

The Family Connection

Seton Grade School August 2017 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year with Bishop Garrigan Schools! As we grow closer to the start of our school year, many of you are making preparations for the new school year. The year brings new lessons, a new teacher, and new supplies. The new year means a fresh start. Those who are new to the system, be assured that you can count on us to provide the best possible environment for your child's learning.

The Seton staff is eager to meet new families and continue the relationship with old friendships. We are always working on programs that we feel will create success for your child.

We are partners in your child's education. Our door is always open to you, and we are looking forward to the beginning of this school year. Don't ever hesitate to call, email, or visit.

We are very blessed to be able to be with you as we begin our journey this year.

Mr. Lynn Miller Mrs. Kristie Hough Mrs. Christy Peterson

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR CONFERENCES

We are doing Back to School Conferences again this year. If you have not yet signed up for your conference time through the link sent to you, please do so. It will be a nice time to see the classrooms and visit with your teachers.

SCHOOL DAY START TIME IS 8:20 A.M.

Students arriving after 8:20 will be considered tardy. Breakfast starts serving at 7:40.

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL FOR 2017-2018

First day of school for the fall for:

Gr. K-12 will be Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

Kindergarten Prep will start on August 30st.

Three old preschool starts on August 31st.

- Morning classes run from 8:20-11:00 a.m. and afternoon runs from 12:35-3:15 p.m.

SETON'S HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

Seton's lunch will cost \$2.35 for students and \$3.45 for adults. The price for breakfast will be \$1.45 for

4 year old preschool starts on August 31, 2017.

- Morning session is from 8:20-11:15.
Afternoon session is from 12:20-3:15.

ARRIVALS AND DISMISSALS

Doors at Seton open at 7:40 a.m. Breakfast will go from 7:40-8:15. **Students in K-3 will use the SOUTH doors.** You can pull in the parking lot directly in front of the parish center to drop off your child(ren). The north door will be used for the early childhood and daycare.

ARRIVALS: Please do not have your child arrive before 7:40. Students will sit in their assigned places in the hall until 8:05 at which time they will be allowed in their classroom. You may only arrive earlier if you are signed up for the Before School Care.

DISMISSAL: Students will be dismissed at 3:17. We will continue to use the south parking lots at dismissal time. Please do not park in the parking lot directly in front of the parish center at dismissal time. We will still cross the street at the crosswalks for safety reasons. Please do not park in the first row of the parking lots. This gives the students a space to walk safely. Also, please wait until the stop sign is removed before leaving in your vehicle. The students' safety is our utmost concern.

Each student will be given a card that lists how they will be going home at the end of the day. This will be attached on the student's bookbag.

Our security system is in place. The doors will be locked at 8:30. Please follow the instructions on the door when buzzing in. Please state your name and the reason why you are entering. Please also remember to always check in the office first before going to your child's classroom or anywhere in the building.

FALL REGISTRATION

We are requesting everyone to go JMC to register your students online, even if you did this last spring. Click on student registration on the left and make sure you are in the 2017-18 school year when you log in. Double check that all information is correct.

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students, \$1.70 for adults. Preschool and Kindergarten will pay a yearly \$30 milk fee.

The Federal Hot Lunch Application for hot lunch and breakfast assistance can be picked up in the office. They can also be found on the Bishop Garrigan webpage. This needs to be filled out every year. The school greatly benefits when you qualify for free or reduced lunch as we receive more per lunch from the State of Iowa for each lunch than we charge. Other money received for programs like Title I reading is based on the number of free and reduced lunches. Please consider applying.

VIRTUS TRAINING

All adults who work with students either in the classroom, on field trips, or during class projects are required to have Virtus training. You may register online at virtus.org to take the short class.

REQUIRED NOTICES

Seton School is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to non-discrimination in its enrollment and hiring practices.

Level I investigators (for charges of child abuse by school personnel) Mr. John Byrkeland--295-3509.

HELP WANTED

If you are interested in being a substitute for our preschool associate, office staff and/or lunchroom, please call the Seton office and let Deb know. We are always in need of good substitutes. These are paid positions. You will need to attend Virtus training.

Faculty Roster for 2017-2018

PreK 3 Michaela Creighton and Cassie Rowley
PreK 4 Wendi Meister and Sue Thul
Prep Michaela Creighton
Den Wendi Meister--Director
Joyce Rosenmeyer and Jill Buscherfeld

K Linda Lind and Lisa Charbonneaux
Gr. 1 Rhonda Wieland and Karen McGregor
Gr. 2 Gaylene McGuire and Myra Miller
Gr. 3 Kara Birkey and Sheri Kutschara
Vocal Sheila Black-Laubenthal
PE Dave Schnurr
Tech Vickie Roethler and Fred Johnson
Media Barb Kramer, Vickie Roethler, and Ann Menke
Resource Julie Illg
Title I Heidi Kelley
Admin. Mr. Lynn Miller--President
Kristie Hough-Daycare Director-3rd grade
Christy Peterson-Grades 4-12
Guidance John Byrkeland
Secretarial Deb Kollasch
Custodian Linda Hammond
Lunch Phyllis Robinson, Marlene Heinen, Ann Menke
Rel. Ed. Joyce Van Haastert

If you would like to email a teacher:

lastnameinitial@bishopgarrigan.org

Example: houghk@bishopgarrigan.org

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 21 and 22nd--Back to School conferences for all students.
- August 23--First day of school for K-12.
- September 26--Picture Day for Grades PreK-3
- August 30--PD--1:30 Dismissal
- September 1--Early Dismissal at 2:15



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Bishop Garrigan Schools Dress Code

You will note that there are a few areas where Bishop Garrigan School's code will be different from that of Seton.

Uniforms are contracted through Diamond's.

The uniform is worn throughout the school year unless an exception is made on a specific occasion.

Uniforms from other places such as Old Navy or Lands End are not part of the uniform.

Please note (K-12) No cut or ripped clothing is permitted at any time. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.

GIRLS:

- **Shorts**--Khaki and black; Length--walking length to 2" above knees
- K-6--Must wear tights with shorts Dec, Jan., Feb., and March
- 7-12 may wear short year round
- **Pants (K-12)** Uniform brand bought from Diamond's--no rips, tears, or cuts; khaki and black

BOYS

- **Shorts**--khaki and black bought from Diamonds; length--walking length to 2" above the knees
- K-6 must wear running/track tights with shorts Dec., Jan., Feb., and Mar.
- **Pants**--(K-12) Uniform Brand from Diamonds, khaki and black, no rips, tears, or cuts

GIRLS AND BOYS SHIRTS:

- Uniform brand from Diamonds
Color for K-6--Gold and Black with official emblem--shirts may be waffle weave or dri-fit; students may wear long sleeve plain black, white, or gray t-shirts under their short sleeve uniform shirt

SHOES--Closed heels and toes; Traditional tennis/dress shoes--laces tied. No boots of any kind, clogs, crocks, flip flops, slippers, ballerinas, high heels, furred shoes, et.al.