

Bishop Garrigan Schools



Seton Grade School



Bishop Garrigan High School

Good morning! Welcome to our school, Bishop Garrigan High School. We hope you enjoy this presentation, which was prepared by students in the Specialized Technology Topics class. It will give you an introduction to our school system, which includes both the high school and Seton Grade School.

Philosophy of Bishop Garrigan School System



We'll start by looking at the philosophy of our school system. This can be found in the student handbook, the course registration materials, on our school website, and in different publications sent out by the schools. We've tried to intersperse pictures that bring the philosophy alive.

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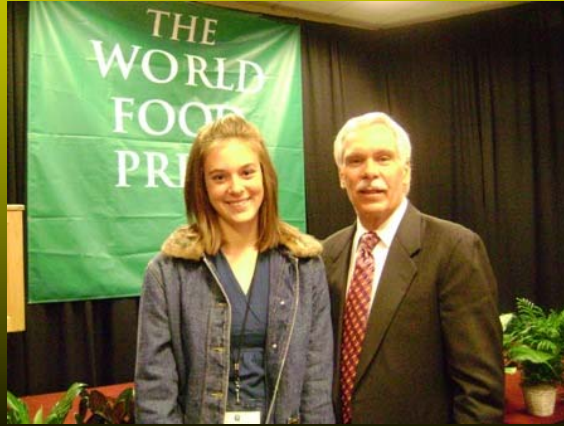
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- to develop youth who can think logically, express themselves clearly, and maintain open and inquiring minds;



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- to develop in youth the qualities of cooperation, sportsmanship, leadership, and service;



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- to develop persons of sound mental and physical health;



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History of Seton

- Area Catholic parishes have operated schools since the late 1800s, through the help of sisters, particularly the Presentation and Franciscan orders.



There is a long history of Catholic education in north central Iowa. Catholics were among the first settlers in Kossuth County, and they saw education as one of their main missions. With the help of religious sisters, schools were set up in all the area parishes by the end of the 1800s.

- Most of the parish schools merged in 1980 to form Seton Grade School, with others following later.
- For a time Seton had facilities in both Algona and St. Joe.



In the late 20th Century the parish schools gradually merged into the system we know today. The modern-day Seton Grade School, named for the first American saint, combines the traditions of St. Cecelia's Academy in Algona, St. Joseph School in Bode, St. Benedict School, St. Joseph School in Wesley, and the Presentation academy and St. Michael's School in Whittemore. The middle school also draws students from oother parishes in the area.

- With a modern addition, today Seton has preschool through eighth grade classes in Algona.



Today Seton Grade School is located at a central location next to St. Cecelia's Church in Algona and educates children from three years old through the eighth grade.

History of Garrigan

- Garrigan opened its doors in 1959



A central area Catholic high school was created in 1959. The school was named after Bishop Phillip Garrigan, the first leader of the Sioux City Diocese.

- The school was formed by 5 area parishes
 - St. Cecelia, Algona
 - St. Michael, Whittemore
 - St. Joseph, Wesley
 - St. Joseph, Bode
 - St. Benedict



The Garrigan corporation is a cooperative effort of five area parishes that have supported the school throughout its fifty-year history.

Recent students have come from other parishes:

- St. John the Baptist – Bancroft
- Sacred Heart – Livermore
- Sts. Peter & Paul – West Bend
- Holy Family – Emmetsburg

There are also several non-Catholic students from around the area.

After the closing of St. John High School in Bancroft, a large number of students from northern Kossuth County began coming to Bishop Garrigan. In recent years students from many other area parishes have come here. Bishop Garrigan's doors are open to everyone, and students belonging to the Methodist, Lutheran, Baptist, and Assembly of God Churches, as well as members of the Buddhist and Hindu faiths have all been proud to be Golden Bears.

- More than 2,500 people helped Garrigan celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2009



Around four thousand people have graduated from BGHS, and a large number of them came back to Algona last summer to be part of our fiftieth anniversary celebration—a witness to how our school continues to affect people long after they have graduated.

- School Board

- The board of the Bishop Garrigan Schools includes priests and lay representatives from all the area parishes



Both Bishop Garrigan High School and Seton Grade School are controlled by a board made up of priests and lay people from all the member parishes.

- Administration



Eugene Meister
President, Bishop Garrigan Schools

Mr. Gene Meister serves as president of the Bishop Garrigan Schools. He follows three highly regarded priests: Father Francis Conway, Father Cecil Friedmann, and Father Gerald Feierfeil, and he is the first lay person to lead the school system.

- Principals



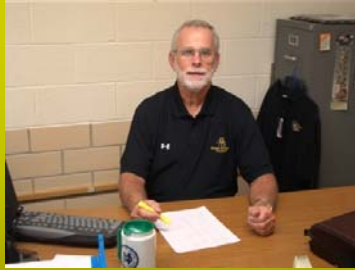
Kathee Froelich
Seton Grade School



Mike Stence
Bishop Garrigan High School

The individual schools are led by two highly experienced principals: Mr. Mike Stence and Mrs. Kathee Froehlich.

- Leadership Team



A leadership team meets regularly to coordinate operations in the schools.

Facilities

- Seton Grade School



Both Garrigan and Seton have modern and well-maintained facilities. First we will highlight the building and equipment at Seton Grade School.



Seton combines a historic building that is mostly used for elementary classes and a modern addition used mostly for middle school. The school has modern Windows XP computer labs for student use as well as computers in the classrooms. A wide variety of teaching aids and supplies are available for use at all levels. One of the highlights of the Seton facilities is the multipurpose Rochleau Center—which can be used as a gym, a performance space, and a meeting room. The Rochleau Center also serves as the parish hall for St. Cecelia’s Church.



Here you can see some of the many faces of the Rochleau Center. You can also see students using projection cameras and other modern technology in the classroom.



Seton is fortunate to have a beautiful playground area just south of the school. Kids of all ages enjoy playing in the “Train Park” at recess, after school, and on weekends and in summer.



Here are some typical scenes at Seton. You can see a couple of classroom views as well as the middle school library. Another feature Seton is proud of is their security system, which keeps students safe throughout the school day.



Seton has appropriate facilities for kids of all ages. It's a safe and happy place for even the youngest Golden Bears.



One of the main improvements in recent years was the replacement of the roof on the old building at Seton. The building continues to be in remarkably good condition. Another advantage Seton enjoys is being right next door to the beautiful sanctuary at St. Cecelia's Church. The church is convenient for masses and other religious services, and it provides an ever-present reminder of our Catholic identity.

- Bishop Garrigan High School



While Bishop Garrigan High School is fifty years old, the building and grounds have been immaculately maintained. The school has also been gradually modernized over the years. Improvements include energy-saving features, a paved parking lot, and providing access for people with disabilities. The benches in front of the school were constructed by one of our students as an Eagle Scout project in the 1990s.



Garrigan's classrooms feature a variety of desks that we have updated over the years from a variety of sources. The school has modern facilities for both physical and biological science. One feature we are very proud of is our chapel. This is used for masses and prayer services by sports teams, First Friday adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a place of special counseling and prayer in times of trouble. The chapel can expand into the space used by the religion classrooms to accommodate large crowds. An example of this use is the annual mass we hold for workers at Gala.



Garrigan has modern facilities for every department. The art department has a double-sized room for use as studio space as well as a standard classroom. A distance learning room connected to the Iowa Communications Network serves both our students and members of the community. Our library features a wide variety of research materials as well as a full computer lab with modern Windows Vista computers. We also have a second XP-based lab that is used primarily by business students. In addition publications and art students use up-to-date Macintosh computers.



The high school has spacious music facilities and a large cafeteria with a bright and friendly décor. Our gym, Friedmann Auditorium, is almost constantly in use and serves many uses beyond P.E. and sports. Throughout the school's history liturgies have been held in the gym, and we continue to celebrate our Homecoming and baccalaureate masses there today. It also serves as our main performing arts venue—hosting plays, speech performances, musicals, concerts, dance recitals, and madrigal dinners. Each spring the gym is transformed into a ballroom for Gala and prom.



Our weight room is used not only by athletes training for sports, but also for general wellness. Just this summer all new bleachers were installed in our gym, and comfortable floor seating has also been added for non-sports activities that are held there.



The black curtains at the side and back of the stage were recently replaced, and replacing the main stage curtains is a goal for the near future. Our school is particularly proud of our outdoor athletic facilities—our baseball, football, and softball fields. The grass on these fields is maintained in outstanding condition, seating has recently been modernized, and all our scoreboards have recently been updated. Compared to other schools our size, Bishop Garrigan is proud to have some of the best athletic facilities in the state.

Faculty

- Bishop Garrigan Schools have an experienced, dedicated, and caring faculty



You can ask almost any of the students, and they'll tell you the teachers at Garrigan and Seton are the best. They're smart, and they're really committed to the school and to all of us who go here.



We all know the teachers spend long hours making sure we get the best education they can give us. They make a point of keeping up to date on the latest trends in their field, and they go out of their way to make sure all of us really understand the things we're supposed to learn.



For decades people have referred to our school system as “the Garrigan family”. We really do see our school as a home away from home, and the teachers are a big part of that.



The teachers try just about every teaching method there is, and one of the things they do best is teaching the same thing in different ways so that different students can relate to things.

Keeping up to Date

- Funding provided for continuing education
- Iowa Core Curriculum
- Diocesan curriculum coordination
- APL training
- Strategies for special needs students
- Virtus training
- Diocesan Ministries Conference
- Reading in Content Areas

Here are just some of the ways our teachers keep up to date with what they are teaching. The faculty themselves are especially pleased that the school provides funding for them to take classes and further their education.

- Frequent collaborative meetings
- Active in state and national professional organizations



Garrigan and Seton teachers work together to make sure everyone is doing the best job they can. They are also involved outside our school system, speaking at state and regional conferences and serving on state boards for their professional organizations.

Aides and Paraprofessionals



In addition to the teachers, both Garrigan and Seton have a variety of other people who work directly with students. Some are employed by our school system, some by the area public schools, the community college, or the area education agency. We're proud of all the hard work they do, too.

Other Staff



Our Garrigan and Seton family also includes janitors, secretaries, and cooks. We see these people every day, and we know our school couldn't function without them.

Adult Volunteers



Beyond the paid employees, both Garrigan and Seton enjoy the services of lots of parents, grandparents, and other volunteers. The Seton Home and School Organization and Garrigan Parents in Action are ways for parents to get involved in the school. Many community members volunteer for things like chaperoning field trips, working at speech contests and quiz bowl tournaments, helping out in classrooms, doing construction or landscaping work, and sorting gift cards for the scrip fundraiser program. Volunteers donate literally thousands of hours in service to the school each year.

Curriculum

Both Garrigan and Seton offer classes that are diverse, practical, and challenging.



We all know the main point of school is learning, and the curriculum in the Bishop Garrigan Schools—both what is taught and how we learn it—helps to see that we master things as well as we can. Both Garrigan and Seton have a standard daily schedule to establish a routine for learning. They use approved textbook series, and teachers supplement their textbooks with a variety of creative ideas including group projects, hands-on learning, and individualized accommodations to help every student learn. A variety of technology is incorporated into classrooms at every level. Religious themes are part of every aspect of the curriculum in our Catholic school system, and the faculty is working right now to align what they teach with the Iowa Core Curriculum.

- English



The basic skills of English are vital, and both Garrigan and Seton stress them. Seton uses guided reading strategies and the Accelerated Reader program to teach reading skills. They also stress spelling, penmanship, and book reports. Spelling continues to be emphasized at Garrigan, where students also learn research and library skills, grammar, a variety of writing techniques, literary appreciation, and public speaking. Reading and writing skills are stressed across the curriculum, not just in English classes.

- Math



Problem solving, logic, and computation skills are stressed from preschool through high school. An accelerated math program allows students to take algebra in middle school and continue on a track that leads to Discrete Mathematics and Calculus in their senior year of high school. Classes are designed so that students can move between tracks as their individual needs and abilities allow. Math classes at all levels classes combine traditional instruction methods with project-based exploration.

- Science

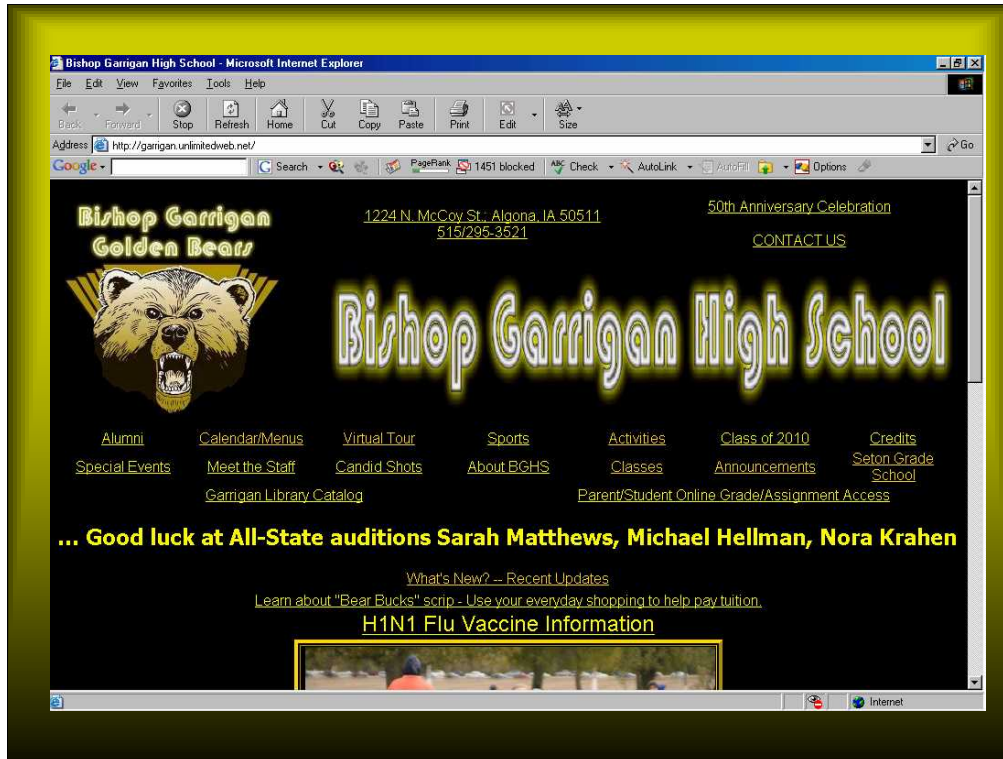


Both Garrigan and Seton provide students with hands-on experiences in science, both in school labs and in the real world. A broad range of classes are available to students, including all areas of physical science, biology, health and wellness, and environmental science.

- 21st Century Skills



Twenty-first century skills are taught throughout the curriculum at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. Students at all levels use computers and other technology daily. Skills of personal finance and citizenship are stressed, and career education includes a mandatory job shadow experience.



A big example of our the 21st Century skills our school teaches is the Bishop Garrigan website, garrigan – dot – unlimitedweb – dot – net. Since 1995 the website has been almost completely designed and maintained by Garrigan students. The website was started as a project of our gifted and talented program, and it has grown into a class (Specialized Technology Topics) that is open to all students. That class has also worked with other advanced technology skills, such as creating this PowerPoint presentation—which will appear on our website after the state visitation is over. Many of the students who have worked with the Garrigan website in the past have gone on to computer-related careers.

- Broad Range of Opportunities



Both Seton and Garrigan offer a broad range of classes to suit all students' needs, talents, and interests. Music is an important part of the curriculum at all grade levels, and physical education classes teach both team sports and lifetime wellness activities. Many classes teach life skills. For instance, in high school religion students complete a mock baby project where they learn the care and effort that are necessary in raising a child. Almost all students at the high school study Spanish. In addition to studying the vocabulary and structure, we work on traditional Hispanic crafts to learn about the culture of Spanish-speaking people.



Each winter Seton holds an annual education fair where middle school students complete projects on topics of interest to them. The education fair includes all fields, not just science and history. Physical education is an important part of our curriculum at all levels. Students learn team sports and lifetime fitness activities in these classes. Teachers plan creative activities at all grade levels. They meet regularly with their colleagues from around the diocese to coordinate our local curriculum with what is being taught in other Catholic schools.



Long before it was a state mandate, Garrigan required all students to complete a health program that included first aid and CPR training, and basic health skills are also a component of the curriculum at Seton. The fine arts are also important in our schools. In addition to music, a full line of visual arts courses are available, that stress creativity as well as appreciation and the history of art. The school's requirements were recently expanded to include an art or music class as a requirement for graduation. Students in all classes become familiar with a broad range of technology, from the digital camera used to take these pictures to advanced and specialized equipment.



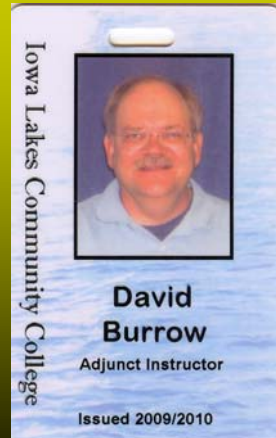
Here are some more pictures that show our varied curriculum. An innovative new program at Seton is the Lego robotics class at the middle school, where students use logic and programming skills to control robots they have built. The elementary and high school libraries have online catalogues as well as access to Iowa AEA Online. Publications is a formal class at Garrigan, with students learning the basics of journalism and also visual layout and computer design skills.

- Teachers supplement the curriculum with community resources.



At every level teachers include outside speakers and field trips to bring their curriculum alive and help students realize how people in the community use the skills they are learning. These pictures show little kids visiting a farm and the local fire station and big kids visiting the Pioneer processing plant and the courthouse. Other trips have taken kids to a wide variety of places such as Call State Park, an apple orchard, the Sioux City cathedral, the local sewage treatment plant, and the Minnesota Zoo. Every other year high school music students take an extended trip that includes both sightseeing and performances. Their most recent trip was to New York City.

- College credit courses are available, both on-site and at the local campus of Iowa Lakes Community College.



Both Bishop Garrigan and Seton have a close relationship with Iowa Lakes Community College. Grade school students participate in programs such as Success for Six, Upward Bound, and the Educational Talent Search. At the high school, students can take college-credit Statistics, Math for Liberal Arts, Psychology, and various health occupations classes on-site right here at Garrigan, and many others choose to take classes like English Composition, Anatomy, and Western Civilization at the local college campus through the Post-Secondary Options Enrollment Act. Several Garrigan and Seton faculty members also work at Iowa Lakes, which helps build the bond between these schools.

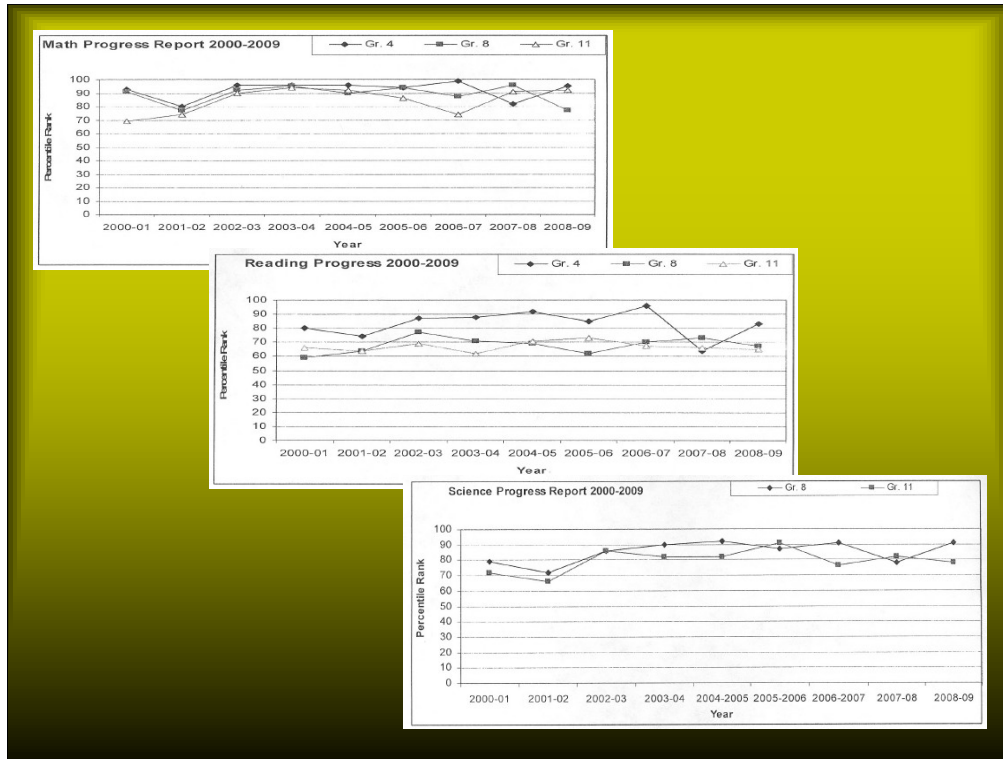
- Special accommodations are made for gifted students and those needing resource assistance.
- At the high school a new “achievement center” serves students who fall through the cracks.
- Teachers work hard in all their classes to make sure each student’s individual needs are being met.

Everyone at both Garrigan and Seton wants all students to succeed. The teachers have all had training in meeting the needs of all types of students, and they work hard to make sure we all can do the best we can do.

Assessment and Accountability



Like all schools, Garrigan and Seton are concerned about being able to demonstrate their students' achievement. This is done both formally and informally. Teachers regularly look over student work or check for understanding in class. They then change their instruction in response to what they see. Parents and students can now check progress on our school website throughout the school year. Individual student achievement is also communicated through report cards, progress reports, and letters sent home. The vast majority of parents at both the elementary and high school level attend conferences, which gives them another chance to find out about how their students are doing.



We look at how we are doing compared with other schools through a wide variety of tests. Here are some graphs taken from the school's Annual Progress Report. Like most Iowa schools, the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and the Iowa Tests of Educational Development are the main way we report on achievement. In a small school like ours, data will change from year to year, but you can see our achievement is generally high in reading, math, and science. The Iowa test scores are supplemented by DIBELS and BRI reading tests, tests in math and science produced by the Diocese of Sioux City and the Area Education Agency, the ACRE test for religion, and the Asset test, an achievement test used for placement in community colleges. We report our achievement in a variety of ways. The full annual progress report is available on the school website, and excerpts are regularly published in school newsletters and church bulletins in the area the area parishes.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities



Learning doesn't just take place within the walls of the classroom, and because of that Garrigan and Seton offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Award-winning band and choir programs are available in both middle school and high school, and musicians often perform in the community as well as at concerts and competitions. A wide range of sports teach fitness, coordination, and teamwork.



Activities are offered for people of all interests and age levels. Our spirit squad, for instance, hold an annual cheer camp for Seton elementary students, where they can learn the basics of cheerleading. This provides a background that our cheerleaders have used to refine their skills and become competitive with other spirit squads around the state. One unique activity at Garrigan is the “Bear Facts”, a radio show produced by our students that is broadcast each week on the local radio station. Literally hundreds of students have announced for the “Bear Facts” since it first went on the air in 1992, and several of them have used that background to find jobs in broadcasting.



The Seton education fair gives students an opportunity to work with projects of interest to them. While these projects can be on any topics, those with science and history themes often compete for state and regional honors as well. Both Garrigan and Seton strive to develop well-rounded, people, and our activities include that. While our students excel at team sports like football and baseball, some of our most successful activities are speech (where we have received numerous Outstanding Performance ratings over the years) and quiz bowl (where both Garrigan and Seton students have won regional honors and the high school team has made ten trips to nationals). Another popular activity is the Envirothon, where science students compete to solve problems with an environmental theme.

Activities for Everyone



One feature we're proud of in our activities at Garrigan and Seton is that each activity is open to everyone. While we want everyone to do the best they can at everything, this is not a place where you have to be the best at something to be in an activity. That's an advantage of being a small school, and it's also part of the Christian environment we stress here. The pictures in this page include young people singing at church, the National Honor Society, the extremely successful middle school math team, intramural basketball, state track, and the Health Occupations Student Association. Other activities include student council, dance squad, drama, and Christian Leadership.



Activities like Homecoming get everyone in the school involved and help to boost school spirit. One of the biggest parts of our Homecoming is an idea entirely conceived by students—a “Battle of the Classes” where each class dresses in a certain color and competes against the other classes in a wide variety of games and activities. Student Council organizes this event each year, and it’s a time everyone really comes together as a school. At Seton students help plan similar activities during Mix-It-Up Week, Red Ribbon Week, and Fall Festival.

Christian Focus



Bishop Garrigan High School and Seton Grade School are Catholic schools. That Catholic identity is central to everything we do here. You will see Christian symbols everywhere you look in our schools, and we're proud to have them as an identification of who we are. You'll hear prayers in our classes and at lunch, and we hold masses and other religious services regularly. Our Christian focus doesn't stop with church, though. The school's goal is to get students to do something about their faith—to go beyond just praying and be committed to helping other people and serving their world. Students at both Garrigan and Seton have numerous opportunities to put their faith into action and get involved with different service projects. On this page you can see pictures from special para-liturgies on Christmas traditions and for the blessing of the throats on St. Blaise's Day that students in Christian Leadership in Action planned. You can see supplies for soldiers overseas that some of the youngest students collected and Christmas gifts for needy families that the high school student council bought and wrapped. Students also help the school itself through activities like helping as waiters at Gala.



A large group of students participate in the CROP Walk each year to raise money to fight world hunger, and both the elementary and high schools regularly have collections for the local food pantry. Also on this page you can see a picture of a special student-planned Respect Life service held in October. There are far too many service projects to list them all. They range from serving meals at the Caring and Sharing Hands mission in Minneapolis to visiting residents of area care centers to picking up trash along highway 18. Each year at the high school we have a Stewardship Day where every single student gets involved in different service activities in the school and community. Seton also has regular opportunities for both worship and service.



Underlying everything, the teachers work to create a Christian atmosphere in their classrooms. They have goals of courtesy and cooperation for the students, and their main expectation is that everyone treat each other with respect. They also see to it that teaching gospel values is part of everything they do.

Alumni



More than 4,000 people have graduated from Bishop Garrigan in the past fifty years, and thousands more are alumni of the schools that preceded Garrigan and Seton. Many of our alumni have gone on to successful careers in a broad range of fields. One graduate is the lead singer for a nationally known a cappella music group that has sold more than a million CDs, while another plays professional baseball. One graduate is a professional children's writer, another is chief network systems analyst for Wells-Fargo, another is a TV news reporter, and another is in charge of keeping athletes at the University of Southern California academically eligible for competition. Other alumni include dozens of health care professionals, as well as lawyers, funeral directors, and people in countless other successful careers. Each fall we honor those who have died among our alumni at our all-school Thanksgiving mass.



Garrigan is proud that several of our alumni have gone into Christian vocations. Father Nick Becker, the most recent BGHS graduate to enter the priesthood, gave the homily at our 50th anniversary mass. Literally hundreds of our alumni have gone into careers in education, and we're delighted that some of these have come back to work at Garrigan and Seton. Another graduate, Diane Elbert, is head of our development office and works to coordinate relations between the school and all our alumni.

Community



We have a close relationship between our schools and the community. Community members are heavily involved in our school. Parent groups at both groups help out in classes and with planning special events like the staff breakfast for Catholic Schools Week. Service clubs frequently provide different types of assistance, such as dictionaries that are given each year to third graders. Sixty-seven local businesses participate in the scrip program, where proceeds help parents pay tuition for their children to attend Garrigan and Seton. Community speakers periodically present special programs, and guests such as our grandparents or guests from area care centers enjoy visiting the schools.



Just as community members are involved in the school, students and teachers are heavily involved in the community. Many groups of students do different service projects throughout the year, and music and speech students often perform for community groups. Some students also serve as coaches for youth sports or as Y-Pals for children in need. Almost all our students are active in their local parishes. Until recently many seniors in Christian Leadership in Action students took training to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and we hope to again be allowed to have students take this training in the future. Until then, students continue to serve their churches as mass servers, lectors, cantors, and ushers and also by doing clean-up and maintenance projects in the churches.



We help out the area parishes in another way. Two of our local churches have their parish web pages as part of the Garrigan website. We upload their bulletins, calendars, and other information for them as part of the school site. Another big way the school and community are tied together is through the annual Relay For Life event. Garrigan has offered its facilities for the event for the past three years, and students have helped set things up and clean up afterwards. Many students and staff members have participated in the event to honor their friends and relatives who have been affected by cancer.

Communication



There are many ways in which our school keeps the community informed. There are general newsletters at both Garrigan and Seton, and in addition many grade school teachers also produce newsletters about their specific classes. These are all archived on the school website. Letters are often sent home to parents, and information about the school is also communicated through the weekly parish bulletins. News from school activities and special school programs regularly appears in the Algona, Mason City, and Fort Dodge newspapers, as well as in the Sioux City Diocese's *Globe*. School events are also announced on the local radio station, and they also appear on the community affairs station on our area cable television services. Our school website is constantly updated and serves as a thorough reference for the school. In fact the local radio station often uses it to get background information for their news and sports stories. One unique form of communication we use is a weekly student-produced radio show called the "Bear Facts", where for the past seventeen years each week students have been bringing news from our schools to the community.

Mission Statement

A photograph of a dark blue sign with gold lettering. The sign features a gold cross and the letters 'B' and 'G' intertwined. The text on the sign reads: 'BISHOP GARRIGAN MISSION STATEMENT' and 'Bishop Garrigan Schools are dedicated to providing quality, value-centered Catholic education to the young people of north central Iowa. We seek to achieve a balance between academic excellence and Christian social conscience, through a combination of intellectual preparation, physical development, belief in God and service to our fellow human beings.'

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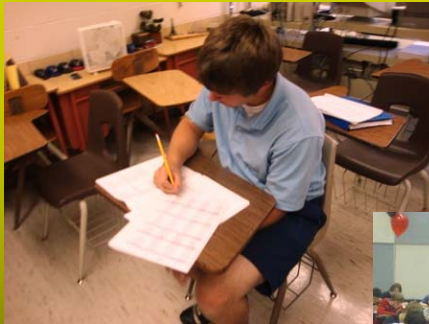
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and Christian social conscience



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