# Catholic Schools Week

# January 29 — February 2, 2024

Seton Catholic School serves the parishes of St. Elizabeth Pastorate. This includes St. Clement, Bankston; St. Patrick, Epworth; St. Joseph, Farley; St. John the Baptist, Peosta; and St. John the Evangelist, Placid.

#### MEESAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Get ready for an exhilarating five days as we dive into Catholic Schools Week! The classrooms are buzzing with excitement as we gear up to celebrate the distinctiveness of a Catholic education. And the best part? We have a plethora of entertaining events planned for the entire week, culminating in a spectacular grand finale on Friday—Quest Day! The anticipation is building, and I am eagerly looking forward to witnessing the joy and laughter that awaits us; the dedicated efforts behind the scenes will surely pay off. Cheers to a week brimming with laughter, learning, team building, and an extraordinary conclusion that will stand as a testament to the excellence of our school and faith!



- Mr. Clayton Ellsworth



What's this STO all about? It's about supporting Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Dubuque and making the most out of your charitable contribution. If you file an lowa income tax return, your contributions to the Our

Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) qualify for a 75% tax credit. That means for every \$2,000 you donate, you receive an lowa income tax credit of \$1,500.

The amount of STO received by Seton Catholic families for the 2023-24 school year was \$130,080, which assisted approximately 21% of the student body with their tuition! Visit www.OurFaithSto.org to learn more.

# Join Us Weekly!

Celebrate mass with us on Tuesdays at 8:45 AM in our Peosta campus gym and on Wednesdays at 8:45 AM at St. Joseph Church in Farley.

### WHY IS SETON SPEICAL?

As a Seton Catholic alum and teacher, I see the love and faith that binds this learning community together. It gives me peace knowing that my own children are being taught both spiritually and academically by staff who love them and work each day to exemplify the love and grace that God has for us.



- Mrs. Schockemoehl, preschool teacher

# **Prayer for Catholic Schools**

Dear Lord,

Bless those who work and learn in our Catholic schools.

Give our teachers the grace every day to be models of you to all they meet.

Give our students the desire to learn their lessons, and also grow closer to you through our Mother and our older siblings, the Saints.

Give our administrators the guidance they need, to balance the needs of the school with a life modeled on you and your compassion.

Give our school parents the understanding, to make the most of school based on you for the academic and spiritual lives of their children.

Amen.



DID YOU KNOW? All schools within the Archdiocese of Dubugue are accredited through the lowa Department of Education. This means they must meet all of the DE requirements for nonpublic schools, including alignment with curriculum standards and reporting student assessment data. In addition, all administrators and teachers are licensed through the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.

# Academic Achievement Math and Literacy

Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)

Percentage of Seton Students Proficient in Math and Language Arts

Math Language Arts

Language Arts

Language Arts

### **Current Enrollment**

Peosta—225 students (grades PreK-5) Farley—93 students (grades 6-8)

### Class sizes range from 11 to 18 students

Average class = 15 Two classrooms per grade

### Check out the latest Seton happenings!

Website: setonschool.org
Facebook: @setoncatholicschoolpeosta
Instagram: seton\_catholic\_knights

Our family initially chose Seton Catholic because we both attended and graduated from Seton and desired the same experience for our three children. We continue to choose Seton over the years because of Seton's outstanding staff, progressive curriculum, and focus on faith and family.

We whole heartedly recommend Seton to anyone not only looking for a school, but looking for a welcoming community that is focused on every child reaching their full potential. At Seton, it is very apparent to us that every administrator, teacher, staff member, and volunteer have the same goals for our three children—to thrive in the faith based classrooms and beyond. We feel extremely blessed to a part of the Seton community.

- Benji and Jeni Heisler



### Mission

Seton Catholic School, a Preschool through Eighth grade educational ministry of the St. Elizabeth Pastorate, provides a Christ-centered education to assist families in cultivating spiritual growth, academic excellence, and emotional development; to form the next generation of disciples to teach, witness, and share the gospel.

### Vision

Seton Catholic School will be regarded as a leader in Catholic Education throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque for faith and moral development. We will empower students to recognize and cultivate his or her God given gifts and talents, to achieve success today, and be prepared for leadership tomorrow.



## **Seton Catholic School Upcoming Events**

Thursday, May 2—Seton Catholic Middle School Musical Friday, May 3—Seton Color Run, Peosta Wednesday, May 15—Great Give Day Graduation Mass—evening before last day of school. TBD.



