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Seton-La Salle
Catholic
High School



March 2010 Parent Newsletter

“A Place Where Everyone Belongs”

Message From the Principal

Dear Friends,

Through the action of the Trinity, God shows love by creating, redeeming, and sanctifying each one of us. In Lent we commemorate the sacrifice of Jesus who came to bring the Good News of God’s love and to show it by pouring himself out for us. At the Ascension Jesus then asked his followers to “Go out and tell the world the Good News.” We are Christ’s hands and feet in our world.



The outpouring of love for the Haiti people from the United States and other countries in the world shows this belief in action. We are here to help each other grow and develop and use our gifts to build the kingdom of God.

This belief leads to our third Middle States objective—to improve the academic performance of our students. The objective focuses particularly on those who are not meeting expectations. The first goal is to maximize classroom

instruction. Students are encouraged to come to class prepared with their textbook assignment read and homework done and to ask questions about what they don’t understand. Teachers respond with further instruction as needed. Some teachers plan cooperative learning groups within or outside of the classroom. Some students help each other learn informally or through peer tutoring before or after school.

Sometimes the counselors and parents need to be involved to be sure the student is doing his or her part. Sometimes we ask parents to have their child tested to rule out a learning disability. Peer tutoring and/or academic support through the Intermediate Unit Specialist may be recommended. Sometimes classes need to be adjusted. At the freshman level those who have difficulty with reading take a reading class instead of World Language. We are investigating something similar for next year for those with math problems.

Students who select advanced classes must be willing to do
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Message From the President

Dear School Family,

Two weeks ago, as Pittsburgh was beginning to dig itself out from a record-breaking snowfall, I stepped into my new role as president of Seton-La Salle Catholic High School. I want to thank everyone for their patience and help as we dealt with school delays, cancellations, and snow removal issues. Through the emergency, I quickly realized that the school is built on a tremendous foundation of involved and caring teachers, a strong professional staff, and our wonderful SLS families.

The students at Seton-La Salle are very fortunate. They have parents who recognize that Catholic secondary education not only nourishes the mind, but the heart and soul as well. I am committed to making Seton-La Salle the best possible Catholic high school experience for our families and look forward to working with parents, the board of directors, the diocese, support staff, teachers and the larger community in reaching our goals.

I want to thank you for the warm welcome I have already received from many of you and I look forward to meeting all members of the SLS community in the days to come.

Gary Rodgers



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Administrative & Academic

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a higher level of work with extra study time.

Those taking AP classes must work over the summer to ensure that the class will be able to learn the amount of material required before the AP exams in May.

In all of this we work together. We are a community of learners, seeking to both challenge and support student development.

In Fide et Caritate!

Sr. Patricia

Snow Make Up Days

As of February 26, we have missed 8 days of school. We are planning the following make-up days:

Monday, March 1 (previously an In Service Day)

Friday, March 19 (previously a Clerical Day)

Thursday, May 20 (1/2 day session, previously full day free for the Prom)

June 7-11 (previously off)

That leaves us one extra day, Easter Monday, in case of more surprises. We cannot have school on Friday, May 21, because on that day Seton-LaSalle hosts the English Festival for the Elementary Schools. Because we are off, we traditionally plan a trip to Cedar Point for interested freshmen and sophomores.

In determining our delays and closings, we follow the lead of the Pittsburgh Public Schools for a few reasons. First, about 40% of our students are bussed by the City. If we had school, those 40% would not get bussing. Secondly, Pittsburgh covers a large area and those making the decisions have the input of experts from the weather service and road crews that we don't have. Third, the decision of the city is well publicized which makes it easier for everyone. In hindsight, on a few days it seemed that we could have had school, but it's always easier to know that afterwards.

Financial Aid Deadline



If you are seeking financial assistance for next year and have not completed the PSAS Application, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. The form is available on our school website.

Quick Communication

Recently we e-mailed all parents for whom we had e-mail addresses to tell them that school would be in session on March 1. The fastest way to do this is through Edline. When you set up an Edline account, you are asked to enter your e-mail address if you want the school to contact you by e-mail. **This is the quickest and best way for us to communicate with you!**

We also e-mailed parents who had given us their e-mails at registration through our school administration software, Administration Plus. This format takes longer, actually hours instead of minutes.

If you did not receive an e-mail from us, please e-mail your e-mail address to Paulette at cerminerap@slshs.org and also go back to Edline and enter it there. Thank you.

Attention Parents of Seniors! College Scholarships Available

SLS still has college scholarships available for sale. These were items donated by the various colleges that did not sell the night of the Green & Gold Gala. If your child is planning to attend La Roche, St. Francis University or Carlow University, please visit our website at www.slshs.org and click on the link "Online Auction of College Scholarships Ends" to see details of the scholarships and place your bids. This is a win-win-win situation. The colleges get some great students, you can save money and SLS can benefit from your donation!

Ice Cream Social for 6th—8th Graders Special Performance of *Bye Bye Birdie* Wednesday, March 24, 2010 SLS Auditorium

Calling all 6th –8th Graders! Tell your family members, neighbors and friends to join us for a very special evening:

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ~ Ice Cream Social

Meet the SLS cast and enjoy FREE Ice Cream!

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ~ Bye, Bye Birdie!

FREE Raffle at Intermission

The Challenge Program

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors have an exciting opportunity to win \$250! St. Francis University is sponsoring a program that rewards students for:

- ♦Most Community Service
- ♦Best G.P.A.
- ♦Best Attendance
- ♦Most Improved

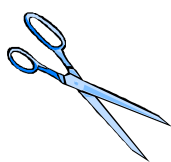
For more info. see Mrs. Caves or Mr. Zugates.

Course Registration

As a function of the Guidance Office, Mr. Zugates and Mrs. Caves will begin the course registration process for current underclassmen in early March. They will be going into classes to distribute the Course Registration Forms for the 2010-2011 school year and explain procedures. In the following few weeks, faculty will be making their recommendations and sign the course forms, which in turn are to be reviewed by students and parents. Questions concerning recommendations should be directed to teachers. Unresolved issues can be brought to the attention of the guidance office. Completed forms should be given to the guidance office by **March 26, 2010**.

As an assistance to parents, the Program of Studies, which includes course descriptions and prerequisites, is available on the school website at www.slshs.org.

SLS Craft Show



We are investigating the possibility of holding a Craft Fair at the school this Fall. If you are interested in helping to form a committee, please call SLS and leave your name and phone number with Marilyn Walsh at 412-561-3583 x 119.

Joan Morreale '73, who is organizing this event, will return your call with details about a meeting tentatively set for March 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM. We are also looking for working help for the event.

Estate Planning Seminar Thursday, March 25, 2010 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM SLS Auditorium

Feel secure about your family's future! SLS will presents an Estate Planning Seminar with **Paul Gitnik '78** for parents, grandparents and children of aging parents.

- Learn about powers of attorney, declarations, wills, trusts, gifting and potential estate tax reform.
- Gain the proper information to make important life-time and end-of-life decisions and effective funeral and burial decisions.
- Ensure that your family is not burdened with difficult decisions or unforeseen estate, trust administration or tax issues.
- Make lasting contributions toward a better world by making tax-effective contributions to organizations you care about.

Speakers will be Paul J. Gitnik, principal in Paul J. Gitnik & Associates, LLC. ; Joseph V. Huber, Director of the Catholic Family Security Association; and Marilyn Walsh, the SLS Development Director. Reservations are strongly suggested. Phone: 412-561-3583 x 136 or email walshm@slshs.org.

EITC Funds in Jeopardy ~ Your Help Needed

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program gives tax credits to businesses that make contributions to scholarship entities. Last year, SLS was able to award \$243, 416 in financial aid to families through the program. This year, the State cut the funds available and there are concerns that the funds will continue to be cut in years ahead. This drastically affects our school's ability to provide tuition assistance. We need your help in four ways:

1. Please let your State Legislators know that you support EITC and do not want them to decrease funds.
2. Spread the word to other businesses and ask them to support EITC as well.
3. If you own a PA business that is eligible to participate, please apply to EITC and make a commitment to support us. The process is simple. Go to <http://www.newpa.com/> and type keyword EITC.

For more info, please contact Marilyn Walsh at 412-561-3583 x 119 or via email at walshm@slshs.org. Thank you!

Another Reason to Call Your Legislators

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is monitoring the American Recovery and Relief Act (ARRA), or federal stimulus package, in Pennsylvania. The second and final installment of federal stimulus dollars will be released to Pennsylvania this year. We must ensure that a fair share of those funds goes to non-public schools. Please call your legislators today and ask them to make sure that non-public schools are fairly included in the federal stimulus fund allotment.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the Estate Planning Seminar. If you are available to help with registration and the greeting of guests the evening of March 25, 2010 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM, please call Marilyn Walsh at 412-561-3583 x 119.

Science Department Receives Grant

The SLS Science department received an equipment grant from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh. We will purchase 5 new spectrum tube power supplies, 2 new spectrum tubes and an ultraviolet lamp.

Spirituality & Service

Campus Ministry

In honor of St. Blaise, throats were blessed after Mass on February 2, 2010.



Robert Sporcic blesses **Ashley Blair's** throat

Our next school liturgy is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 8:40 AM. At that time we will commission our final group of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We are grateful to **Chuck McGervey, Olivia Messina** and **Emily Lannon** for answering this call to service.

Prayer Planning Committee

As we continue to plan our annual dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross, the Prayer Planning Committee is considering ways to weave the sufferings of Christ at His Passion together with the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Our presentation of the Stations of the Cross will be offered to the student body on Tuesday, March 30 at 8:40 AM in the auditorium. All are welcome to attend. In addition, participating students will return the next morning (on their day off!) to present the same prayer service to our diocesan elementary school teachers at their Day of Reflection here at SLS.

Soccer Team Food Collection

The boys soccer team recently collected non-perishable food items such as cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, paper products and canned milk for the poor. They also collected coats and hats for people struggling in our own community.

He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.

Luke 3:11

Outreach to Haiti

Throughout Lent, our special focus is on the people of Haiti. An opportunity to give alms is available at the check out lines in the cafeteria for students and staff to give their change (or more!) to Partners in Progress, a local organization that offers the people of Haiti a 'hand up' not a 'hand out.' Funds received will go toward the reconstruction of a school that was leveled by the January earthquake.

Friday, Feb 5, 2010 was a Dress Down Day and we collected money and toiletries for Haiti. All donations were given to the Brothers-to-Brothers organization.

During the last week of February, Ms. Becky Newlin of Partners in Progress, spoke in religion classes about her experience as a volunteer teacher and about the needs of the people whom she has taught.

In addition, various SLS teachers are presenting the needs of the Haitian people to their classes, offering speakers and special lessons about Haitian/Creole culture.

So far over \$3,000 has been collected from SLS students for Haitian relief organizations.



Lenten Prayer

O Lord, bless our journey through the desert of Lent.

May our fasting be hunger for justice;

Our alms, a making of peace;

Our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus who saved us on the cross. Amen

From: Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

“Junior-Senior” Prom

The 2nd annual Devonshire "Junior-Senior" Prom will be held on Saturday, March 13 at 6:30 PM at the Devonshire Residence. Junior class committee members are busily planning the event, making decorations and corsages for this fun evening. 48 Junior class members will each escort an assisted living resident to the party. A disc jockey, party games and refreshments will add to the fun. Guests will crown a prom king and queen and pictures will be taken as mementos of the evening.

Special Performance of *Bye Bye Birdie* for Senior Citizens

Residents of the Devonshire and other senior living facilities will be invited to attend a special performance of *Bye Bye Birdie* on Wed., March 24, 2010. SLS students will greet them, visit with them prior to the performance and sit with them throughout the show. This outreach to seniors, as well as the “prom,” was planned and co-ordinated by our Diocesan Youth Council representative, **Katie Welsh**.



Last year's "Junior-Senior Prom" was a wonderful success

Development: Helping You Support SLS

Rebel Golf Classic Friday, May 14, 2010 Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort

SLS parents are invited to participate in the annual Rebel Golf Classic. This year marks its 20th year. To celebrate, Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort is offering a coupon good for a free round of golf to everyone who registers for the Rebel Classic before April 15, 2010.

The committee is working to make this year's Rebel Golf Classic a very special event by honoring some of those who started the event 20 years ago.

The event includes buffet lunch on the patio, golf and carts, on-course beverages, a 19th hole happy hour, a full dinner with steaks on the grill, skill and other prizes, raffles and more.

All proceeds go to the school's Tuition Assistance Fund.

We also need help on the committee and are seeking:

- Golfers' gifts
- sponsorships
- donations for live auction
- door prizes
- tee sponsorships

If you'd like to get involved, please call **Tim Zugates** '71 at 412-561-3583 x 118. To get more information or register for the event, log on to the SLS website or call 412-561-3583 x119.

Giving in a Little Way Every Day

Here are four ways you can give to SLS every day and any day:

-Use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card

Register your card online or in the store and designate Seton-La Salle as the recipient of your rewards. (SLS is #0960). Points are collected and good for merchandise and school supplies.

-Shop at Target and use a Target Red Card

Apply for and use the Target Red Card VISA. You have to register online, designating Seton-La Salle as your beneficiary (School ID # 15101). Then shop and pay with your Target Card. SLS receives a donation for 1 percent of your purchases. Since enrolling, SLS has received \$1,850 in funds from Target.

-Recycle with SLS using the ABITIBI bins in the parking lot. Bring your newspapers, magazines, office paper and more.

-Donate your unused gift cards

Go to www.giftcarddonor.com and designate SLS as the recipient of proceeds from your unwanted gift cards. The company resells the cards and SLS receives 75 percent of the value.

If you know of other simple ways to earn money for SLS, please let us know and thanks for helping. It all adds up.

Activities and Events



Spring Musical: *Bye Bye Birdie*
March 19, 20, 26 & 27
7:30 PM
SLS Auditorium

The SLS Theatre Department is pleased to present this classic musical for the whole family. Tickets may be ordered online at the SLS web site. Join us for a great evening of entertainment!

**Rebel Lettermen's Club
Alumni Tailgate Event
Saturday, May 1, 2010
Rebel Athletic Field**

Back by popular demand! All South Catholic, Elizabeth Seton and SLS alumni, coaches and friends are invited to join us at the Rebel Lettermen's Club Tailgate.

Gates open at 5:30 PM and grilled steaks will be served at 7:00 PM. Please mark your calendar and **R.S.V.P. by April 20, 2010**, so we can make sure we have a top choice steak reserved for you!

Let's reminisce and share our past successes while we work together to support the current students of SLS in their pursuit of excellence. See you there!



Rebel Cheerleading Clinic a Winner

The SLS Rebel Cheerleaders held a Cheerleading Clinic on Saturday, February 13, 2010 for students in grades K through 8. Thirty-five girls attended this two hour event. The SLS Cheerleaders taught cheers, jumps and basic stunting. Attendees were invited back to cheer with the Rebel Cheerleaders on the sidelines at the Senior Recognition Basketball Game. Everyone had a ball!

Our squad includes Seniors **Brittany Colosimo, Olivia Messina** and **Lauren Ziegler**. Juniors are **Katherine Dunlop, Melissa Gagliardi, Caitlin Houk, Daniela Paliotta, Lauria Pascuzzi, Maria Rodaitis, Alexandra Schanck**, and **Jillian Schepis**. Great job, ladies!

One big, happy, cheering "family!"



Extracurricular Activities



Students enjoy their sundaes from the Ice Cream Social

Student Council Corner

Student Council planned many special activities for Catholic Schools Week. We began with an all-school Mass on Tuesday, February 2. On Feb 3, we had our second annual Grade School Pride Day. Students could dress in gear representing their middle school. The grade school with the most spirit won a free breakfast. The top schools were:

- 1st Place - St. Valentine
- 2nd Place - Brookline Regional Catholic
- 3rd place—St. Gabriel

Thursday was the annual Variety Show and Green and Gold Dress Down Day. The week culminated with an ice cream social and a dress down day for the benefit of the victims in Haiti. All in all, a great week!



Students show their school pride

Mock Trial

The SLS Mock Trial team began their season with a convincing victory over Sewickley Academy. The second competition was canceled as a result of the snow storm and has been rescheduled for early March.

This year's Mock Trial team includes **Meghan McLane, Cate Hansberry, Catalina Cencich, Julie Leppert, Alex Matthews, Gabe Klemick, and Jake Grefenstette.** The team moderator is Attorney Daniel Carney.

Good luck on the next round!

Band to March in St. Patrick's Day Parade



The SLS Marching Band is busy preparing for its annual appearance in the City of Pittsburgh's Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Last year they were selected Best Catholic High School Band and their goal is to perform on that level again. The parade is on Saturday, March 13, 2010. It starts at 10:00 AM and proceeds down Center Avenue, left on Grant and then right onto the Boulevard of the Allies. Come downtown and cheer them on!

Math Club

The Math Club will participate in 4 more contests between now and the end of March. The contests are intended to challenge as well as review math concepts needed for SATs and ACTs. See Mrs. Marita Howell for further information.

Robotics Club Expands

As part of the national effort to promote science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, SLS started a Robotics Club last year. The club has expanded to include the Lego Mindstorm Platform. The same people who brought us building blocks have an extensive educational program for building, programming, and experimenting with robots. The Platform has three different levels; elementary, middle school, and high school.

Robotics Club member **Christopher Nolan** (at right) is writing a program on the computer. He will download it to the Mindstorm robot via Bluetooth wireless technology and then give the “run program” command.



Achievements and Accolades

Students of the Month

The Student of the Month award is given to one student in each grade who exhibits outstanding character, respect for others, Christian attitude and active involvement in the Seton-La Salle community. The special students who achieved this high honor in February were:

- 9th: **Malia Rosenfeld**
- 10th: **Brendan Vaughan**
- 11th: **Ellie Riedel**
- 12th: **Justin Havens**

Congratulations!

Students Attend Leadership Conference



Michael Creehan and **Zachary Dominick** were two of 800 student leaders who attended the Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference

February 19th–21st in Chicago, Illinois. Mike and Zack attended workshops on improving leadership skills, problem solving, project planning, and team-building. They also attended special sessions presented by popular motivational speakers. Mike and Zack are both officers in Student Council as well as members of the National Honor Society. Well done!

Spirit of Forensics Award

Forensics team member **Lauren Hess** received a very special award at the Bethel Park High School Forensics tournament on Feb. 12 and 13. She won the “Spirit of Forensics Award,” an annual tribute in memory of a former Bethel Park forensics team member who lost his battle with cancer.



The award is given to a forensics student who exemplifies the spirit of forensics through leadership and the willingness to support the team in any way. Each school attending nominated one student, submitting a letter outlining the student's qualities. Lauren was selected by the Bethel Park forensics team out of all entries and received a special plaque.

Congratulations, Lauren, on this well-deserved achievement!

Kelly to Play at Richmond

On Wednesday, February 3, 2010, **Evan Kelly** signed a National Letter of Intent to attend the University of Richmond and play Defensive Tackle for the Spider Football Team. Evan was a Rebels Team Captain and two-time All-Century Conference performer. He also had offers from Eastern Michigan, New Hampshire, Villanova, and Saint Francis. Good luck, Evan!

Forensics Team Continues to Shine

Ellie Riedel received first place in the North Hills High School tournament on Feb 20, 2010. She received first place in all four rounds of competition (3 preliminary rounds and a final) to give her a perfect score! Her presentation was from *Skinny* by Ibi Kaslik, a book about anorexia. **Petey Bruni** made it to the finals in poetry.

Petey Bruni placed 4th in poetry at the Bethel Park Forensics Tournament. This two-day, intensive tournament involved 35 schools from the tri-state area and more than 400 students.

Lauren Hess came in 2nd in the State Forensics Qualifier. There were 13 schools in SLS' district and over 250 competitors. Only the top 2 competitors in each category qualified for the State tournament. **Lauren** received a trophy and a certificate and will go to the State tournament at Susquehanna University, March 12-13, 2010. She will compete in Persuasive Speaking - Original Oratory. Her speech is about choices teens have to make and whether or not to conform to others or be yourself. Good luck, Lauren! Congrats to all!



Ellie Riedel was perfect



Petey Bruni wins again

Spectacular Sports



Freshmen Basketball

The Freshmen Basketball team completed a successful year in which they won over 70% of their games, including wins over Baldwin, Chartiers Valley, Elizabeth Forward, and Keystone Oaks. The team is placed in an 'AAA' section by the WPIAL, which allows it to play much larger schools. The team had a 9-1 record in section play. Team members include: **Nicholas Agliori, Robert Beck, Tim Blair, Brett Dadig, Ryan Harrington, Forrest Kaib, Kevin Rigot, Lou Rotunda, Andrew Sigg, Tyler Slagle, and Geoffrey Weiss.** Congratulations on a great year!

Rebel Swimmers Off to WPIALS

The Rebel Swimmers finished out the regular season on a high note. In their final week, the Rebels took on Montour and Bishop Canevin. The SLS boys won both meets, ending the season with a 6-2 section record and an 8-4 overall record. The girls lost by a hair, finishing 4-4 in section and 6-6 overall. These records are quite impressive considering the swimming program is only in its fourth year!

SLS will be represented by a record 17 swimmers in 13 events at WPIALS:

Boys 200 Medley Relay : **Ben Nath, DJ Saba, Dan Mazur, Steven Kavalir**

Girls 200 IM : **Lansara Jaruthien**

Boys 200 IM : **Dan Mazur**

Girls 50 Free : **Emma Simmers**

Boys 50 Free : **Steven Kavalir**

Girls 100 Fly : **Lansara Jaruthien**

Girls 100 Free : **Emma Simmers**

Boys 100 Free : **Steven Kavalir**

Boys 500 Free : **Dan Mazur**

Girls 200 Free Relay: **Nora Simmers, Nicole Nath, Lansara Jaruthien, Emma Simmers**

Boys 200 Free Relay : **Charles McGervey, DJ Saba, Jonathan Kotek, Ben Nath**

Girls 400 Free Relay : **Amanda DeAngelis, Lansara Jaruthien, Nicole Nath, Emma Simmers**

Boys 400 Free Relay : **Steven Kavalir, DJ Saba, Charles McGervey, Dan Mazur** *Go Rebels!*



Girls Basketball

11-1 Section Record
 20-5 Overall Record
 Section Champs
 First Round, Quarterfinal
 & Semi-Final
 Playoff Winners

WPIAL Championship Here We Come!

They're B-A-A-A-C-K!! With a combination of high-scoring offense and tenacious defense, the Lady Rebels are headed for the WPIAL Championship once again. This will be the 9th time the Lady Rebels have played for the title, with back-to-back appearances this year and last. The team includes Seniors **Molly Tuite** and **Katie Gattuso**, Juniors **Alexa Del-Greco**, **Annie Kyne**, **Emily Marecic**, **Jordan Dwyer**, **Maria Rotunda**, and **Amy O'Keefe**, and Freshman, **Angela Heintz**.

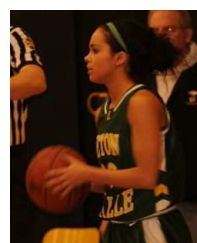
The Lady Rebels began the season with wins in the Tip Off Tournament and Christmas Tournament, then dominated their conference with an 11-1 record. In non-section play, they defeated Bethel Park (ranked in the Top 5 of AAAA) and Baldwin (headed to the Championship in AAAA). They entered playoffs as the #4 seed.

First Round: SLS 54, Neshannock 22

The Lady Rebels completely dominated the Lady Lancers (13-9) in their playoff match-up. They began with a first-quarter surge and never looked back. The Rebels went on a 15-2 run in the first quarter and ended it 20-5. They were winning 36-11 at the half. The closest Neshannock ever got during the game was 17 points. **Katie Gattuso**, a Niagara recruit, fired in a game-best 18 points for the Lady Rebels. **Angela Heintz** was second with nine markers. It was a total team victory.



All photos courtesy
Bob Del Greco Studios



Quarterfinals: SLS 44, Sto Rox 39

Next up were the Sto Rox Vikings, the defending WPIAL champions with a 17-4 record. The Rebels lost to them last year in the championship and waited a whole year for a rematch. The Rebels played solid defense, limiting the Viking's 6'3" center, Dee Dee King, to 13 points. **Katie Gattuso** led all scorers with 12 points but it was clearly a team effort with **Alexa Del Greco** chipping in 11 and **Jordan Dwyer** adding 10. Sweet revenge!

Semifinals: SLS 41, Avonworth 30

The Rebels pulled off the biggest upset of the playoffs with their victory over the Antelopes. Seeded #1, Avonworth (22-1) had been averaging an incredible 59.7 points/game. A ferocious Rebels defense held them to just 9 points in the first half. The Rebels also came on strong on offense. They quickly built a 13-point lead in the first period and led 22-9 by halftime. **Katie Gattuso** had 9 points, 5 rebounds and 2 blocks at the break. Tara Gallupe, Avonworth's top scorer who was averaging over 20 pts/game, was scoreless in the same period. In fact, Gallupe didn't score until there was 1:27 left in the third. The Rebels defense stifled Gallupe, limiting her to only seven points total. Avonworth came as close as 32-26 late in the fourth quarter, but the Rebels rallied. **Katie Gattuso** led the team with 15 points and recorded a double-double. She grabbed 11 rebounds.

SLS is the first team to defeat a #1 seed in the playoffs and they are ready to take the next step. They will be facing Jeanette (23-2) in the championship at A. J. Palumbo Center on Sat., Mar. 6 at 11:00. **Go REBELS!**

