

BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

A strong foundation is important, not only when constructing a building, but also in everyday life. Having strong ties with families and friends provides a sturdy foundation when life gets tough. Building a career based on a strong work ethic provides a stable job foundation. Teaching students with compassion and understanding gives them a solid foundation for a better future.

As progress continues on the new expansion, we are reminded of the blessings that have provided a firm foundation for this project.

- The support of generous donors who have helped us reach \$3,083,379 of our \$3,500,000 Capital Campaign goal.
- Neighborhood partners like, the Greater Greenmount Community Association and St. Ann's Church, who supported our endeavors.



8th-grade girls moving dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony.



Building of the foundation of MSA's new expansion.

- GWWO Architects and Whiting-Turner Contracting who have worked tirelessly designing and constructing this new building.

- Senator Mary Washington, and Delegates Regina Boyce and Maggie McIntosh, for their support in obtaining a grant from the state.

- And all the others who have helped to make this possible, like you.

As a supporter of Mother Seton Academy, you are an essential part in providing this foundation for our young students. You help have our young boys and girls grow and thrive in a nurturing environment. So many things are possible because of your generosity. Our students learn in small class sizes where they can get the personal care and attention they need. Our young boys

and girls can stay in a safe environment and receive extra care during our longer days and school year. They have opportunities to learn music, take art classes, and take part in unique activities and clubs.

Now, our wonderful supporters have partnered with us to go even further and build an expansion to the school. One that will house a gymnasium where our students can play and enjoy themselves. A learning garden to show them the wonder and beauty of our world. A music room with plenty of space for unique and exciting instruments for the children to play. We are so grateful to everyone who has been a part of making the dream of this expansion a reality. On behalf of the staff, students, and families of Mother Seton Academy thank you!



7th-grade boys signing a steel beam to be placed in the new expansion.

TABLE TALKS: OUR VOICES, YOUR EARS

Since its start fourteen years ago, Bro. Jesse O'Neil, SM headed up Mother Seton Academy's 8th-grade speech public speaking class and instructed students on its importance. He diligently worked with our young boys and girls throughout the year to prepare them for their final project, the 8th-grade speech competition. The speech competition was always a highlight of the year. It allowed our graduating students the ability to shine in front of their families, friends, teachers, and supporters. This being the first school year without Bro. Jesse, there were some big shoes to fill (figuratively and literally).

Ms. Guin Phoebe, the 8th-grade Language Arts and Literature teacher, volunteered to step up and take on this new responsibility. As with any task taken over by someone else, new ideas were brought to the table. Being the innovative teacher she is, Ms. Phoebe wanted to integrate the speeches into the student's everyday learning. This year, instead of picking an individual from CNN's Hero list to give a speech on, Ms. Phoebe had each student pick a research question that inspired them. Each student then did an in-depth study and wrote a research paper on that question. They then prepared a four-minute overview to present to a small discussion group for a "Table Talk." This unique new format had students finding something they were passionate about and learning enough to be able to discuss it. The students worked on



their projects for several months under the guidance of Ms. Phoebe and Bro. Tom Trager, SM, who assisted Bro. Jesse for years with the speech competition.

During their "Table Talks," students would have two to three individuals at their table who listened to their project overview and then discuss it with them. Each group of individuals had five minutes with the student and could then move on to listen to another student's presentation. The 8th-grade students chose a wide variety of thought-provoking subjects, including: what challenges do American school systems face and how to address them, how does poverty affect society, what are the most effective therapies for children suffering from trauma, and what are the struggles faced by veterans, and how can we better support them. Our students did a fabulous job addressing these questions and got their audiences engaged in each subject.

Everyone who attended the "Table Talks" thought it was a refreshing way for our students to present a research subject. They also loved the opportunity to talk with each of our talented young presenters. We are very grateful for all the staff and volunteers who organized this event, and to the families, friends, and supporters who came to cheer them on. Every one of you helped to make this new event the tremendous success it was, thank you!



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Mother Seton Academy,

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

These opening words of a traditional hymn are resonating in my heart as I begin this letter to you. We have so many foundations to celebrate this year: the educational foundation for our students' future growth, the foundation of the new gymnasium we are building for our students and community and the foundation for the future growth of the school which you provide.

On June 5 Mother Seton Academy celebrated the graduation of the eighth grade. During their time here, they have learned and developed the academic, spiritual and social foundations on which they can build their future growth. In this letter you will see listed the schools they plan to attend next year. Please keep them in your prayer so that they may grow to realize their full potential as a child of God and work to improve the society in which we live.

When we began the summer program for returning students and incoming 6th graders, we anticipated the highest enrollment we have ever had. Since moving to our current location our target enrollment has been 84 students. Efforts by Kia Castille, our enrollment coordinator, have created a deep pool of candidates. The daily efforts of all our teachers under the leadership of Dr. Gregory Sucre have strengthened the retention and achievement of our students.

Not only is the school growing its enrollment but our buildings are growing too. The foundation for the new gymnasium has been laid. Daily, one can see the progress made in the building. The target date for completion is in October of this year. Stayed tuned for news about this exciting project.

Your kindness and support are the very foundation of the success we celebrate. We are grateful for the ways that you have helped support the mission of Mother Seton Academy. Your support helps provide the resources needed for our girls and boys to grow academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually into the people God has made them to be. Together we make this happen.

During these summer months, please continue to pray for our students and their families that they enjoy peace, health and safety. May God bless you and your loved ones with peace and hope throughout the months ahead.

Sincerely,

S. Peggy Juskelis, SSND

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25TH CARDINAL CUP ANNIVERSARY!



Thank you to all of families, friends, volunteers, and supporters who joined us on April 6th for the 25th Anniversary of the Cardinal Cup. This year's 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk was a tremendous success! Over 600 people joined us on race day at our sister school, The School of the Cathedral, to take part in the family fun. Running, raffles, prizes, and great food made it a fun day for all.

This event is a wonderful way to raise awareness about Mother Seton Academy's mission to provide quality education to underserved, low-income families. Funds raised provide scholarships for our deserving young boys and girls. This year over \$25,000 was collected, the highest amount ever!

All of this is possible because of our wonderful supporters. With a special thanks to event co-chairs Frances Dingle, Amy Matteini, and Melanie Pyne for all the time and effort they put into making this event a success. In addition to our generous sponsors:

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