

MOTHER SETON ACADEMY CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SUCCESS

We are all very excited to be celebrating Mother Seton Academy's 20th year of service as a tuition-free, independent Catholic middle school serving families and children living in Baltimore City. Mother Seton Academy was founded in 1993 but the roots of MSA began to form in 1991 when the provincial leaders of the religious congregations within the Archdiocese of Baltimore endorsed an innovative educational project, involving collaboration among several religious congregations. The provincial leaders of interested congregations appointed a task force to investigate this idea and formulate a plan to meet the academic and social needs of low-income middle school

children often prohibited from attending Catholic schools due to financial limitations. Utilizing the successful Nativity School model and adapting it to meet the specific needs of Baltimore, the vision for Mother Seton Academy was born. Since no individual religious community had the resources to undertake such a project alone, the project became a collaborative effort among six religious congregations with long traditions of service to Baltimore. The members of the founding group were Sr. Nancy Crossen, OSF, Sr. Jacqueline Kotz, OSF, Sr. Joan Keating, DC, Sr. Claire Parenteau, OSF, Bro. James Kelly, CFX, Doris Musil, Archdiocese of Baltimore, Bro. Arthur Caliman, CFX, Sr. Therese O'Rourke, IHM (Scranton), Sr. Mary Anne Hartnett, SSND, and Blair Raum, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish. Mother Seton Academy opened in the fall of 1993 with its first class of 20 sixth-grade students. After a successful capital campaign in



Mother Seton Academy's first class gathers for school photos.

"We know some children are in a school situation where they can't function, where maybe because of the environment their potential is not being realized. Since our classes will be small — only 10 to 12 in a room — we do expect success."

Sr. Mary Ann Hartnett, The Baltimore Sun, February 6, 1993

(Continued on page 2)

Mother Seton Academy Appoints New Principal

After a nationwide recruitment effort, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Richard Gudel as the new principal of Mother Seton Academy. Mr. Gudel replaces Laura Minakowski, who will depart at the end of the school year after more than ten years of dedicated service to our school.

Gudel is from Jarrettsville, Md., and has more than 30 years' experience in supervision and curriculum development. Most recently, he

was an adjunct instructor at Cecil Community College. He is also a former principal of Franklin Middle School and past chair of the English Department at Perry Hall High School.

"Mother Seton Academy is very pleased to have Richard on board," said Sr. Peggy Juskelis, SSND, President of Mother Seton Academy. "This is a key position in our school since the principal oversees the day-to-day operations and also manages supervision and

(Continued on page 2)



MSA CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

(Continued from page 1)



Founding Committee meets at Food for Thought

2008, Mother Seton Academy completely renovated the former St. Ann School located at 2215 Greenmount Avenue as its permanent home and opened its doors to students on September 2, 2009. Today, we serve over 70 sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students of all faiths and cultures each year.

All of us are looking forward to the next 20 years of making a difference in the lives of families and children living in Baltimore City. We thank our sponsoring congregations for their ongoing support, our board members for their dedicated service, our faculty and staff for their hard work, and last but not least, our donors who generously provide the resources needed to fulfill our mission.

★ on the calendar

2014 Wine Harvest and Auction



The 2014 Wine Harvest & Auction will be held on November 1, 2014 at Loyola University (McGuire Hall). Come and enjoy fine wines hand-picked by Nelson Carey of Grand Cru wine shop in Belvedere Square, along with delicious Maryland wines provided by our friends at the Maryland Wineries Association. To become a sponsor or donate items to the auction, please contact Joan Drebing, jdrebing@mothersetonacademy.org or 410-563-2833. Tickets are now available at MotherSetonWineHarvest.org. Hope to see you there!

2015 Cardinal Cup 5K Run

We had a record breaking attendance of over 800 participants for the 20th annual Cardinal Cup 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Fun Walk. This event is possible thanks to a long-standing partnership with The School of the Cathedral of Mary our Queen who hosts the event. We hope to see you on April 25, 2015 for the 21st annual race.

STUDENT SERVICE AWARDS



At the end of the year Awards Ceremony on June 6, students Alexa Blackman, Blair Dudley, and Jason Lennon received special recognition from the school for completing well above the required numbers of service hours. Alexa completed 27 hours, Blair completed 30.5 hours, and Jason completed 33.5 hours. As part of their work at MSA each student and their parents or guardians are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service work. Over the course of the 2013-2014 school year, our students completed more than 800 hours of service work to benefit the greater community. In addition to completing hours through opportunities at school including Santa's Workshop, Cardinal Cup, or assisting with our Open Houses and other school events, students volunteered their time at the Franciscan Center, Homewood House, and with the clean-up of Mund Park, a neighborhood park. Congratulations to these students for going above and beyond the service requirement and making such a positive different in our school and in our community.

MSA WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL

(Continued from page 1)

curriculum development. We are looking forward to having Richard as part of our team." Mr. Gudel begins his new role on July 1 and is already spending time at the school, observing at the school's recent "Career Day." "I've really enjoyed meeting the staff and students, and am looking forward to officially joining the team," he said. Please join us in making Mr. Gudel feel welcome as the newest member of the Mother Seton Academy family!

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Two of the most important duties I have at Mother Seton Academy are to welcome new friends to our school and to thank those who share their time, treasure and talent with us in order to further our mission. Over the years, God has invited gifted people to serve our school community in the role of principal. We are again at a transition point.

Laura Minakowski has generously served in this capacity since 2009. Mrs. Minakowski has given over ten years of service to the school in the course of time. Presently she feels that God is calling her to a different role of service. We wish her every blessing as she discerns how to best use the many gifts that God has given her. Personally I am grateful for her leadership and support as we worked together with faculty, family, board and friends to further the mission of Mother Seton Academy. Her collaborative style has been a blessing to us all.

After a nationwide search, we selected Richard Gudel to serve as the next principal of Mother Seton Academy. Mr. Gudel is an experienced educator and administrator with more than 30 years of experience. He has an extensive background in curriculum development and teacher supervision. A graduate of Chaminade High School in Mineola, NY, Mr. Gudel was greatly influenced by the Marianists in his decision to become a teacher. He is looking forward to learning more about the charisms of our other sponsoring congregations as well. In addition to his academic work, Mr. Gudel is very interested and active in theater production in the area. I hope you will get a chance to meet him soon and experience his enthusiasm for service in our school.

As I reflect on the gifts that these two leaders have brought to our community, I am reminded that all good gifts come to us from God above. I thank you for the gifts that you have shared with our community to provide a transformative education to our students. May God bless you and those you love.

S. Peggy Jankelis, SSOD

Support MSA through a Bequest

A bequest is one of the simplest ways to support Mother Seton Academy. This thoughtful gift will make it possible for us to continue giving our children a chance at a fulfilling future.

For more information about how you can include Mother Seton Academy in your estate plans, please call Joan Drebing at 410-563-2833 or email jdrebing@mothersetonacademy.org.

★ staff spotlight



Mrs. Glover working with students to enhance their organizational skills.

Jamie Glover, School Counselor at Mother Seton Academy, joined the staff in November 2013. She is originally from Birmingham, MI, a suburb of Detroit. Mrs. Glover earned her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Wayne State University and taught elementary education in Detroit Public Schools for four years in addition to serving as a high school counselor at several Detroit area public schools. After her husband was transferred to the Baltimore area last year, she began searching for a new position and was attracted to MSA for its mission and reputation. Although she says there is no typical day when you work in a school setting, normally Mrs. Glover begins her day responding to phone calls and emails. She then checks to see if there are any referrals for counseling services. At MSA, students may self-refer or staff may suggest a student be referred for counseling services. Most of Jamie's time is spent meeting one-on-one with students for academic and personal support. If she is not meeting with students or other staff members, Jamie may be working on plans for future programs and services. As part of her responsibilities, Jamie also manages the work of counseling interns from Loyola University.

For the upcoming school year, Mrs. Glover is looking forward to continuing to provide counseling and support services to students and their families. She will be focusing on spending more time with students on classroom lessons, in small groups, as well in individual sessions.

We are delighted to have Mrs. Glover as part of the MSA family!



2215 GREENMOUNT AVENUE
 BALTIMORE MD, 21218
 p.410.563.2833 f.410.563.7353
 mothersetonacademy.org

NON-PROFIT
 ORG
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 BALTIMORE, MD
 PERMIT NO. 4315

ACADEMYINSIDER

SPRING 2014

★ Congratulations Class of 2014

						
Dennia Ashe <i>Institute of Notre Dame</i>	Genesis Cisneros <i>Cristo Rey Jesuit HS</i>	Kayla Cole <i>Cristo Rey Jesuit HS</i>	Dante Daniels <i>Calvert Hall College HS</i>	Destiny Dukes <i>Western High School</i>	Nelson Gomez <i>Mount St. Joseph HS</i>	Juwan Graves <i>Archbishop Curley HS</i>
						
Bres'che Jones <i>Cristo Rey Jesuit HS</i>	Jarell Lynch <i>Cristo Rey Jesuit HS</i>	Paola Perez-Correa <i>Institute of Notre Dame</i>	Jesus Ramirez <i>McDonogh School</i>	India Smith <i>Institute of Notre Dame</i>	Niya Thomas <i>Cristo Rey Jesuit HS</i>	
						
Tyriqe Thomas <i>Archbishop Curley HS</i>	Keniera Wagstaff <i>Cristo Rey Jesuit HS</i>	Queron Watkins <i>Calvert Hall College HS</i>	Wayne Williams <i>Calvert Hall College HS</i>	Shayne Williamson <i>Calvert Hall College HS</i>	Shardae Winchester <i>Mercy High School</i>	Shyairra Witherspoon <i>Western High School</i>

PRESIDENT:

Sr. Margaret (Peggy) Juskelis, SSND

PRINCIPAL:

Laura Minakowski

CORPORATE BOARD OF MEMBERS:

Bro. Ed Brink, SM
 Bro. Arthur Caliman, CFX
 Sr. Susan Czaplicki, SSND
 Sr. Anne Patrice Hefner, OSF
 Sr. Ellen Maroney, IHM
 Sr. Mary Catherine Warehime, DC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Brendan Baloh
 Michael Brown, Esq.
 Bro. Matthew Burke, CFX
 Sr. Donna Desien, OSF
 Sr. Mary Gilbert, DC
 Louis Heidrick, AFSC
 Ricardo Johnson
 Michael Kelly, Esq.
 Sr. Ellen Maroney, IHM
 Rev. David McGuigan, SM
 Dana P. Moore, Esq.
 Barbara Morris, CPA
 Patrick Mutch - Chair
 Michael Naccarato, CPA, Esq. - Treasurer
 Laurette O'Malley
 Michael Paszkiewicz
 Paul Speargas, CFA
 Lisa Stromberg
 Sr. John Vianney Zullo, SSND