



# ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Did You Hear?...

We are thrilled to share an exciting update with you! Construction recently began on our long awaited school administration building, a project made possible through your incredible support. This building will not only free up much-needed classroom space but will also house a clinic, conference room, office facilities, and most importantly, provide a secure single point of entry.



This year, we achieved a record enrollment of 305 students, further affirming our commitment to nurturing the unique gifts of each child—spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially. Grounded in Catholic values and traditions, our school community is dedicated to fostering a learning environment of faith, discipline, and love.

Thanks to your generosity last year, we were able to provide two new portable classrooms and expand to two first grade classrooms, contributing significantly to our ongoing progress. Despite all successes, our campus and classrooms remain insufficient to accommodate all the families seeking the Seton experience. Your continued support is vital as we work towards enhancing our facilities to meet this growing demand and ensure every child receives the exceptional Catholic education they deserve. Thank you for being part of our journey and for your unwavering commitment to Seton.

## Roaring 20's Gala a Great Success!

Seton hosted its annual Gala & Auction event on March 16, 2024, at the Vineyards Country Club. The evening welcomed 170 guests including parents, staff, parishioners, and many supporters. Attendees wore their finest Gatsby attire and enjoyed an evening filled with dancing, fellowship and lots of fun!

Through sponsorships, donations, Live & Silent Auctions, and a Call to Heart, this event raised an impressive net total of over \$230,000! These funds will directly support ongoing campus and classroom enhancements and expansion, ensuring continued growth and improvement for Seton. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this remarkable evening and the advancement of our school's mission.

**Mark your calendar for next year's Gala & Auction  
Saturday, February 22, 2025 at  
Heritage Bay Golf & Country Club in Naples!**



## Strategic Plan Complete

In December, we completed a detailed analysis conducted by an independent Catholic-oriented consulting firm. Using collected data and observations, they developed a long-term strategic plan for our school community focusing on mission and growth. Seton received an "Excellent" net promoter score, reflecting high stakeholder satisfaction and significant growth potential.



“This is our time, our moment to advance, to continue to expand and improve while staying true to our core values. We need you more than ever!”

~ Maria Niebuhr, M.Ed., Principal

***A Community of Faith, Academics, and Service***

# Forming Faithful, Responsible, Well-Educated Leaders of Tomorrow

The Seton community had much to be proud of this school year! Below are a few highlights:



Students honored veterans with a flag folding ceremony at our annual Veterans Day Mass & Tribute.



Seton Jr. Catechists were recognized at the Diocese of Venice for exemplary service.



Spanish Teacher, Fabiola Cole received the 2023 Florida Hispanic Heritage Excellence in Education Award. She was one of only 4 teachers in the state recognized for this achievement.



Seton hosted its annual Golf Benefit Tournament at the Rookery at Marco benefiting the Campus Expansion Program.



Seton 4th grader won 1st place for her depiction of our Lady of Mercy in a Diocesan-wide art contest.

The JV Girls volleyball team made the semi-finals of the Sunshine athletic conference.



Seton Middle School Band was invited to perform at the Music Festival at Universal Orlando.



Seton Drama club hosted two performances of Aladdin Jr at SJN High School.

Students shared a special day welcoming their Grandparents at school.



## Did you know this about Seton...

- Established 1981
- Handbuilt by loving SES parishioners
- Grades PK(3) through Grade 8
- 12:1 Student teacher ratio
- Accredited by the FL Catholic Conference
- Weekly mass/service programs
- Monthly student virtue awards
- Accelerated Math Gr. 4-8
- Resource Program K-8
- 1 to 1 iPads, STREAM/integrated technology
- Band, Music, Art, Drama, Spanish, PE
- Competitive Sports Program
- Variety of afterschool activities/clubs
- Certified faculty/many w/advanced degrees
- Active Home & School Association
- Blue Zones certified