



MOTHER SETON ACADEMY

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL

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FALL 2007

Building Hope with our Sponsoring Communities

Mother Seton Academy (MSA) was founded in 1993 because of the vision and support of six religious communities — The Daughters of Charity; Marianist Province of the United States; School Sisters of Notre Dame; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia; Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Scranton); and the Xaverian Brothers. The school is named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native born American to become a Saint. She founded the Catholic Church's parochial school system, opening the first school in Emmitsburg, MD in 1808.

To remember these founders and foundresses, MSA has created a "Founder's Wall" and the staff, faculty and students will focus on this history for the 2007 - 2008 school year.

"It is important for all of us to know and understand upon whose shoulders we stand," said Sr. Charmaine Krohe, SSND, president of Mother Seton Academy. Sr. Charmaine had the vision for this project.

Classroom Dedications

- 6th Grade Boys: Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, Marianists
- 6th Grade Girls: Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, School Sisters of Notre Dame
- 7th Grade Boys: Theodore James Ryken, Xaverian Brothers
- 7th Grade Girls: Mother Francis Bachmann, Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
- 8th Grade Boys: St. Vincent de Paul, a founder of the Daughters of Charity
- 8th Grade Girls: Sister Theresa Maxis, a founder of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Library: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



A special faculty and staff meeting, the students' opening prayer service, and the first board meeting of the school year were dedicated to these founding congregations. Each of our classrooms and library has been named after a Founder. The students will celebrate each Founder and will conduct a special prayer service on their Founder's Day.

MSA is fortunate to have the support of these religious communities either through a financial gift for operational support or to sponsor a student, or support of a contributed staff member. MSA has 12 religious men and women on staff. Out of the 12, seven are contributed services.

"I know of no other school with such collaborative partnerships and commitments. We are truly blessed and thankful," said Sr. Charmaine.



A Message From: Sr. Charmaine Krohe, SSND President



Nearly 15 years ago, a group of religious men and women came together with a vision to improve the lives of our youth living in the City of Baltimore. This school year we will focus on these founders and the

history of our six Sponsoring Religious Congregations.

Representatives from these Orders came together with a vision and have continued to help bring forth the mission of Mother Seton Academy — "challenging our students to realize their God-given talents and become leaders who serve their families, communities, and society."

Working in unity, our excellent lay and religious faculty, staff and Board members make Mother Seton Academy a truly special place. Charisms of each Sponsoring Religious Congregation are integrated into our daily instructional program. Our missions overlap and we are all dedicated to building our community by serving the poor, women and youth from all races and cultures. We all believe that education is the most important vehicle for breaking the cycle of poverty in our families, communities, and society.

The motto of my order, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, founded by Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, is "Women of hope, daily giving our lives to bring about the oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent." As President of Mother Seton Academy, my life's slogan has become: "One Person, One Voice, One Hope." Let's all work together to offer hope to the hopeless and a voice to those who are not heard.

A Message From: Sr. Eileen Clinton, IHM Principal



We opened our new school year on August 27th by greeting 24 new and nervous sixth grade students to Mother Seton Academy. We also welcomed our returning students and new members of our faculty and staff: Sister Michael Marie Hartman, IHM, Sister Joan Warner, DC, Brother Stephen Strausbaugh, CFX, Brother Larry Corbin, SM and Ms. Jodi Faye. Along with our returning faculty and staff we began our year asking God's blessings on us as we continue to live out our mission and vision of bringing an excellent education to our young men and women of Baltimore City. With financial assistance and support, these young people are given a chance to have hope for a bright and productive future.

This past school year we graduated 23 students who were accepted at Catholic High Schools, Private schools and Magnet schools. Seeing these results, we know that we continue to give birth to our mission and vision.

During this year we plan to expand our program by adding a health/wellness program, a computer program that will allow students to interact with their peers in Africa, and varied activities of interest to them. We look forward also to the many field trip experiences that expand their knowledge of the outside world.

We ask for your prayers of support as we carry out the vision and mission.

Thank You Benefactors

Thank you to our supporters for MSA student scholarships: The Waldrons, PNC, Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier, Samuel W. Chairs, Jr. GB Charities, Inc., The Behrens, Church of Saint Mark, Environmental Banc & Exchange, St. Ignatius Parish, Dr. Jonathan Dubin, and The Pilachowskis. Also, gifts were given in memory of Angeline Yeftich, the grandmother of former staff member, Nicole Yeftich.

Congratulations to Board member Mary Ellen Kaplan, and her husband, Leon M. Kaplan, and benefactor Michael J. Batza, Jr. on receiving Ecclesiastical Honors at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

Profits Reaped from Wine Harvest Provide Scholarships for Students

Mother Seton Academy held its first-ever Wine Harvest, in partnership with Grand Cru, a wine shop in Belvedere Square Marketplace, and Loyola College's Center for Community Service and Justice. The event featured the finest wines brought in from distributors throughout the State of Maryland and California, a silent auction, and wine courses with noted wine experts Kevin

Atticks and Nelson Carey. The proceeds provided scholarships for students at Mother Seton Academy. Thank you to the following sponsors who made this event a success: Grand Cru, Loyola College's Center for Community Service and Justice, Tembo Public, St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation, Asbestos Specialists, Inc., and Martin C. Hauf.

Mother Seton Academy Reinforces Healthy Lifestyles for Students

Through funding received from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Mother Seton Academy has created and implemented the *Building Hopes, Changing Futures Health and Fitness Program*. Through the program, students have begun participating in various fitness activities, and will learn about wellness through a series of seminars focusing on healthy eating and increased physical activity so they will live happier and healthier lives.

"The quality of our health contributes to the quality of our lives. With the increase of obesity among our youth, more attention needs to be given to



Nurse Roberta Poulton proudly holds up her Melvin Jones Fellow Award from the Lions Clubs International Foundation. She recently received the award, the highest form of recognition conferred by the foundation, for her work. The award is named after the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones.

our leaders of tomorrow. There is a need now more than ever to teach our youth about health and fitness," said long-time Board member Dr. Jonathan Dubin. Dubin is a cardiologist at Sinai



Dr. Jonathan Dubin, a long-time Board member of Mother Seton Academy, invited our students to Sinai Hospital, and talked to the girls about cardiology and heart diseases.

Hospital and has been working on a partnership with the physicians at Sinai to develop educational seminars for the students on topics such as asthma, hypertension and diabetes.

"Many of our families do not have adequate health insurance and access to health care," said Sr. Eileen Clinton, principal of Mother Seton Academy. "By educating our students about health care through workshops and other activities, we are helping to provide leadership in our community in the health care arena."

Roberta Poulton, a Registered Nurse and retired employee of St. Agnes Hospital, is working on the program. "Nurse Bobbi," as the students so affectionately call her, has contributed her services to Mother Seton for the past four years. She has coordinated classes on baby-sitting and other educational workshops with St. Joseph's Hospital, as well as vision and hearing screenings for Mother Seton students through the Hospital.

Also, the students have been engaged in physical exercise through a partnership with the Merritt Athletic Club - Canton.

Mother Seton Academy - Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006–2007

Letter from the Principal

The 2006 – 2007 school year was a year of growth and change for Mother Seton Academy. President Sr. Charmaine Krohe, SSND, joined our staff in January 2007 and a new Director of Development, Marsha Koger, in August 2006. Several staff members moved on at the end of the school year, after having a long-tenure with us. Sr. Pat Warnick, SSND, taught 6th grade at MSA for 10 years; Nicole Yeftich was with MSA for 11 years, most recently as the Graduate Support Director; Sr. Ellen Smith, IHM, was an original founder and former co-principal of MSA. Sr. Ann Claire Rhoades, DC, who was originally traveling out of the country, has returned to us as the 8th grade girls' teacher.

Highlights and accomplishments from the 2006 – 2007 school year include:

- Maintaining, developing and strengthening the curriculum,
- Involving college students as aides and mentors to our most needy students, and
- Implementing a recruitment committee to increase the number of students who apply to Mother Seton Academy.

We had a very successful fund-raising year and met the needs of our operational budget through benefactors, churches, foundations and corporations who provided funds for scholarships to our students, and with the help and support of our six generous Sponsoring Religious Congregations. We are so grateful and thankful for your support because without you we would not be able to keep the doors of our school open. The students had an academically challenging and fun year and participated in various trips from a trip to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to seeing a production called "Roots of Rap" at Goucher College. The school year ended with a moving and inspiring graduation at St. Patrick's Church. All of our graduates have gone onto high school with 95 percent of the class attending a Catholic or private high school. For most of Mother Seton's history, we have been able to produce such results. So please continue to help us *"Build Hope and Change Futures."*

God bless you,
Sr. Eileen Clinton, IHM

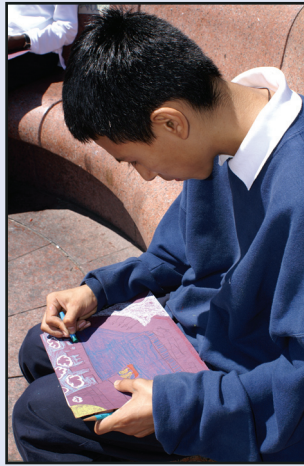
Mission Statement

Empowered by Gospel values rooted in the tradition of Catholic education, Mother Seton Academy, a tuition-free middle school for urban young men and women, educates in an intercultural environment those with the greatest economic need. Promoting dignity and respect for each person and all of creation, Mother Seton Academy challenges students to realize their God-given talents and become leaders who serve their families, communities, and society.



Vision Statement

Enriched by a tradition of selfless effort and heartfelt commitment on the part of the Sponsoring Religious Congregations to the youth of Baltimore, Mother Seton Academy will provide a holistic, intercultural approach to middle school education for an urban population confronted daily with influences that limit their ability to develop their full potential. Mother Seton Academy students will be given the opportunity to develop as women and men who are socially and globally conscious, ready to become productive and morally responsible leaders with vision and purpose for their lives, families and communities.



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*(Cash gifts made to Mother Seton Academy
from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007)*

The following list recognizes our Sponsoring Religious Congregations, Board members, individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations and other friends who made scholarship gifts to our students, donations for operating expenses, and sponsored our events and activities. Because of your generosity, we were able to meet the operational needs of our school, and we thank you!

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Volunteers for the 2006-07 School Year

Mother Seton Academy has a core of volunteers who serve as mentors, homework companions, adult volunteers and tutors. We would like to thank Loyola College and Dennis McCunney; Catholic High School and Trish Scalese; Archbishop Curley High School and Mr. Justin Baker and Friar Douglas McMillan; Seton Keough High School and Ronnie Fallon.

Thank you to the following list of individuals who took time out of their busy schedules to work with our students!

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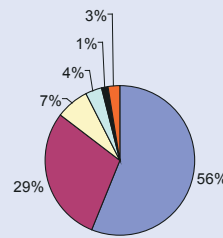
Revenues for Fiscal Year 2007

• Donations/Grants	\$474,631
• Religious Community In-Kind services	\$246,474
• Religious Communities – Cash	\$59,666
• Partners in Excellence	\$32,000
• Parents Fees	\$10,628
• Release of Temp. Restricted Donations	\$21,873
TOTAL	\$845,272

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2007

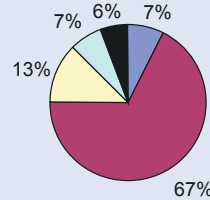
• Administrative Salaries	\$68,826
• Staff Salaries	\$626,324
• Programs and Services	\$116,770
• Operational Support and Supplies	\$63,891
• Building Maintenance	\$52,001
TOTAL	\$927,812

(The FY 2007 figures are from unaudited financial statements.)



Revenues FY 2006 - 2007

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- Religious Community - Cash
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- Building Maintenance



Mother Seton Academy 2007 Administration, Faculty and Staff

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Principal	Sr. Eileen Clinton, IHM
Director of Development	Mrs. Marsha Koger
Director of Technology	Mr. Jon Luca
Administrative Assistant	Sr. Kathleen Groome, OSF

Teachers:

Grade 6	Girls	Sr. Marianne Roderick, SSND
	Boys	Ms. Jodi Faye
Grade 7	Girls	Ms. Judy Henke
	Boys	Mrs. Deborah Kreipl
Grade 8	Girls	Sr. Ann Claire Rhoades, DC
	Boys	Sr. Joan Warner, DC

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Reading Specialist	Sr. Mary Ann Hartnett, SSND
Social Justice	Mr. Vito Piazza
Spanish	Sr. Michael Marie Hartman, IHM

Graduate Support Program Outcomes:

- **Class of 2007:** 95 percent of the graduates are attending a college preparatory high school (parochial, private, city-wide or magnet public school).
- **Class of 2006:** 95 percent of the graduates are attending a college preparatory high school.
- **Class of 2005:** 95 percent of the graduates are attending a college preparatory high school.
- **Class of 2004:** 95 percent of graduates are enrolled in college preparatory high schools.
- **Class of 2003:** 100 percent of graduates have graduated from college preparatory high schools.
- **Class of 2002:** 100 percent of the girls and 91 percent of the boys are attending a two- or four-year college.



News from the Graduate Support Program

Please let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Brother Stephen Strausbaugh, CFX. On July 2, 2007, I began my ministry as Director of the Graduate Support Program here at Mother Seton Academy.



Bro. Steve meets with a 2007 graduate, Yolanda Vargas, at the alumni reunion.

Last year, in my capacity as Pastoral Associate for Christian Service at St. Joseph Catholic Community in Eldersburg, MD, I taught a sixth and seventh grade religion class each Friday at Mother Seton Academy. I was deeply impressed with these students: their enthusiasm, self-discipline and desire to learn.

Since the Xaverian Brothers, of which I am a member, are one of the founding congregations of Mother Seton Academy, I truly feel that ministering here is a 'coming home' for me. I feel both pride and humility as I begin to assist our young people in making good choices for their future.

I think my 18 years in Catholic education with diverse populations has prepared me well for the challenges ahead. My touchstone, in addition to the Gospels, is the 1972 Bishops' Letter To Teach As Jesus Did. In this letter the

three dimensions of Catholic education are presented.

Message: The essential message of Catholic education is that we are loved unconditionally by a good and gracious God; the proof: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Community: If our God is a loving parent, then we are all sisters and brothers. There is no 'them' and 'us'; we are all in it together. It is in and through each other that we discover God's love for us.

Service: What do we do with this awesome love? We share it with others through selfless love; making our homes, communities and world a signpost for charity and justice. The U.S. bishops are telling us that Catholic education, while it promotes success and discipline, is ultimately about love.

I firmly believe that every adult at Mother Seton Academy, regardless of position, is a Catholic educator. The love we promote is not some syrupy concoction of 'feel good' but displays itself every day through the promotion of respect and responsibility.

It is my goal this year, working with the Mother Seton students and our graduates, to be an educator in respect and responsibility along with the great faculty and staff assembled here. With these traits embedded in our students, no goal is unreachable. Every eighth grader should be accepted at the high school of his/her choice and every MSA graduate should be college bound. I look forward to working with you!

Incoming Sixth Grade Families Welcomed at Parents' Night

On August 27, 2007, after their first day of school, the new sixth grade class joined with their families to learn more about what it means to be part of the Mother Seton Academy family and to meet the faculty and staff. The evening started with Principal Sr. Eileen Clinton, IHM reviewing parent and student expectations and ended with Graduate Support Director, Br. Stephen Strausbaugh, CFX, explaining how MSA can support students after graduation.



Sixth grader Brandon Sample and his father receive the welcome packet from one of Brandon's teachers, Jodi Faye.

To help welcome the new students, seventh graders Aaliyah Wilson and Javier Romero called each student to the front and presented them with a shawl. At this time the shawl has only a cross on it, but as students successfully complete each year, a letter will be added until it reads MSA.



Aaliyah Wilson welcomes a new sixth grade student, Stephanie Aguilera, and presents her with the shawl.

To help bring the evening to a close, students, parents, and faculty stood and united in prayer and made a commitment to do their best to make this a successful three years.

Alumni Return to Mother Seton for Reunion



Mother Seton Academy hosted an annual reunion for all graduates to reunite with former classmates and teachers. This year our new President Sr. Charmine Krohe, SSND was able to meet with many of the former students and friends and family were able to relax, chat, and enjoy some good food. We hope to increase the activities for graduates in the upcoming years. So alumni, please remember to keep us up-to-date with any address or phone number changes.





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Justin Brantley, manager of the Merritt Athletic Club in Canton, talks to Mother Seton students about the importance of physical exercise on a recent trip to Merritt.

Memorial

The faculty, staff, and students of Mother Seton Academy express their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of William Wyatt. William graduated from Mother Seton Academy in 1997.

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