

Elder High School



December 2017 Newsletter

513 921-3744 <http://www.elderhs.org>

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and are preparing for the holiday season. Two changes this year will occur soon: the end of the first semester will be prior to the Christmas break (last day of the first semester is Friday, December 22) and the method in which the students will be assessed at the end of the first semester. In years past, three plus days were set aside with special schedules to allow teachers to give exams. This year, teachers will give assessments during regularly scheduled days in two different formats: written exams and projects. Exams will be given in: Health, Math, Religion, Science, and World Languages. Projects will be given in: Business, Computer Science, English, Fine Arts, and Social Studies.

On December 14th the Elder family – students, parents, faculty, staff, alums, and friends – will partake in the annual Elder Food and Toy Drive. On the evening of December 13th and during the day on December 14th, the Gym is transformed into Santa's workshop. Participation in this wonderful event reinforces our mission as a Catholic school and what we strive to teach our students, the importance of helping others in need. All parents are invited to help; please contact our Moms Club President, Ms. Danielle Gardner (danigardner4@hotmail.com) if interested. I would like to thank all who participate in this massive undertaking.

As a Catholic school, we focus on the importance of the holiday season. Most, if not all of us have enjoyed

the Christmas classic "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" which was first broadcast in 1966 and is still a holiday favorite. Toward the end of this wonderful story by Dr. Seuss, after the "mean one, Mr. Grinch" has stolen just about every possible sign of Christmas from the Whos down in Whoville, he gleefully sits atop his mountaintop anxiously awaiting the angst that a Christmas-less Christmas morning will bring. Instead, the narrator tells us, the Grinch gets a very big surprise. The sounds of the Whos' voices rise to his ears...

"This sound wasn't sad. Why...this sound sounded glad! Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small, was singing, without any presents at all! He hadn't stopped Christmas from coming. It came! Somehow or other, it came just the same. ...It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?"

How would any of us react to waking up to a barren Christmas, one without decorations, a brightly lit tree, minus all the glitter and mounds of presents we have come to associate with a good Christmas Day. While many of us, myself included, take part in all the glittering of Christmas, I do believe most of us truly understand that its true meaning does not depend on such commercialism. What it means, of course, is that our loving God gave us the greatest gift possible: his own Son – our Savior, the Prince of Peace. Presents are wonderful, of course, and we do well to make

others happy by giving them, but Christmas and what it means for us would be as powerful and as life-changing without them. Stockings, lights, tinsel, candy canes and all those things that have come to symbolize this magical holiday are fun and do make Christmas special. There is nothing wrong with that. But would you agree that what really matters is the spirit of love that is Christmas – God’s love for us and our love for each other? Dr. Seuss said it very well: "Christmas Day will always be, just as long as we have we."

On behalf of all of us at Elder, I extend our warmest wishes. May your hearts be filled with the spirit of Christmas and may the blessings of Christmas remain with you and yours throughout the new year.

God bless and Altiora,



Kurt Ruffing '81
Principal

Seton-Elder Performing Arts Christmas Concert

Freshman Christmas Concert

The Freshman Christmas Concert is on
Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in
Seton Auditorium. Tickets are \$2.
Contact Mary Sunderhaus at 513-471-
2600 ext 2032 or
sunderhaus@setoncincinnati.org or use
the attached ticket or form.

Upperclassman Christmas Concerts

The Upperclassmen Christmas Concerts are on
**Saturday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. and
Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m.**
Tickets are \$8.00
Contact Mary Sunderhaus at 513-251-3324 or
sunderhaus@setoncincinnati.org, or use the
attached ticket order form.

NO SCHOOL – FEBRUARY 5TH

Thanks to the FUNdraising efforts of the students, faculty, & staff, we surpassed our school goal for the car raffle! As a reward, the entire school will enjoy a **FREE DAY on Monday, February 5th**, the day after the Super Bowl. So mark your calendars now and **THANK YOU** for your support!

ALUMNI NEWS

In November, the Alumni Board of Governors elected its officers for 2018:

- President – Joe Lind '04
- Vice President – Paul Dittman '97
- Secretary – Luke Busam '00

Congratulations to all three, and special thanks to the outgoing officers for their leadership in 2017!

ALUMNI SPORTS STAG

Tickets are now available for the 42nd Annual Elder Alumni Sports Stag featuring former NFL defensive back and Emmy Award winning sports broadcaster **SOLOMON WILCOTS!** The Stag will take place on Thursday, February 8. General admission is \$60.00; VIP admission available for \$135.00. Everything included with price of admission. Men must be at least 21-years-old to attend. Proceeds benefit the Elder Faculty in appreciation for all they do for the young men of Elder High School. Visit <http://www.elderhs.org/stag> for more information and to order tickets.

ALUMNI AWARDS

The Alumni Board of Governors annually recognizes Elder graduates and active supporters of the school by presenting the following five Alumni Awards:

- Christian Leadership
- Spirit
- Athletic Excellence
- Professional Distinction
- Cultural Enrichment

For more information about each of these awards, please visit

<http://www.elderhs.org/Alumni/Alumni-Association>, and contact Brian Bill in the Alumni Office if you would like to nominate a deserving member of the Elder community. **Nominations are accepted year-round and due by December 8 in order to be considered for an award in 2018.** Names of past recipients can also be found on our website.

PANTHER PATH BRICKS

Unique Christmas gifts are hard to come by. How about an engraved brick in our Panther Path for the Elder grad or fan in your family? Each brick has three lines of text with twelve characters per line allowing you to put one or more names on each brick. The bricks are then installed in the Panther Path during the summer of 2018 before Elder's first home game. The cost is \$100 per brick, and we have gift certificates for you to put under your Christmas tree. Over 1,000 bricks have been installed since 1994. Visit <http://www.elderhs.org/Alumni/Panther-Path> for more information or to place your order!

LIBRARY NEWS

Elder's Library is now as close as your smartphone! You can download the free Access My Library app from Google Play or the App Store. Choose our library from the School library list. Put in our Gale Resources password (found on the back of your student ID). PowerSearch will search all of our Gale databases and our virtual reference collection. If you have any difficulties with Access My Library, please get in touch with our library team at ehslibrary@elderhs.net.

BABY ADS

Attention Senior Parents

We are now selling Senior Baby ads. A mailing regarding baby ads will go home in early December. Ads are \$55.00. This would be a great way to personalize your son's yearbook. **Deadline is February 28, 2018.** Order forms are available at elderhs.net at the bottom of the quick launch [left side]. Space may be limited and no ads will be accepted after that deadline. Any questions, please contact Kathy Hirth at 921-3401

GUIDANCE NEWS

PSAT

The Sophomores and Juniors who took the PSAT in October will receive their results sometime in January. The counselors will distribute the results and discuss how this information can be used in designing an effective preparation plan for the SAT, as well as how these tests results can help guide your college search.

Results

SENIORS

Don't forget to check your email and Naviance account for scholarship opportunities. Many of the local/state scholarships do not come out until January. Here are some helpful sites to check out:

Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation	www.cincinnati-scholarship-foundation.org
Peterson's	https://www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search.aspx
Tuition Funding Sources	http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com/
Fastweb	https://www.fastweb.com/
Scholarship Experts	https://www.unigo.com/scholarships#/fromscholarshipexperts
Scholly	https://myscholly.com/#scholly
Chegg	https://www.chegg.com/scholarships
Cappex	https://www.cappex.com/
Unigo	https://www.unigo.com/
Niche Scholarships.com	https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/
CollegeNET.com	https://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app
Scholarship Monkey	http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com/#

FAFSA deadlines – PLEASE be sure to check when deadlines will be to submit your FAFSA. Some schools require an additional form called a CSS Profile. Visit www.collegeboard.com to see if the schools you are applying to require the CSS Profile.

FOR SENIOR PARENTS

The deadline to send in a baby picture and a recent photo of your son to be played at Mom/Prom in January is DECEMBER 15th.

Please send to seniorbabypics@elderhs.net with Elder Senior Baby Picture in the subject and your son's name how you would like it to be in the slide show.

Send the digital or scanned photos in jpg files that are no larger than 1mb each. You may also send 2-3 group photos of your son at an ELDER EVENT such as sports, prom, band, etc.

Please email pictures of your son even if you are not planning to attend the events since DVD's will be available for purchase after the Father/Son Brunch in May.

THE DELIVERY OF TURKEYS WILL BE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

WEST SIDE FREE TAX PREP

This service will be available for Elder families and staff who qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit. It will take place in the Schaeper Center on Saturdays after the first of the year. Appointments can be made by calling 513-921-3457 after January 8, 2018.

HOLIDAY ON THE HILL

Saturday, December 2nd

Join in the fun, get into the Christmas Spirit! Come to Holiday on the Hill in the Schaeper Center from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. You'll find arts and crafts and be musically entertained by: Elder Steel Drum Band, St. Lawrence Eagles Wings Choir, St. Dominic Blackhawk Singers and Blues in the Schools. Additionally, there will be artists and the Deaf Institute with children's activities.

December 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1 Bell #1	2 10:00am Holiday on the Hill (Schaeper Center & Library)
3	4 Faculty/Staff In Service No classes for students today	5	6 1:50pm Early Dismissal for Soph, Juniors & Bell #2-Freshmen meet with Advisors	7 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131) 7:00pm Mom's Club Christmas Party	8 Bell #3	9
10 5:00pm Football (JV & Varsity) Banquet at The Woodlands (The Woodlands)	11	12 Kairos Retreat	13 1:50pm Early Bell #2 7:00am Pancake	14 8:00am Food & Toy Drive 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131)	15	16 10:00am ACT practice test (Cafeteria) 7:00pm Christmas Concert (Seton)
17 3:00pm Christmas Concert (Seton Auditorium)	18	19	20	21 Exams 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131)	22 End of 2nd Quarter	23
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*Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series
Presents:*

The Christmas Concert
Seton Performance Hall

Saturday December 16 at 7:00PM
Sunday December 17 at 3:00PM

All tickets are \$8 for Saturday and Sunday.

Please return form below with payment to Seton High School main office, Ms. Samoya, Mrs. Sunderhaus or to Mr. Allen, Ms. Schad Mr. Anderson at Elder. These tickets are Reserved Seating. Please indicate below if you wish tickets to be sent home with a student. Otherwise all tickets will be held at the box office unless a S.A.S.E. is included. Tickets will also be available to purchase one hour before each concert at the box office. Please make checks payable to: The Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series. If you have questions, please email Mary Sunderhaus sunderhausm@setoncincinnati.org or call 471-2600 X2032

Name _____

Phone# _____

Saturday, December 16 _____ @ \$8 each = _____
(# of seats)

Sunday, December 17 _____ @ \$8 each = _____
(# of seats)

Grand Total = _____

Please indicate if you have student at Seton or Elder:

_____ Please return tickets to my daughter, _____ at Seton

_____ Please return tickets to my son, _____ at Elder

Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series

Presents:

The Freshman *Christmas Concert*

Seton Performance Hall

Wednesday December 13, 2017 7:00PM

Featuring the Elder Freshman Chorus, Seton Freshman Chorus and the Elder Beginning Band

All tickets are \$2.00

Please return form below with payment to Seton High School main office, Mr. Kohler, Mrs. Sunderhaus or to Ms. Schad, Mr. Anderson at Elder. These tickets are General Admission Seating. Please indicate below if you wish tickets to be sent home with a student. Otherwise all tickets will be held at will call. Any remaining tickets will also be available to purchase one hour before the concert on the lower level as you enter the auditorium. Please make checks payable to: The Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series. If you have questions, please email Mary Sunderhaus, sunderhausm@setoncincinnati.org or call 471-2600 x2032

Name _____

Phone# _____

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JANITOR/HOUSEKEEPER JOB POSTING FOR ELDER HIGH SCHOOL

Elder High School is seeking a part-time Janitor/Housekeeper. The position is a year-round, 15 hours per week position. The scheduled hours are 8:00 am – 11:00 am, Monday through Friday.

Responsibilities will include:

- Clean the cafeteria, which includes emptying trash receptacles and replacing the linings of the trash cans and wiping down and sanitizing tables.
- Clean up any spills in designated areas.
- Sweep sidewalks, empty outdoor trash receptacles, and general outdoor clean-up.
- Assist with seasonal clean-up outside and special events on the Elder campus as needed.

Applicants should send an application and/or resume to summerssm@elderhs.net.

Sodexo Services at Elder High School

We are seeking a food service worker for the cafeteria at Elder High School. We need someone who is able to run a cash register, run the dishwasher, help with food prep and other tasks associated with food service. Hours are perfect for parents with students in school; our schedule follows closely with most school schedules, off in the summer and holidays.

You can apply for the position at Sodexo.balancetrak.com
and search 2017-29277

For more information please call

Barb Maret at 513-233-5360

Between the hours of 8:30am to 6:00pm

Or email at

Barbara.maret@sodexo.com

Barb.maret@yahoo.com