



Seton-La Salle Catholic High School

Rebelations

October 2008 Parent Newsletter

“A Place Where Everyone Belongs”

Message From the Principal

Dear Friends:

The new school year is well underway. In mid-October the Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will take the Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED) and/or Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests (PSAT) to determine their progress in the skills needed for school success at the next levels. By the end of the month, teachers will be preparing the first report cards to indicate how well the students are learning now. Fall sports are at the mid-point as well, with each game a test of the athletes’ skills, stamina, and determination. Campus Ministry is planning events which will allow the students to use their talents here in prayer and liturgy or in the larger community through direct service. The Challenge Program has been launched, with the promise of rewards for efforts expended. Throughout this issue of *Rebelations* there is news of opportunities offered, challenges accepted, and goals in progress.



We welcome and need parent support. Phase 1 of our field project has resulted in a field that is indeed worthy of our teams. Efforts are underway to complete the funding for Phase 1 so that Phase 2, bleachers and a field house, can begin. We are working on the school accreditation process through the Middle States Association and need parents to help. And, of course, we must have financial assistance available to enable students to attend so we ask those with small or large business connections to participate in the EITC program.

In the Church we are entering the end of the Church Year with readings that remind us that we are not preparing for this world, but for the next. We remember St. Paul’s words: “I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith . . .” We ask your help in prayer—that the students may discover, develop, and use the talents that God has given them; that parents, administration, faculty and staff may be attuned to the Spirit and the Will of God; that the financial challenges that we face may be met with justice and charity; that the many families that are struggling may experience the peace and love of Christ.



In Fide et Caritate,
Sr. Patricia

Prayer for a New School Year

Dear Lord, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in wisdom.

Give all students the willingness to learn and the ability to think clearly.

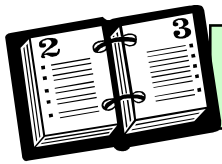
Give all teachers your encouragement, guidance and gift of patience.

Help us work together to reach our highest potential and do what is pleasing to You.

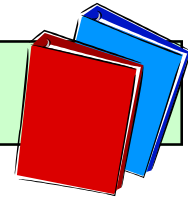
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.

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Administrative & Academics



No School

Mark your calendars now! There will be no classes on Monday, October 27, 2008. It is a Clerical Day .

IOWA Tests of Educational Development

On Oct. 14 & Oct. 15, 2008, all **Freshmen** and **Sophomores** will take the Iowa tests (ITED) for reading, language, math, social studies and science. Scores from these tests are useful in identifying academic weaknesses, making course selections, and evaluating the effectiveness of our curriculum. There is no fee for the tests.



PSAT Tests

On Wednesday, October 15, 2008, all **Juniors** will take the PSAT/NMSQT Tests. (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) There is a \$14.00 fee to take the test. A check made payable to "Seton La Salle" must be received by Mrs. Judy Caves on or before Oct. 10, 2008. Juniors should report to homeroom with two #2 pencils and a calculator.

Free PSAT Preparation Sessions

On Oct. 1, and Oct. 2, 2008, Juniors will have the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Carlie McGinty, a PSAT/SAT/ACT tutor. She will give the students helpful hints on how to prepare for the PSAT. Mrs. McGinty will be in Room 107. Students who wish to meet with her during their lunch period or study hall must schedule a time with Mrs. Judy Caves. All assistance is free! Mrs. McGinty will also provide preparation for the SATs and ACTs later in the year.

Senior Business Day

On October 15, 2008 all **Seniors** will report to homeroom and then the SLS auditorium. They will receive information about graduation, get fitted for caps and gowns, complete forms for diplomas and receive applications for ordering graduation materials.

College Selection & Financial Aid Night

7 - 9:00 PM - Thursday, October 16, 2008

The Guidance Office will present an important informational session in the SLS auditorium. It will include an overview of the college selection process and information about financial aid for college. All parents and students are welcome, particularly Juniors and Seniors. Call Mrs. Judy Caves for more information. 412-561- 3583 x 117

SAT Tests

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) will be offered at SLS on Saturday, October 4, 2008. The next test date for the SAT is November 1, 2008. Students may register on-line at www.collegeboard.com or pick up a registration form in the Guidance Office.

Catholic Colleges Workshop

On Sept. 22, 2008, representatives from 20 Catholic Colleges in Pennsylvania met with students during lunch periods. They answered questions and provided information. The workshop was sponsored by the Guidance Office.

University of Notre Dame Presentation

On Sept. 23, 2008, SLS hosted an information session on Notre Dame. An Admissions Representative spoke to area students and parents. The visit was coordinated by the Guidance Dept.

Oct. 1 & 2	PSAT Prep. Sessions
Oct. 4	SATs
Oct. 14 & 15	IOWA Tests - Freshmen & Sophomores
Oct. 15	PSATs—Juniors Business Day—Seniors
Oct. 16	College Selection & Financial Aid Night



Open House
Sunday, October 5, 2008
11:30 AM—3:00 PM

Our SLS Open House is fast approaching! Please invite your relatives, friends, neighbors and anyone else who might be interested in our strong academic standards, safe environment and extracurricular opportunities.

The Open House will feature student-led tours of our campus, technology demonstrations, interaction with faculty, administrators, club moderators and coaches, and information sessions about curriculum, activities, financial aid and more. It is a great chance to explore the varied academic, spiritual, growth, and service opportunities that our school offers.

8th Grade Visitation
Monday, November 10, 2008

Over 500 eighth grade students from the Pittsburgh region will have the opportunity to experience an array of student and multi-media presentations, faculty demonstrations and lunch with fellow 8th graders. This mini-day is tailored to introduce 8th graders to SLS and high school life. Please call Nancy Rizza at 412-561-3583 ext. 129 or email rizzan@slshs.org to make a reservation for this wonderful opportunity to see first-hand why Seton-La Salle Catholic is a place where young men and women **LEARN, GROW, and BE-LONG.**

Placement Test for Incoming SLS Freshmen
December 6, 2008

The High School Placement Test for current 8th graders who are considering attending SLS will be given on Dec. 6, 2008. Registration forms are available on our school website, www.slshs.org, under the admissions link or by contacting Nancy Rizza 412-561-3583 x129.



Edline Accounts

Edline is the on-line version of teachers' grade-books that parents and students can access 24 hours a day. If you do not have an Edline account, parents should e-mail Mr. Joe Kramer at kramerj@slshs.org.

Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY)
Leadership Program

Attention Sophomores! Every summer HOBY sponsors a 3-day workshop to help Sophomores recognize, develop and apply their leadership skills. Any sophomore who is interested may apply by requesting a form from Mr. Tim Zugates. The deadline for applications is Nov. 7. A faculty committee will review applications and select a student prior to Thanksgiving.

NHS Blood Donor Project

The National Honor Society here at SLS holds an annual Blood Drive every April. This year, NHS is also participating in a scholarship program designed to encourage blood donations throughout the year. When you donate blood at Central Blood Bank, you will have the opportunity to give "credit" to SLS. We are competing with schools of the same size for cash prizes. Thank you for supporting us by designating "Seton-La Salle."



Varsity Jackets

The Neff Company will be at school during all lunch periods on Thursday, October 30, 2008 to measure students for jackets. Jackets are wool with leather sleeves and three-panel leather shoulder inserts. Each jacket is embroidered with the student's name and year of graduation. Sizes are Small to XXXL. An \$85.00 deposit is due at the time of fitting. Checks should be made payable to the "Neff Company." If paying by credit card, the entire amount is due at the time of fitting. Please ask Paulette Cerminaro in the office for price information. It will vary depending on the design students choose for the back of the jacket. Remember—jackets are custom-made and cannot be exchanged or returned, so shop carefully!



Parents Needed!

Parents, you are our valuable and indispensable partners here at SLS.

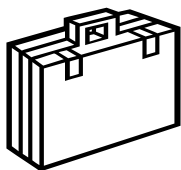
We know we couldn't do anything without you and we thank you sincerely for the time, energy and talents you continue to share with us. We appreciate all that you do. We need your assistance with these special projects:

Parents Needed for Middle States Planning Team

Attention Parents! Volunteers are needed for the Middle States Planning Team. We are conducting a self-study to prepare for re-accreditation by the Middle States Association. We need interested parents to serve on the Planning Team. If you care about the school and its future and are willing to attend several morning or evening meetings during the course of the year, we would love to have you join us! The Planning Team will determine the future growth of our school. If you would like to be a part of this important work, please contact Mrs. Joann Conwell at conwellj@slshs.org or leave a message at 412-561-3583 Ext. 215.

EITC Changes Enable More Giving: Can Your Business Help?

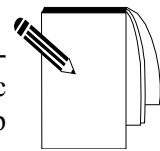
The PA legislature passed the 2008-2009 budget with new opportunities to qualify for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). It increased the cap on business contributions and added Sub-Chapter S Corporations to the types of businesses that can participate in the program. This means most doctors, accountants, attorneys and other professionals in business partnerships can now participate.



The EITC program provides companies, including professional partnerships, with up to a 90 percent tax credit for donations made to the Diocesan SOS Scholarship Fund. During the 2007-08 school year, more than \$264,000 was given to students through this fund. The new individual limit on corporate donations is now \$300,000. Also, the Personal Income Liability Tax is now eligible for the EITC program.

If your business or partnership is eligible, please consider making a donation to the SOS Scholarship Fund instead of sending your corporate taxes to Harrisburg. To learn more about EITC, and Seton-La Salle High school's participation in this program, contact Marilyn Walsh at 512-561-3583 x119.

Parent Volunteers Needed for Advocates for Catholic Education (ACE) Program



There are currently 180,000 students enrolled in Catholic schools in Pa., the largest group of non-public students. Unfortunately, we are often overlooked by federal, state and local officials. For example, for the past three years Catholic schools have not received the technology funding from the state that public schools have received. We need to stand up for our rights and make Catholic schools an important priority for our legislators. A new committee is forming to do this—Advocates for Catholic Education (ACE). Our school needs a representative to participate. All you need is a computer and an email address. Please contact Dr. Ronald Bowes, the Diocesan Co-Ordinator of ACE, at 412-456-3090, if you would like to help.

Annual Fund

There are many ways to give to SLS and participating in the Annual Fund for Tuition Assistance is a very effective and easy way to contribute. Just respond to our annual appeal mailing. Even the smallest amounts add up when EVERYONE gives!

Free School Immunizations

Every SLS student must have the required immunizations to remain in school. The Allegheny County Health Dept. is offering free shots on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008 from 1:00 PM -7:00 PM on the 2nd floor of the Health Dept. They are located at 3441 Forbes Avenue in Oakland.

Welcome, New Staff!



We welcome the following outstanding new teachers to the SLS family:

Stephanie Schmidt is our new Librarian and also monitors the Apangea Math Program for Freshmen. Stephanie has an undergraduate degree in Secondary Education and a Masters in Library and Information Science. After spending over 20 years in the corporate world, she has decided to spend the rest of her career in education. She enjoys reading and hiking with her husband, daughter and Shetland sheepdog.

Ben Schrader is teaching 12th Grade Social Studies: American Government and Economics. He has a B.A. in History from Penn State and a Masters in Education from Duquesne University. Ben has experience as a long-term sub at Springdale and Chartiers Valley High Schools. He is married with a six month old daughter and enjoys reading, music, and playing basketball.



Philip Grosse is our new Algebra II and AC Trigonometry teacher. He graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in 2002 with a B.S. in Mathematics. He has worked as a learning skills tutor at Duquesne University and

as a test prep tutor for Kaplan Testing. An SLS alumnus, Philip is a big movie fan and likes to play billiards.

Stefani Sobol-Pastor received her BA from Loyola University of New Orleans with a dual Major in World Religion and Philosophy, and a Minor in English Writing. She also received a Master of Religious Studies from Loyola and has taught high school Religion, Psychology, and Philosophy for the past 10 years in Florida and New Orleans. Stefani has worked at Everglades National Park and with mentally handicapped adults. She is teaching 11th and 12th Grade Religion and will also serve as the co-moderator of the SLS Ski Club this winter. She is married, has two dogs, and enjoys skiing and crew.

Meloni DiPietro has a B.S. in Biology from Allegheny College and is working on her thesis for her Masters of Education at Carlow University. She taught swimming in Lusaka, Zambia, worked as a Researcher in the University of Pittsburgh Endocrinology Department and coached swimming for Hampton High School. Meloni is teaching AP Biology, Honors Biology II and Academic Biology. She will also serve as the Head Coach of the SLS Girls Swim Team this winter and is the moderator of Big Sisters. Meloni enjoys autocross and skiing and has two tanks of fish and a dog.

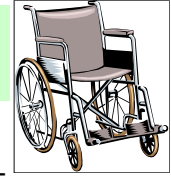
Nancy Denman is teaching 10th and 11th Grade Religion and is Co-Director of Campus Ministry. After a successful business career, Nancy returned to school and earned a Masters Degree in Theology at Franciscan University. She also studied at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas and earned a Licensiate in Sacred Theology. She has taught on the high school and college levels and is currently teaching Theology courses at Franciscan University one night a week while she works on her Doctorate. Nancy plans all of our SLS retreats and organizes service activities for Campus Ministry and Rebels Reach Out.

Anna Sparacino graduated from Westminster College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and a Minor in Secondary Education. She is teaching Honors Functions, Academic Functions, AP Calculus, and HN Calculus. Anna has played soccer since she was in second grade so she is also helping with the SLS Girls' Soccer Team (currently 9-1). She is getting married in May of 2009.





Spirituality & Service



Campus Ministry

We are off to a great start! The **Rebels Reach Out Core Team** has been selected and includes: **Sean Alan, Alyssa Belsterling, Petey Bruni, Nikki DiNardi, Laura Dixon, Liz Dobrosielski, Kara Flannery, Alexis Furnaro, Justin Havens, Sara Jaruthian, Gina Jurich, Grace Killian, Amanda Lippert, Ali Nicola, Becca Osterwise, Gabriella Paliotta, Amy Piotrowski, Nina Rudolph, Katie Shanahan, Matt Russo, Katie Welsh, Mary Wray, and Alex Wytiaz.**

These students will be attending a team building day at Franciscan University of Steubenville on Saturday, Oct. 25 and will be planning many service opportunities for SLS students.

Our **Liturgy Choir** is 29 members strong! They are rehearsing once a month.

The next **school liturgy** is Thursday, Oct. 2, the Feast of the Guardian Angels.

**Parents in Prayer
Brothers' House Chapel
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008
7:00– 8:00 PM**

Campus Ministry invites all parents, grandparents, and guardians to come together to pray for our children.

We will gather in the Brothers' House chapel on the second Tuesday of each month for one half hour of prayer.

Light refreshments will follow. All are welcome!

"The prayer of the upright is His delight." Proverbs 15:8

The following seniors will be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers at our October school liturgy:

**Elizabeth Dobrosielski
Samantha English
Kayla Morgan
Chelsea Puharic**

Our **Prayer Planning Committee** has begun meeting for the year. We planned and celebrated the fourth annual "See You at the Pole" prayer service on Sept. 24, 2008. This is a national event where students meet around their school flag pole before school starts to pray for their families, friends, fellow students, school, government and world issues. Thanks to the Senior members of the group for planning this service: **Steph Mancine, Alex Laskey, Kathryn DiNardo, Pedro Vivas-Hernandez and Katie Shanahan.** It was a great way to start the new school year.

**Junior Night
7:00 PM—Tuesday, October 28, 2008
SLS Auditorium**

All Juniors and their families are invited to attend a special Mass. Those who are receiving class rings will have them blessed. Please join us for a night of fellowship just for your grade.

Future Campus Ministry events will include our annual participation in the **Special Olympics** at Pioneer School. Listen for announcements about exact times. Don't miss this fun volunteer opportunity!

Diocesan Youth Council Representative

The school's Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) Representative is **Katie Welsh**. She has already participated in a retreat and leadership day. Katie's project is to plan and implement Advent Wreath Prayer Services for our school. We look forward to this plan to increase our students' spiritual awareness during the busy holiday season.

We are very proud to offer a variety of spiritual activities and volunteer opportunities here at SLS. It is what distinguishes us from other schools.

Weekly Mass

Every Thursday at 7:15 AM., Mass is celebrated in the Chapel in the Diocesan Youth Ministry building behind the school. All faculty, staff, students and family members are invited to attend. What a great way to start the day!

Prayer at the Pro-Life Garden: New Time

Every Thursday during lunch periods members of Rebels for Life gather together to pray for the unborn, for moms, for a culture of life in our nation and for other pro-life causes. When the weather is good, they pray at the Life Garden. When the weather is cold or wet, they pray in Room 105. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Diaper Drive for Angel's Place

Rebels For Life will hold their annual Diaper Drive to benefit Angel's Place of Brookline. Throughout the month of October donations of diapers (large sizes are especially needed), baby items and paper products may be dropped off in the school lobby. All the items go to young moms who need help providing for their children. Thank you for your support!

Coaches v. Cancer

For the fourth year, the SLS Athletic Department is supporting the Coaches v. Cancer program of the American Cancer Society. We have been very successful in collecting several thousand dollars at our athletic events for this good cause.



Service in the Summer

Melanie Hooper has spent two summers serving as a "Sighted Guide" for the Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh (BVRS). Melanie volunteered for teenage summer camps and helped with arts and crafts, sports and social outings. Melanie's many tasks included guiding vision-impaired youth to events like baseball games as

Why Do We Serve?

And the king will say to those on his right, "Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me....

Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, that you did for me."

Matthew 25:34-41

well as organizing recreational activities at camp. She loved her interaction with these special needs children and it has led her to pursue a career in nursing. Melanie will be recognized at the Medalion Ball in November for her volunteer efforts.

Dom Tommarello helped set up and take down booths at the annual St. Germaine Festival, an event benefiting the newly formed St. Katherine Drexel School in Bethel Park. **Nino Tommarello** also helped run a booth at the Festival and has now spent his fourth summer volunteering at the Seton School for the Arts, an outreach for senior citizens and children in daycare.

Recent graduates, **Peter Croke**, **Kandace Mandarino**, and **Scott McClelland**, as well as current students, **Sean Leehan** and **Stefany Mandarino**, traveled to Florida to work with mentally and physically challenged children at "Camp I Am Special." The students acted as caregivers for children with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and other challenges. This service experience was made possible through the efforts of Mr. Matthew Duran, our SLS Latin teacher, whose brother, Andy Duran, is camp director.

We are proud of all of our student volunteers!



Activities & Events



Fall Drama

Father Bob Miller has returned to direct this year's fall drama, *Pride and Prejudice*. This classic will be performed in the auditorium November 21 and 22 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 each and may be ordered in advance or purchased at the door. The school website will have information on purchasing tickets.

The cast of *Pride and Prejudice* is already hard at work memorizing lines and practicing. Cast members include **Chris Mankos, Rosanna Paterra, Emily Lannon, Amanda Lippert, Katie Shanahan, Maura Westerlund, Deanna Bucci, Kevin McGonigle, Sean Alan, Aubrey Zielinski, Nino Tommarella, Theresa Nath, Margaret Nee, Rosemary Nee, John Tucker, Mary Palko, Ellis LaPiana, and Lauren Hess. Justin Havens** is the stage manager, **Chris Nath**, is assistant stage manager and male understudy, and **Miranda Cunningham** is the female understudy.

Green & Gold Chance Drive

The Green and Gold Chance Drive tickets and money are due by the end of October. The sale and purchase of these tickets covers the \$300 activity/athletics fee assessed to each student. We are proud of the fact that this is the lowest activities fee charged in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Those who do not participate in the raffle sale will be assessed the \$300 in February. Thank you for your participation.

Homecoming Dance



This year's Homecoming Dance took place on Saturday, September 27, 2008 and was a huge success. All grades were well-represented and had a great time dining and dancing at the Holy Cross Banquet

Hall. Congrats to Student Council for a well-planned event!

14th Annual SLS Dinner Auction "The Green & Gold Gala" Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008

Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe

Help make the 2008 SLS auction the best yet! Every year, a group of volunteer parents, alumni and friends puts on one of the best events in town—the annual Dinner Auction. This year, the Green & Gold Gala co-chairs, **Gary and Janice Perella**, want you to join them for this successful event. It is the only school-wide fundraiser that helps ALL students because it provides funds for academic and technology tools. Computer labs, software, Smartboards, digital photo, music and video equipment are all purchased with proceeds from this event.

There are several ways you can participate:

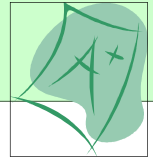
- Attend the event. It's a great evening of fun and fellowship with dinner and a glass of wine. Your invitation is in the mail!
- Bid on fabulous silent and live auction gifts-- a great way to start your holiday shopping while supporting the school in an enjoyable evening with 400 friends and alumni.
- Volunteer to help on a committee. Use your expertise in any number of areas to help us achieve our goals.
- Donate an item to be bid on the night of the auction. We are especially in need of vacation trips.
- Donate money to help underwrite the event.
- Organize a table of friends, family, co-workers or church members and attend as a group. (Tables for ten are \$850).



For more information, please call Marilyn Walsh at 412-563-6378. As always, thank you for your help and support! You're the secret to our success.



Extracurricular Activities



Student Council Corner

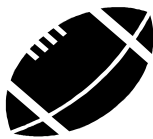
Student Council has planned and carried out many exciting activities already this year. In addition to the Homecoming Dance, they sponsored Spirit Week.

To start the week, students took full advantage of Comfy Day and attended school in their pajamas. Tuesday was Twin Day and the three most creative sets of twins received \$15 iTunes gift cards. Wednesday was Grade School Pride Day. St. Valentine's was the winner for showing the most grade school spirit and the St. Val's alumni received a free breakfast. College Day was Thursday's theme and students wore their favorite college gear. To conclude the week, Friday was Green & Gold Day and all students expressed their Rebel pride.

On Friday, classes were shortened so that students could enjoy volleyball, tug of war, and a magician performing in the auditorium. At the end of the day, everyone came to the gym to recognize the Seniors, cheer for the football team, and ultimately come closer together as a school. Spirit Week was a big success!

Powder Puff Football Game 7:00 PM -Wednesday, October 15, 2008 New Rebel Athletic Field

The Senior girls, hoping to avenge their loss from last year, will be facing the Junior girls under the lights on the newly constructed Rebel athletic field. Come cheer on the girls in what promises to be a challenging and exciting contest!



Challenge Program

There is an exciting new program at SLS this year which will inspire students in Grades 10-12 to "be the best that they can be" in several key areas. The Challenge Program encourages students to improve their attendance, QPA, and service and provides incentives for doing so. At the end of the year, four students in each grade will be given \$250 for achievement in each of the following categories: perfect attendance, highest QPA, most improved QPA, and total service hours. The prize money will be donated by St. Francis University of Loretto, our school sponsor for the Challenge Program. We are very excited to be the first school in Allegheny County to take part in the program and know it will improve our students' effort and achievement.

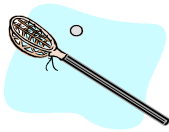
Forensics



The SLS Forensics team has always been very active and extremely successful, having sent members to Nationals and won local competitions in recent years. Our first Parent/Student informational meeting was September 24. If you missed it but are interested, it is not too late to join! The team is still looking for new members.

We will start having practices every Wednesday evening in October from 7:00-8:30 PM. (Location to be announced.) Competitions are held in prose, poetry, original oratory, dramatic interpretation, duo interpretation, humorous interpretation, impromptu, declamation, extemporaneous speaking and debate. Official tournaments do not start until December so there is plenty of time to get prepared. Coaches Donna Salsburey and Deanna Hess are happy to work with interested students.

Check the Forensics bulletin board in the cafeteria or the signs posted for the next meeting. You can also contact Mr. Klisavage or Coach Donna Salsburey 412-831-5181 or djsals1@aol.com.



Lacrosse Fundraiser

The girls lacrosse team will be selling Yankee Candles throughout the month of October. The candles are very popular and make great gifts. See a lacrosse player or parent or stop by the main office to see a catalog. All orders must be turned in by October 29, 2008.

Math Club

The Math Club is composed of students in grades 11 and 12 who sharpen their math skills by taking practice tests. Math competitions begin in late October. Participation in the contests improves test-taking skills, SAT scores and general mathematics ability. See Mrs. Howell, Math Club moderator, for more information and test dates.

Art Club

The Art Club meets every Thursday afternoon from 2:15 to 3:30 PM. All are welcome to join at any time throughout the year. Students can paint, draw, do ceramics, or select any other art medium. Art Club Moderator, Ms. Erica Metting, will be there to offer assistance. Come and be creative!



Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS)

SLS students who participated in PJAS in past years have been tremendously successful with winning research projects in biology, chemistry, math, physics and computer science. You can perform this interesting and rewarding research, too. If you missed the first organizational meeting on Sept. 22, 2008, it's not too late to get involved. Please see Mrs. Marita Howell as soon as possible. The regional competition will be held Feb. 7, 2009 at Keystone Oaks High School.

Girls Volleyball Fundraiser

The team is selling delicious Italian hoagies, perfect for lunches or snacks for Steeler games. Contact any volleyball player to place an order.

National Honor Society Applications Due

Information sheets for National Honor Society are due on Friday, October 10, 2008. Junior and Senior students with a 3.35 GPA or higher are eligible to submit information sheets for review by the Faculty Committee. Membership is granted to those students who demonstrate outstanding performance in all four criteria of the NHS - scholarship, leadership service, and character. Selections will be made at the end of the month and students will be inducted in the Spring.

Cheerleader Clinic Great Success

The Rebel Cheerleaders held a Cheer Camp for grade school girls on September 22, 2008 in the gym. With over 70 young cheerleaders (from Grades K-8) in attendance, the camp was a huge success. The Rebel Cheerleaders showed the younger girls several new cheers and stunts. They also served as wonderful role models and ambassadors for SLS. All feedback from the night was very positive. As an added bonus, all of the participants in the clinic were invited to join the Seton-La Salle Cheerleaders on the sidelines of the September 26 football game vs. Sto-Rox. The grade schoolers cheered for a quarter along side their new Rebel friends!



Forensics Fundraisers

Please save your aluminum cans and brass for recycling by the Forensics team. We are also accepting donations of infant and children's clothing, and small household items which will be sold at local flea markets to raise money for the team. We will gladly pick up any donations. Please contact Donna Salsburey at 412 831-5181 or djsals1@aol.com.

Band

The Rebel Band performed in the Fall Fantasy Parade at Kennywood in August and now band members are planning their trip to Disneyworld. They really need your support! Members are selling potato chip bags which are excellent for trick-or-treating or lunches. They also have Sarris candy items for sale daily, including chocolate covered pretzels, and are taking orders for Christmas Candy. See any band member to make a purchase.



Achievements and Accolades



Student Achievers

Congratulations to **Christopher Mankos** who has been honored as a National Merit Commended Student for his score on the PSATs last year.

Congratulations to **Sean Leehan, Amy Piotrowski** and **Nicolina DiNardi** who were selected to the Westinghouse Science Honors Institute. They attended Saturday morning Science Lectures and toured the nuclear reactor at Penn State University. The lectures are sponsored by Westinghouse Electric Co. and Siemens Power Generation. The objective of the series is to give high school Seniors and Juniors a broader understanding and appreciation of science and engineering.

Justin Havens attended the Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Program this past summer. The program helped him recognize, develop and apply his leadership skills.

Annie Roslonski was named a U.S. Lacrosse Academic All-American.

Jared Kedzierski and **Brian Belsterling** earned their Eagle Scout Awards, the highest honor in scouting. Jared's project involved collecting information about the Montour Trail and constructing signs for a section of the trail.

AIU Apprenticeships

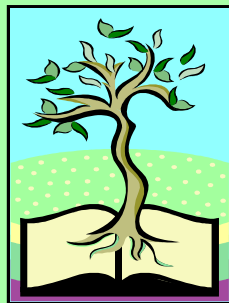
The following students were chosen to participate in the Allegheny County Intermediate Unit's Apprenticeship Program:

Montana Amato - Anthropology
Liz Chasky - Zoo Animal Care
Alexis Funaro - Marine Biology
Lauren Hess - Broadcast Journalism
Karalyn Hillebrecht—Biotechnology
Grace Killian— Journalism Careers
Amanda Lippert - Musical Theater
Stephanie Mancine - International Affairs
Pasquale Paliotta - Engineering
Amy Piotrowski - Nursing
John Sigg - Business
Pedro Vivas Hernandez - Filmmaking
Mary Weidner - Business

Derek Law was named one of the *East Coast Professional Showcase Top 10 Prospects* this past August in Florida. The *Showcase* scouts baseball pitchers being considered as college or professional prospects. BaseballAmerica.com stated that Derek "showed possibly the best breaking ball in the showcase – an 80 mph slider with sharp spike action that drew many swings and misses... [H]e has deception and four pitches. It will be interesting to see where Law is next spring."

Seton–La Salle
Catholic

Learn.
Grow.
Belong.



Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom but let him glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord.

Jeremiah 9:23-24



Sports



Fall Sports

Our Fall sports teams are off to an amazing start!

Boys Soccer

- Currently Ranked 1st in the WPIAL
- 1st Place in Section
- Overall Record: 10-0
- Undefeated

The team has exciting wins over Avonworth, Canevin, North Catholic, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Central Catholic, Sewickley Academy, Steel Valley and Vincentian.

Girls Soccer

- 1st Place in Section
- Undefeated in Section
- Overall Record: 9-1
- Currently Ranked 5th in the WPIAL



The Lady Rebels have defeated B a l d - win, Canevin, Carlynton, North Catholic, Serra Catholic, Sewickley Academy, South Allegheny and Steel Valley.

Girls Volleyball

- Defending WPIAL Champions
- 1st Place in Section
- Undefeated in Section
- Overall Record: 7-0
- Ranked in the Top-5 of WPIAL AA
- Won North Catholic Tournament by beating Fox Chapel in the finals.



The Lady Rebels have victories over Ambridge, Freedom Area, Hampton, Knoch, Mars Area, and New Brighton.

Despite losing their long-time coach and playing without a key player who is injured, the team continues to play very, very well.

Girls Golf

- Winning Record
- In play-off contention in what is virtually a AAAA Section
- Wins over Bethel Park, Elizabeth Forward, Gateway, Oakland Catholic (twice)

-**Megan Nickerson, Lorraine Sullivan, and Maureen White** participated in the WPIAL Section 4 Girls Qualifiers at Churchill Valley Country Club.

- **Lorraine Sullivan** advanced to the WPIAL Finals. Good luck Lorraine!

Boys Golf

- 1st Place in Section
- Section Record: 11-1
- Currently Ranked 5th in the WPIAL
- Secured a WPIAL playoff spot for the 6th year in a row

The team has wins over Brentwood, Canevin Carlynton, Northgate, Serra Catholic, South Allegheny and Steel Valley.

Matt Ernst was selected to the All-Conference Golf Team at the Century Conference Golf Tournament.

Matt Creehan and **Matt Ernst** were selected to the All-Tournament Golf Team at the Baldwin Coaches v. Cancer Golf Tournament.

Matt Creehan, Matt Ernst, George Schneider, Jordan Ross, Eric De Klaven and **Ben Nath** participated in the WPIAL Division II, Section 7 Boys Qualifiers at Grandview Golf Club.



George Schneider finished 2nd with a score of 76, **Ben Nath** finished 3rd with an 84, and **Matt Creehan** finished 4th with an 86. All three advanced to the WPIAL Semi-Finals. Good luck, Guys!



Football

- Ranked #1 in the Conference by *The Pittsburgh Tribune Review*
- Ranked in the Top 10 of Class AA in the WPIAL
- Undefeated in Conference play
- Victories over Canevin, Cornell, Northgate, Quaker Valley.

Cross Country

Boys Team is currently 3rd in the section
Girls Team is currently 4th in Section

The Boys team has defeated Brentwood, Elizabeth Forward, Keystone Oaks, North Catholic, Steel Valley, Vincentian and Winchester-Thurston

The Girls team has defeated Brentwood, Canevin, Elizabeth Forward, Ft. Cherry, Keystone Oaks, North Catholic, Steel Valley, Vincentian and Winchester-Thurston.

-Both teams finished in the Top 10 of the Red, White, and Blue Classic at Schenley Park earlier in the year.

We are proud of all of our Fall athletes!

Athletic Schedules

The most up-to-date Athletic Schedules can be found at HighSchoolSports.com.

Go Rebels!

Wendy's/WPXI Kick of the Week

Joe Christopher, a freshmen forward on the Rebels' junior varsity soccer team, kicked a 35 yard field goal to win the Wendy's/WPXI Kick of the Week Contest. He made his field goal at the SLS v. Bishop Canevin football game and won \$500.

Spring Sports Wrap Up: Lacrosse Honors

The SLS girls Lax team finished ranked #10 in the WPIAL. **Annie Roslonksi** was a finalist for *Almanac* Female Athlete of the Year.



She is playing at St. Vincent College. **Dana Pozycki** was a WPIAL Section 3 All-Star and the *Almanac* Lacrosse MVP. She is playing for Washington and Jefferson University. **Alyssa Lang** was named WPIAL Section 3 All-Star.

Soccer Success for Alumnus

Terry Boland, SLS Class of 2007, shattered several SLS scoring records and led the Rebels team to the state championship as a Senior. He is now a starter for the Hokies of Virginia Tech and took his team to the NCAA Division I Final Four this year.