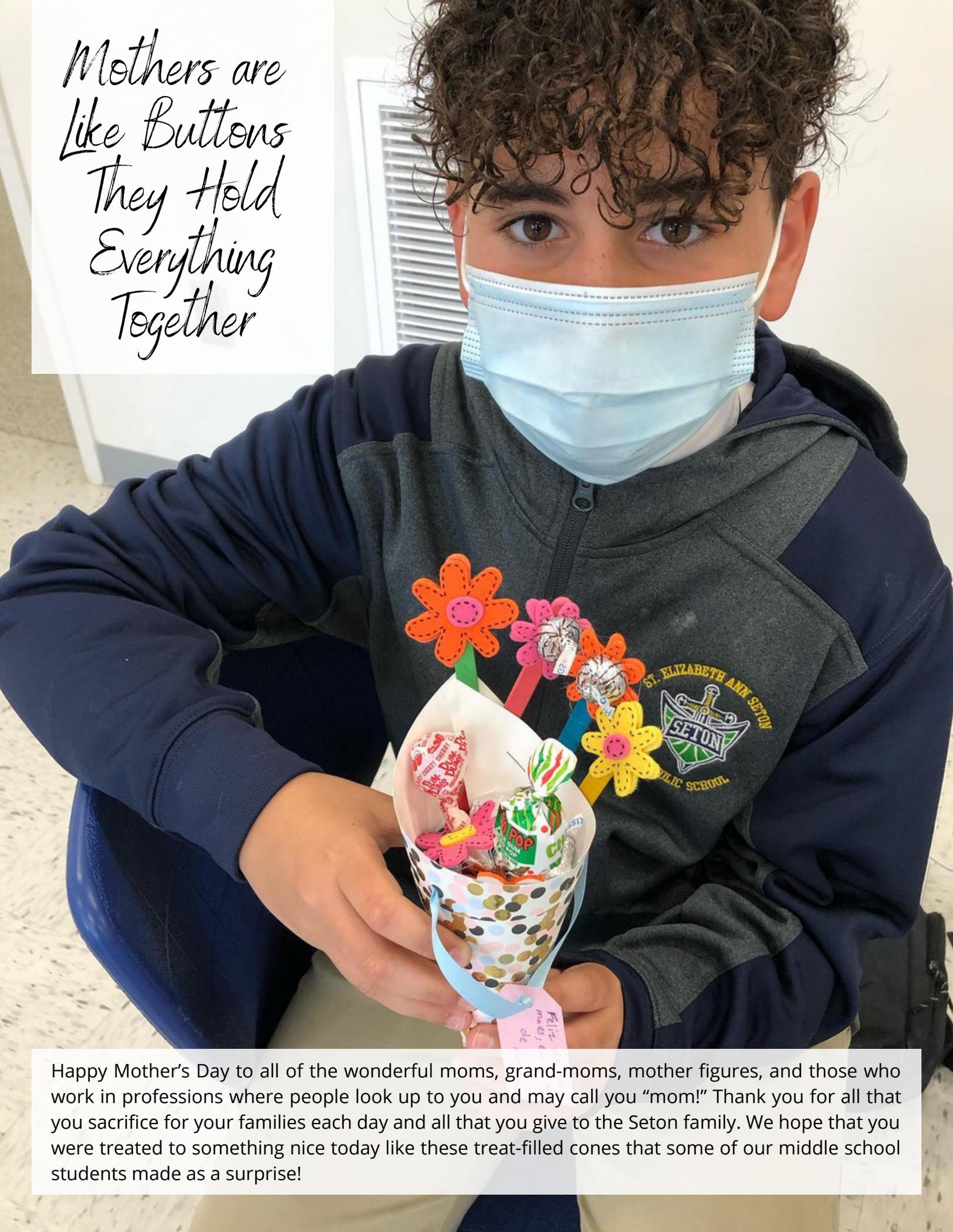
Feast of St. Matthias



"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you..." During Mass, Fr. Paul reminded us of the theological meaning of the Marks of the Church, with an emphasis on Apostolic in honor of the Feast of St. Matthias, the Apostle.

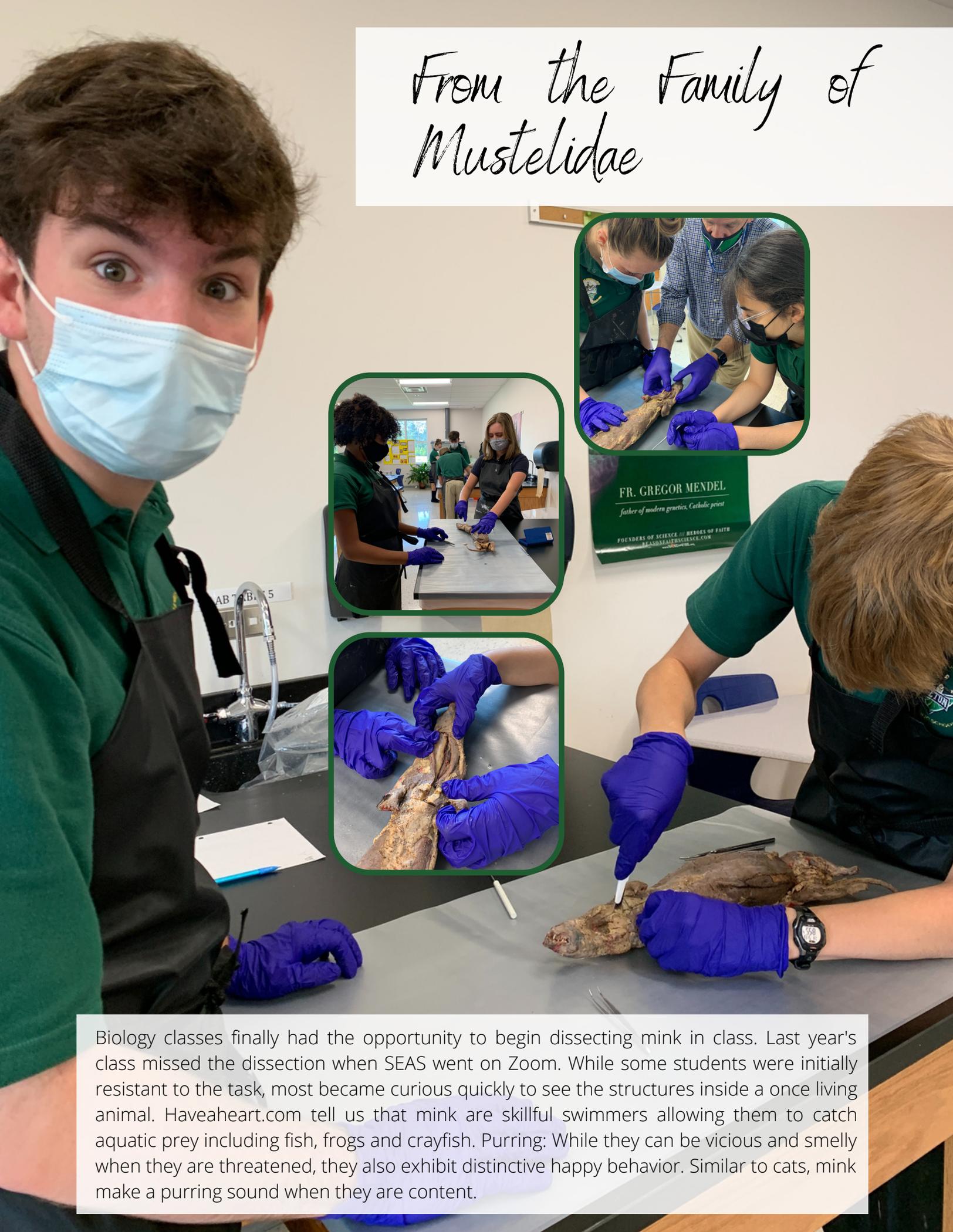
The students at Seton are being formed, just as Jesus chose and formed His disciples and commissioned them to go out and spread the Good News. God has called all members of the Seton family to be Christian individuals ready to proclaim Christ to the world. Heavenly Father, please make us one, and holy, and catholic, and apostolic as the Risen Christ remains present among us through this final week of the Easter Season.

*Mothers are
Like Buttons
They Hold
Everything
Together*



Happy Mother's Day to all of the wonderful moms, grand-moms, mother figures, and those who work in professions where people look up to you and may call you "mom!" Thank you for all that you sacrifice for your families each day and all that you give to the Seton family. We hope that you were treated to something nice today like these treat-filled cones that some of our middle school students made as a surprise!

From the Family of Mustelidae



Biology classes finally had the opportunity to begin dissecting mink in class. Last year's class missed the dissection when SEAS went on Zoom. While some students were initially resistant to the task, most became curious quickly to see the structures inside a once living animal. Haveaheart.com tell us that mink are skillful swimmers allowing them to catch aquatic prey including fish, frogs and crayfish. Purring: While they can be vicious and smelly when they are threatened, they also exhibit distinctive happy behavior. Similar to cats, mink make a purring sound when they are content.

#ShareTheFacts

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. During the month of May, Seton students are being educated on prevention and early detection of skin cancer by Nurse DaGrossa. Did you know, skin cancer is America's most common cancer? Fortunately, it's also one of the most preventable forms of cancer. It is essential to know the 5W's and H's of sunscreen. The Big See Campaign refers to cancer you can SEE, yet it often goes undetected in the early stages. The goal of Big See is to empower YOU and get to know your skin. Three simple words to keep in mind: NEW, CHANGING or UNUSUAL. It could save your life! If you SEE something, DO something!

The 5W's & H

Who should wear sunscreen?

Everyone 6 months and older.

What: Broad spectrum SPF 15 or over indoor and 30 or over outdoor.

When: Everyday!

Where: ALL EXPOSED skin, don't forget the nape of your neck, the tips of your ears and the top of your feet if exposed.

Why: Reduce the risk of skin damage and skin cancer.

How: One ounce to the entire body exposed. Reapply after 2 hours, especially if outdoors.



Golden Notes



The middle and high school students of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton celebrated their achievements in Choir, Guitar and Piano on Tuesday, May 18th. The high school choir sang a Kyrie and Sanctus in Swahili, as well as a tribute to the importance of music to our souls. Both middle and high school guitar classes played beautiful group songs, one folk, one classical, and one blues on electric guitar, followed by a variety of guitar solos. Students of the middle and high school piano classes demonstrated their growing abilities, playing solos from all genres at all levels of difficulty. We look forward to next year with fervent anticipation.



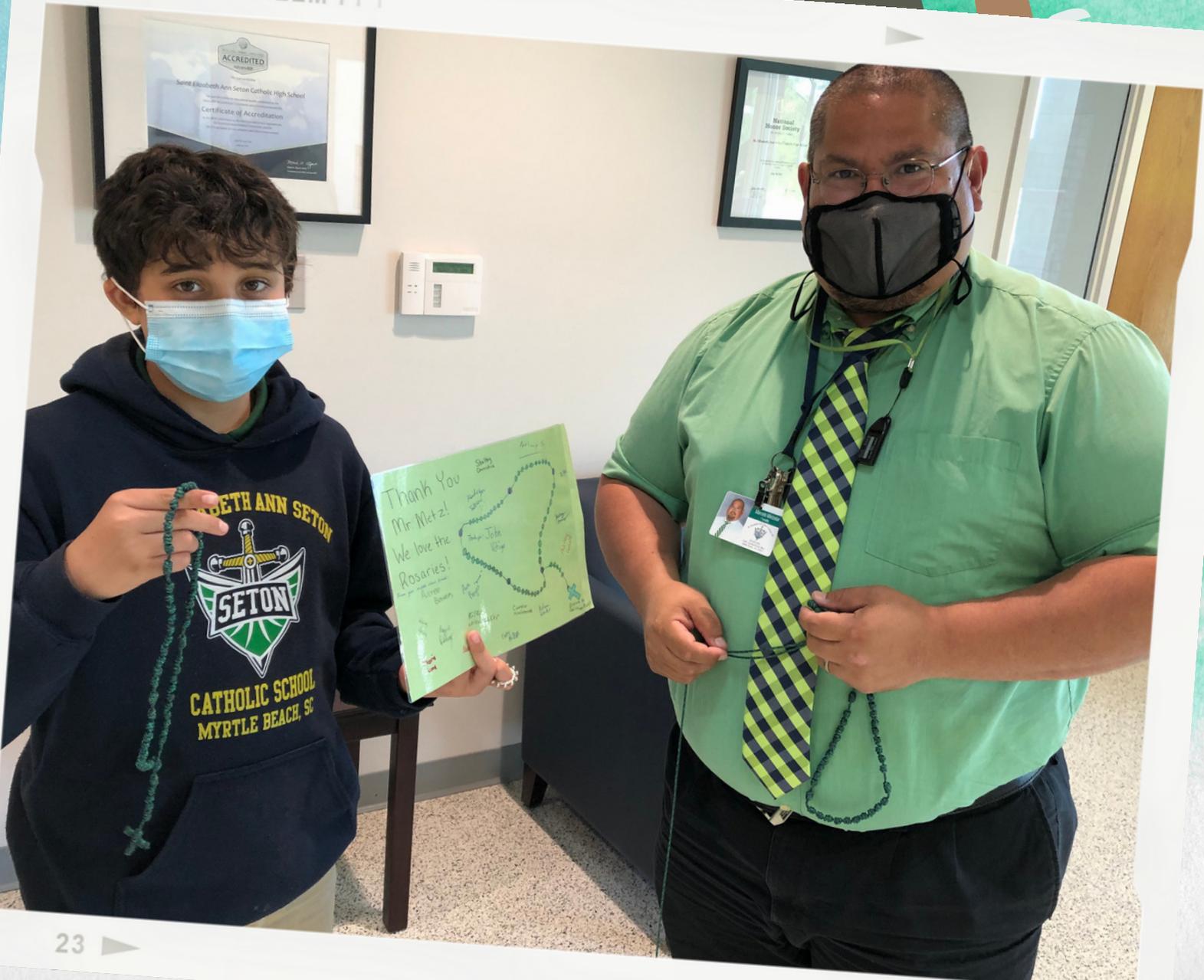




School Colors in Faith

Thanks Coach Metz for all of your "handiwork" over the last couple of months in making each Seton student and faculty member a blue & green knotted Rosary! They are beautiful keepsakes that tie our school's colors and our Catholic faith together. We look forward to praying with them!

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Do You Love Me?

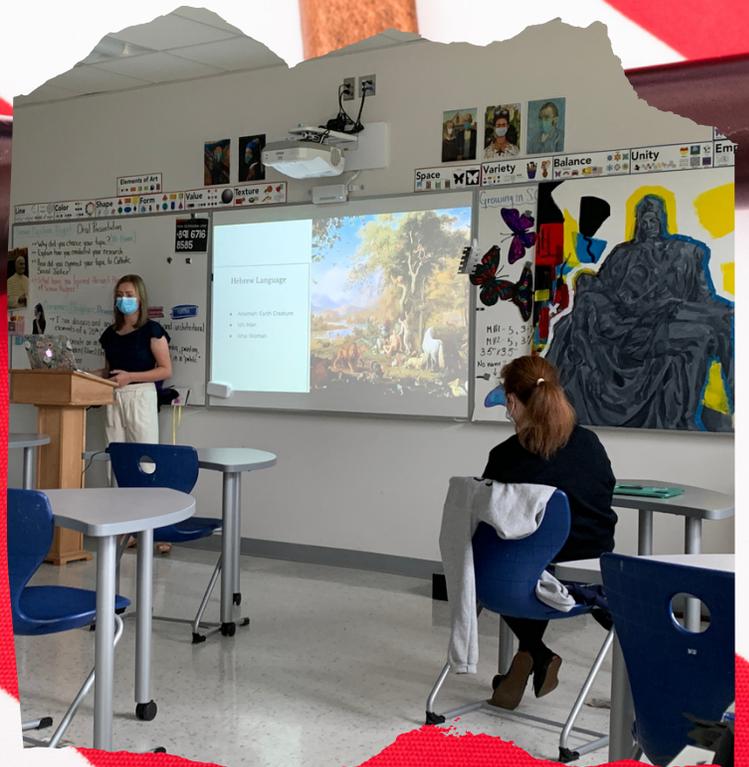
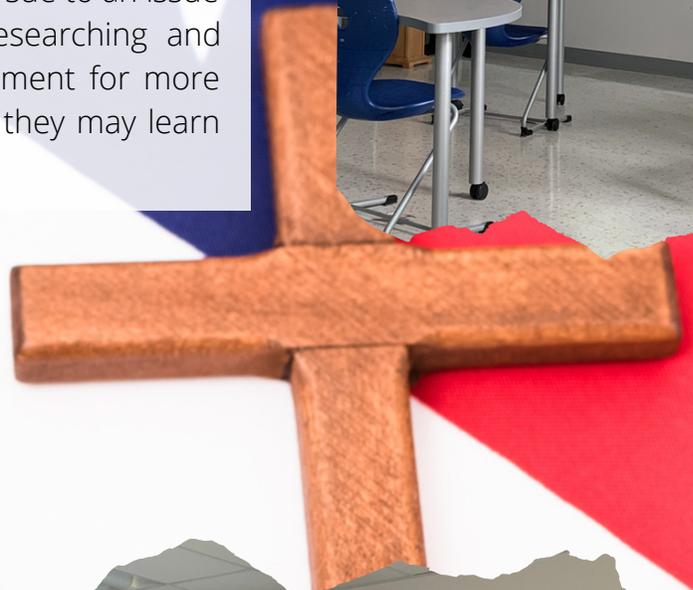


"Simon Peter, do you love me?" During last week's mass between the celebrations of Ascension and Pentecost, Fr. Paul helped us to reflect on God's restoring power. After Peter's public denials of Jesus, he was restored and forgiven when he firmly declared his love and allegiance three times. Peter remained obedient to the Lord's commission to "feed my sheep" for the rest of his life, and he proclaimed the Gospel and fed the flock the Lord had entrusted to him. Throughout the Book of Acts, we learn that love is the mark of a true believer, and we are encouraged to live our lives with authenticity and always be faithful in our trials. If we love Jesus, we will feed His lambs to teach others about His word, tend His sheep and give to those in need, and feed His sheep just as Peter did when he was filled with the Holy Spirit as we, too, will be on Pentecost.



21st Century Thinkers

As we concluded the month of May at Seton Catholic, our Seniors presented their senior capstone project. In this project they embarked on an extended period of research, reflection, and action to better understand the steps necessary to fulfill their career choice as well as the complexity of the CSJ issue and how they, as 21st Century thinkers, may better understand and make steps to improve the local or global issues they are inheriting. The foundation of this Senior Seminar was to connect their understanding of what they may want to pursue to an issue in Catholic Church Social Justice where, by researching and creating a product in which they make an argument for more awareness of or change in regard to that issue, they may learn to live a life of fulfillment and principle.



Outstanding Performances

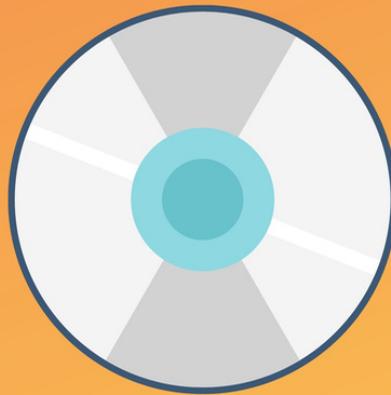


Wednesday night, under the big top, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School celebrated its athletic programs. Varsity letters, major and participation awards, were presented to athletes. The teams celebrated were the 2-time Regional Champion Girls Volleyball team, the growing swim team; the boys and girls cross-country teams, the resurgence of the bowling team; the boys basketball team, and largest team: the Boys Tennis team. Special thanks to all the coaches for mentoring our athletes.



Old worlds, New worlds, Other worlds.

2021 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT





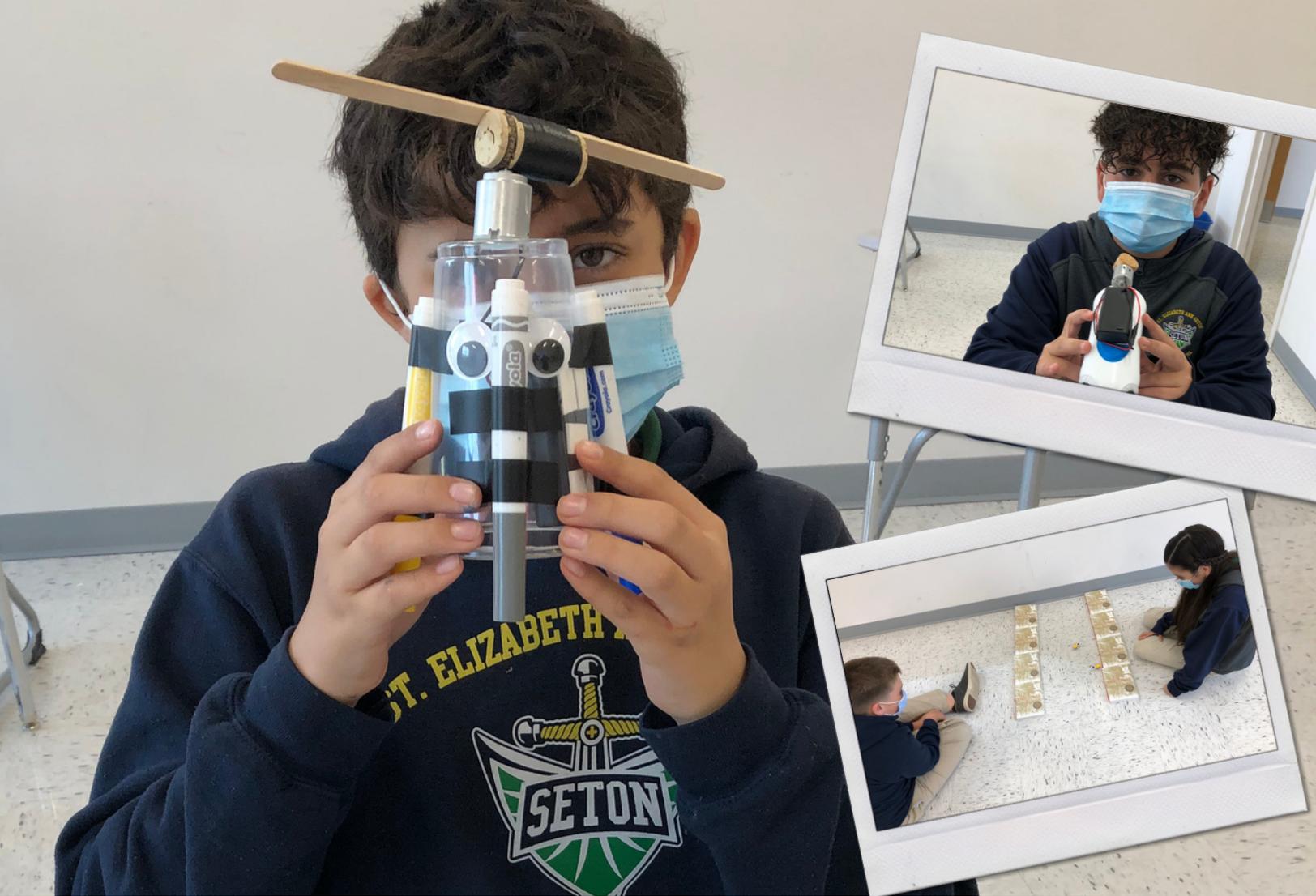
Grab Your Book!

Choose a school appropriate book to read that is either a fiction chapter book, or a nonfiction book.

- After you read the book, purchase a large poster board (cardboard type, not project board), then: Create a visual presentation of your book on the poster.

- Include the Title and Author and Your Name
- Draw pictures/Create Computer Images/Decorate, to somehow illustrate your poster to tell about the book.
- Include 2 Quotes from your book that you like that either tell about a character, or tell about the story/book.
- Include a Timeline of the major events if your book is fiction. If your book is nonfiction, make a list of 5 Facts you learned.
- Include 5 new words you learned and their definitions.
- You will present this poster in an oral presentation to the class, telling about your book, if you liked the book or not.
- This assignment will count as a project grade.

**DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:
AUGUST 16**



Students in sixth grade STREAM are winding down the year in an electrifying way by building Bristle Bots out of the heads of toothbrushes, Brush Bots out of cleaning scrub brushes, and even an Art Bot! Aren't they adorable? Using a simple battery motor, students learned the basics of connecting an electric circuit, observing their bots' motion, and racing them! We also learned how everyday devices such as cell phones, video game controllers, and Roomba vacuums are powered in the same way! Students concluded by researching careers such as robotics technicians and electrical engineers, and how their work applies to our everyday lives!

Electrifying!

Things are heating up in the art room. Students in studio art specials class made alcohol ink designs on glass. Alcohol ink is great for making free flowing abstract designs. It has a high concentration of pigment allowing for strong bright tones. Students applied drops of alcohol ink, swirled to create their desired composition, then applied isopropyl alcohol which then is light on fire. This process of burning the inks and alcohol solidifies the design, creating darker, vivid colors. A masterpiece in minutes!



Painting With Fire



Merch Order Form



Orders Due by Friday, April 30, 2021

Student Name

Grade

Small

Medium

Large

XL

XXL

XXXL

CREW SWEATSHIRT \$25.00



YOUTH Large

YOUTH X-Large

Small

Medium

Large

XL

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T-SHIRT (SAME DESIGN) \$12.00



YOUTH Large

YOUTH X-Large

Payment:

Cash

Check

Charge to

FACTS

Signature of Parent and/or Guardian

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

Merch Order Form



Student Name

Grade



Journal \$5

Highlighter \$1

Umbrella \$10

Southport Boat Tote \$10

Draw String Backpack \$5

Slender Sip Tumbler with Straw \$5

Speckled Vacuum Bottle BLUE \$10

Speckled Vacuum Bottle GREEN \$10

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