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Seton LaSalle's COVID-19 Response

COVID-19 has been a challenge for the world, and we are empathetic for all of the families, individuals, and businesses that this global pandemic has impacted. We are proud of our quick response as we strive to serve our students.

Because we have had a well-rounded technology plan in place for online learning since 2012, our transition to online learning last spring was seamless and we were able to provide students with a rich and robust academic experience, even in the most uncertain of times.

This smooth transition allowed our administration and our Pandemic Response Team to plan for a safe return to the building in August, purchasing touchless thermometers, a HALO fogger to clean and sanitize the building, hand sanitizer dispensers, wipes, and sneeze guards for office and cafeteria staff. Classrooms were arranged in order to safely distance students, and signage was placed throughout the building to aid in our safety measures. We invested in HUDL technology — allowing us to live-stream athletic events to loyal Rebel sports fans in high definition — as well as web cams, tripods and microphones for each teacher, along with professional Zoom licenses for streamlined virtual learning, all before the start of the 2020-21 school year.

We developed a flexible, responsible, and comprehensive plan for returning to school that dually focuses on safety and a high-quality education. Following all mandates and regulations, we safely opened our doors on August 27 for five days of in-school instruction, in addition to a virtual option, offering families both familiarity and flexibility. We continue to follow appropriate safety precautions and guidelines to keep our school community safe and protected. We believe that students need regularity in their routine to best achieve success, and we are proud to be able to provide that to them.

In Faith and Charity,

Lisa C. Osterhaus
President

Lauren E. Martin
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Staff Updates

With gratitude and sadness, we are announcing **Mr. Bill DaBaldo's** retirement. Bill has been a tremendous addition to our administrative staff and a wonderful part of our SLS community. He will be enjoying the beach and warmer weather with his wife.

Beginning in January, Mr. Dante DaBaldo became our Interim Athletic Director for the remainder of the school year. Congratulations, Bill, on your retirement and thank you for your hard work and dedication to the athletic program! Dante, welcome to our community, and we wish you the best of luck with the spring semester!

On January 15, **Mrs. Kristin Snapp Andreassi** will be leaving her position as our Alumni Relations/Multimedia Coordinator to pursue another opportunity. Kristin has been an integral part of our administrative team for nearly four years, and we will miss her creativity and dedication to our school community!

After a very fast, but extensive and thorough process, we are excited to announce that **Ms. Emily O'Neill** has been hired as our new Alumni Relations/Digital Marketing Coordinator. We had 92 applicants in less than one week and believe that Emily will be a fantastic addition to our Rebel family. She has ties to us already as she is the sister of Elizabeth Barone, '24, and cousin of SLS English teacher, Ms. Holly Herbertson. Read more about Emily [HERE](#).

Important Dates

1/15: Rebel Reset Day (Asynchronous Learning)
1/18: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/31-2/6: Catholic Schools Week
2/1: Rebel Reset Day (Asynchronous Learning)
Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences
2/12: No School - In-Service Day
Financial Aid Night - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
2/15: No School - President's Day
3/15: No School - In-Service Day
4/1-5: No School - Easter Break

Please note: All events are subject to change.

Redirect your personal state tax dollars to scholarships at Seton LaSalle!

We are very pleased to announce an opportunity to redirect your personal Pennsylvania state tax dollars to scholarships for students at Seton LaSalle Catholic High School! For nearly 20 years, businesses in Pennsylvania have been able to provide tuition assistance to students in non-profit schools like Seton LaSalle through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. Participating businesses that donate to a qualifying school receive a 90% refund from the state. **Now, individuals who pay \$3,500 or more in state taxes annually can realize the same benefit through the Special Purpose Entity (SPE) program.** Every year we have families who truly struggle to pay their tuition. Your contribution will help provide a Catholic education to a very deserving student. The process is very simple. For more information, please contact Lisa Osterhaus at osterhausl@slshs.org or (412) 561-3583 ext. 1009.

Donating IRA assets to SLS *Provision offers tax break for retirees*

IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70.5 and older take RMDs from their IRA each year, regardless of whether or not the income is needed. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your RMD without reporting additional income. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

New Boilers

After over 64 years, our boiler installation project is complete! Although it wasn't a glamorous project, it was a necessary one. Our previous boiler was at the end of its life, and we rely on it to keep our school community warm during the winter! Thank you to our generous donors who helped to jumpstart the funding for this initiative at last year's gala. We are grateful for your support and generosity!

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SPORTS NEWS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fall Sports

Girls Cross Country

Our Girls Cross Country team finished 9th out of 22 teams in the WPIAL competition! Great job, girls!

Football (1-6-0)

Congratulations to the following All-Conference selections: On 1st Team Offense: Gabe Finale, '22 (RB), and Liam Halligan, '22 (OL). On 1st Team Defense: Nate Patsey, '21 (DL). On 2nd Team Offense: Tyler Hill, '21 (WR), JR Jones, '22 (WR), and TJ Cherry, '21 (K). On 2nd Team Defense: Griffin Malloy, '21 (LB).



With the help of our selection committee, comprised of outstanding Rebel Football alumni, we are thrilled to share that we have selected Mauro Monz, '92, as the leader of a New Era of Rebel Football. Coach Monz brings 25 years of coaching experience to Seton LaSalle, spanning from collegiate, high school, and youth play. We're ALL IN with Coach Monz. Read more and watch our new video [HERE](#).

Boys Golf

In his first season as coach, Coach Andrew Papalia led the Boys Golf team to 3rd Place in Section 9. Logan Kuntz, '21, stood out, showing senior leadership on the team and displaying his passion for his team and the game of golf. Logan made it to the WPIAL qualifier and played a great round of golf, missing by just one stroke. Every player on the team learned what P.R.I.D.E. – passion, rules for the game, integrity, development, and etiquette – means on the course. Coach Papalia is looking forward to another great season next year!

Girls Golf

Tim Zugates, '71, continued to share his love of golf with the Girls Golf team. The team welcomed one freshman, while bidding farewell to two seniors.

Boys Soccer (11-2-0)

Section Champions • WPIAL Quarterfinals



Our Boys Soccer team claimed the Section Championship for the 8th consecutive season this year. The boys made it to the WPIAL Quarterfinals before being eliminated by Springdale. Congratulations to the following All-Section selections: Bobby Bootay, '22; Nick Cherry, '24; TJ Cherry, '21 (Section Player of the Year); Anthony Newman, '21, and Dan Myers, '22 (Honorable Mention). Our All-WPIAL selections are: Bobby Bootay, '22; Nick Cherry, '24; TJ Cherry, '21, and Anthony Newman, '21. In addition, Head Coach Nick Balzer, '07, was named Co-Coach of the Year!

Girls Soccer (8-4-0)

WPIAL 1st Round

Our Girls Soccer team made it to the WPIAL 1st Round before being eliminated by OLSH. Congratulations to the following All-Section selections: Kyla Cohagan, '23; Ireland Killen, '21; Paige Kuisis, '23, and Mikaela Small. Congratulations to our All-WPIAL selections: Ireland Killen, '21, and Paige Kuisis, '23.

Girls Volleyball (9-5-0)

WPIAL 1st Round

Our Girls Volleyball team made it to the WPIAL 1st Round, where the girls were defeated by Waynesburg. Five players were named as All-Section selections. Sydney Kirk, '22, and Kate Radan, '21, were first team selections. Bella Sikora, '21, was a second team selection. Kenzie Canavan, '22, and Malia Sigg, '21, was a third team selection. Congratulations, girls!

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In Remembrance

With prayerful remembrance, we list the following alumni who have passed away. May perpetual light shine upon them.

Alumni

John Donovan, '63
George Druitis, '63
David Evans, '66
William Hartman, '69
Terrence "Terry" Jackson, '65
Richard Kiefer, '63
Arthur J. Klaus, '63
Regis Kraus, '60
Peter Lauterbauch, '84
Marilyn Pegher Macurak, '58
John "Jack" Mascaro, '62
John McDonough, '60
Richard Mozejko, '60
John Muzzio, '66
Catherine Monroe Sismour, '50
Thomas Sutton, '75
Frank Tripodi, '63
Clifford Tuttle, Jr., '75
Malik White, '14

Former Faculty/Staff

Br. Lawrence Dempsey
Lil Porrotto
Franco Vagni
Vincent Walter (Br. Vincent La Salle)

This list may not be complete. If you have information on any Elizabeth Seton, South Hills Catholic or Seton LaSalle alumni who have passed away, please contact Emily O'Neill, Alumni Relations/Digital Marketing Coordinator at (412) 561-3583 ext. 1141 or oneille@slshs.org.

Alumni Class Notes

1960s

William Kunzman, '65, has been working since May 2020 to find classmates to plan a 56th reunion in 2021. He is proud to report he has confirmed a location of all but 19 of 297 classmates. Plans will be finalized once COVID-19 is controlled.

William Thompson, '67, is currently retired and enjoying the warm, sunny life of southwest Florida!

John Eperthener, '69, and his wife, Penny's son, Ian, is on a dual organ (kidney/pancreas) transplant list at IU Health in Indianapolis, Indiana. Their family is working with the National Foundation for Transplants in Memphis, TN to assist in raising the nearly \$600,000 needed for expenses with the surgery and medications afterward. To assist the Epertheners, click [HERE](#).

1970s

John Wargo, '70, retired from his position as Senior Army Instructor at Gordon S. Hubbard High School in Chicago in July 2020, after leading the program for over 24 years. This capped off 46 years of service to our country on active duty and to his cadets as their senior instructor.

William Corba, '71, moved back to the Pittsburgh area in 2019 after a lifetime and career away from the city. He says the area is vibrant with a youthful energy it didn't have when he was young and beginning his career – he loves being home!

Don Altmeyer, '73, will be retiring after the Spring 2021 semester from Black Hills State University in South Dakota. He has been an Accounting Professor in the University's School of Business since 1995.

1980s

Fr. David Bonnar, '80, was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown by Pope Francis. Fr. Bonner, longtime pastor of St. Bernard Parish, was serving as pastor of St. Aidan in Wexford. Read more [HERE](#).

William Caye, '86, is an Executive Board Member for the PA Sports Hall of Fame, Western Chapter. He is on the Recruitment and Inclusivity & Sustainability committees, in addition to serving as the 2020-21 Chair for Internships.

2010s

David "DJ" Saba, '11, is studying to become a naturopathic doctor. He gave a presentation to Mrs. Meloni DiPietro Guthoerl's AP Biology students on what to expect after high school and how best to prepare for college and beyond.

Sara Hnatiw, '16, was featured in a Q&A on the CCAC website for her experience on the South Campus after pursuing her Associates Degree in Early Education Child Development. Read her Q&A [HERE](#).

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HALL OF FAME

After seven years, we proudly resurrected the Hall of Fame and John T. Cicco Lifetime Achievement Award this year. Although COVID-19 restrictions forced us to think outside of the box when it came time to celebrate our honorees' induction, on November 6, 2020, our community gathered for a virtual ceremony to induct six alumni into the Seton LaSalle Catholic High School Hall of Fame and award one distinguished and dedicated community member with the John T. Cicco Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to our most recent honorees:

Hall of Fame:

Sr. Barbara Ann Boss, '60
Dr. Rex Gatto, '66**
William Geyer, '88
Rudolph Richtar, '61
Elaine Richtar, '56
Dana Ann Thompson Slizik, '91

John T. Cicco Lifetime Achievement Award:

Ed Carey**

***Denotes current or former faculty/staff member*

Watch the induction ceremony and see the event program on our website [HERE](#). Congratulations to our honorees, and thank you for your contributions to Seton LaSalle and your dedication to Catholic education!

We will be inducting another class of alumni into the SLS Hall of Fame in the Fall of 2021.

We are now accepting nominations for the Hall of Fame and John T. Cicco Lifetime Achievement Award. Please review the eligibility requirements on our website, and click [HERE](#) to submit your nomination.

If you have any questions about the Hall of Fame program, please contact Lisa Osterhaus, President at osterhaus@slshs.org or (412) 561-3583 ext. 1009.

Upcoming Reunions

South Hills Catholic High School Class of 1965 • 56th Reunion Dates TBA

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South Hills Catholic High School Class of 1966 • 55th Reunion September 10-11, 2021

Reunion Contact:
Rich D'Alessandro, '66
richardlaserman@yahoo.com
805-402-7424

South Hills Catholic High School Class of 1960 • 60th Reunion October 9-10, 2021

The Class of 1960 postponed their 60th reunion until October 9-10, 2021 due to COVID-19.

This reunion will include a stag night on Saturday and a sit-down or buffet dinner with spouses and significant others on Sunday. The reunion committee is still finalizing the location and times of each event.

Reunion Contact:
Carmen Lebder, '60
carmar841@aol.com

REMINDER: If you were working with Kristin Snapp Andreassi to plan your reunion, please rest assured she left detailed notes and that Emily O'Neill will be contacting you to pick up where Kristin left off! You can reach Emily at oneille@slshs.org.

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SLS Launches Competitive Esports Club



Mike Gianoutsos, Director of Innovation and Technology, and Mr. Reece Norman, Physics Teacher, launched a competitive Esports Club for our students. Students in the competitive gaming club currently play League of Legends and Overwatch, with a few other games on the horizon. Esports is recognized as an organized sport at many colleges and universities, with scholarships available. Professional esports competitors compete in lucrative tournaments and some receive sponsorship contracts.

Adventure Club brings students new experiences



Mrs. Bridgette Kennedy-Riske founded the Adventure Club this year, giving students the opportunity to get together and get adventurous! So far, the club went on a paddleboarding trip at Moraine State Park and a kayaking trip at Racoon Creek State Park.

Mrs. KR hopes to take students hiking, and when it's safe to gather

large groups indoors, she hopes to go to an indoor trampoline park and an indoor rock climbing gym!



Thanksgiving Food Drive



Our students collected donations for the Brookline Food Bank for the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year, our school community collected 10% more in non-perishable food items compared to last year!

Operation Safety Net Donation



Grace Warner, '22, organized a school-wide collection of hygiene products for Operation Safety Net, a social service outreach program through Pittsburgh Mercy. Combined, our school community donated over 2,230 items to the organization.

Malia Sigg, '21, named High School Heisman School Winner



Malia Sigg, '21, was named a High School Heisman School Winner. Malia was recognized for her outstanding athletic and academic achievements, in addition to her dedication to community service.

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SUCCESS BEYOND SLS

Olivia Edkins, '21, signs to play Division I lacrosse



Congratulations to Olivia Edkins, '21, who signed her letter of intent to play NCAA Division I lacrosse at the University of Akron!

During her freshman year, Olivia broke Ellie Grefenstette's, '18, freshman scoring record, and broke her sophomore season scoring record the following year. She was on pace to be the Rebels all-time leading goal scorer after four seasons, but her junior season was canceled due to COVID-19.

Olivia is looking forward to going out on a great note this season with her teammates, and looks forward to heading to Akron in the fall!

Hadia Killang, '21, receives full-tuition scholarship to Colby College



Congratulations to Hadia Killang, '21, who received a full-tuition, four-year scholarship to Colby College. Colby, located in Maine, is ranked #71 in the nation by the *Wall Street Journal* and *Times Higher Education*.

Isabella Martino, '21, receives culinary scholarship

Congratulations to Bella Martino, '21, who received a \$10,000 scholarship to Johnson & Wales University from the American Academy of Chefs! Johnson & Wales's Culinary Arts program is globally-recognized. Bella is an aspiring chef with a Taste of Home Recipe Award under her belt.



Ireland Killen, '21, offered full-tuition scholarship

Congratulations to Ireland Killen, '21, who was awarded a full-tuition academic and athletic scholarship to Carlow University! Ireland received an invitation to play women's soccer for the Celtics. Carlow Celtics are in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics River States Conference.



Anoushka Markose, '21, accepted to Loyola on Presidential Scholarship



Congratulations to Anoushka Markose, '21, who was accepted to Loyola University Chicago with a Presidential Scholarship, valued at \$100,000 over four years! Loyola is one of the largest Catholic universities in the United States, and is ranked No. 112 top colleges and universities in the nation by the *U.S. News*.

Emalia Caragein, '21, accepted to Bethany College with full-tuition scholarship

Congratulations to Emalia Caragein, '21, who was awarded a full-tuition academic scholarship to Bethany College in West Virginia! In addition to her scholarship, Emalia was invited to play women's lacrosse with the Bison! The women's lacrosse team at Bethany is a NCAA Division III program.



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2020 Students of the Month

September 2020



Sydney Gisoni, '24; Justice Drewery, '23; Angelina Battistone, '22, and Sklyer Wrubleski, '21.

October 2020



Elizabeth Barone, '24; Brendan Guinee, '23; Kathleen Farnan, '22, and Theresa Lyle, '21

November 2020



Nataleigh Carter, '24; Jamie Durstein, '23; Faith Whitley, '22, and Italia Bernardi, '21.

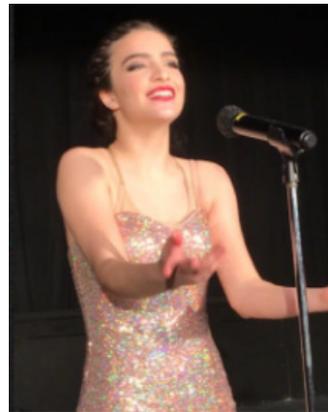
Margaret Brown, '23, selected to participate in UPMC program



Margaret Brown, '23, is one of just 50 high school students selected to participate in UPMC's "I Look Like a Cardiologist" Program! The program will consist of four virtual sessions and four meetings with a young physician mentor. Margaret will receive a letter of reference that she can use in the future for college, scholarship, and internship, and future UPMC program applications.

Margaret is one of 50 students selected out of over 120 applicants. Decisions were based on an application that included her transcripts and test scores, in addition to three essays. Congratulations, Margaret!

COVID Cabaret



Congratulations to our theater students who successfully streamed two COVID Cabaret performances! Although they couldn't hold a traditional Fall Drama this year, that didn't stop our performing arts students from showcasing their skills for audiences near and far, in the comfort of their own homes!

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“In Faith and Charity” Virtual Appeal

The pandemic has forced us to think differently about fundraising. This year we are converting our Annual Fund drive, Golf Outing and Gala to an online appeal to help us meet our goals in the current environment.

We are just \$31,000 away from our \$200,000 goal! Can we count on you to help us reach it?

This is a critical time of year, as many families begin to meet their spring tuition balances in order to return to Seton LaSalle for the following year, or — for our seniors — pay off their final balance in order to graduate, receive their transcripts, and begin to pursue Success Beyond SLS.

Your donation will provide scholarships for students in need, critical funding for the athletic and arts programs, technology for our teachers and students, and will ensure our building is up-to-date, secure, and innovative. Tuition only covers 85% of the annual operating budget, and the remaining 15% must be raised through the support of our generous donors.

Please consider making a gift in honor of a faculty or staff member who made a significant impact in your high school education. Your gift will make a difference and change a life — forever.

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