

Hats Off To The Class of 2013

On Sunday, June 2nd families, faculty and community members watched 16 members of the Class of 2013 cross the stage and receive their diplomas in the Chuck E. Mosey Memorial Gymnasium. In front of a packed house, longtime classmate and very special friend, Erin Tuegel, led the entire group through the Pledge of Allegiance. Her enthusiasm and pride left her bursting at the seams!

The bar was set very high with this group of young people. The Class of 2013 graduated with 63% of them belonging to the National Honor Society, and 63% with an Academic Honors diploma. Katelyn Thuman and John Hornak were co-valedictorians, both presenting compelling speeches to their classmates. Katelyn and John were among the 44% to graduate with highest academic honors. The class thrived on each other, pushing one another to excellence throughout their careers at Seton Catholic.

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The class of 2013 celebrate their graduation from Seton Catholic High School; TOGETHER!

Consider & Enjoy...

Each year we watch our students grow and mature. From grade to grade, campus to campus... they grow spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. We watch them start out as innocent little "sponges" in Preschool, absorbing every nugget of information taught to them by our Early Childhood educators. They progress into budding artists, actors, and athletes as they transition to the Intermediate Building. By the time they reach the Junior – Senior High School, they are responsible, respectful, young adults with firmly rooted religious beliefs.

Enjoy this issue of the Cardinal Points and consider the amazing growth you have seen within your own children during the past year!

Stepping Up...

Every spring – during the month of May – our 2nd grade students... the leaders of the Primary Building... make a visit to the Intermediate Building. For that one day they are "3rd graders"! They join in the 3rd grade classrooms, eating lunch and enjoying recess in this new environment. Lastly, the day is topped off with the annual Talent Show! It is a day they look forward to with anticipation all year. This visit is the

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"Aw, C'mon, You Know You'll Miss Us When..."

Ah, so much to say, and so little time. It is hard for I, Alexander Jon Bon Jovi Ruger, to overstate the amount of debt I owe to my friends and teachers, to Seton Catholic High School, and to the Richmond Catholic Community. I very much doubt I would be the handsome, outstanding, modest gentleman I am now without their influence and help.

You see, the community we have here at Seton has fostered just that; a sense of community. Like me, everyone has comrades and confidantes they can turn to. It is very much a supportive institution, one that does justice to our Christian values and then some. From the strict (but kindly) Mr. Ruhl to the newest seventh grader, every person is willing to extend a hand of friendship. And this is to say nothing of the intellectual benefits our school has given to its graduates, benefits that are sure to be, err, beneficial in the long run.

Of course, it is very easy, and perhaps to an extent, correct, to say these values stop where Seton does. A close friend of mine has a saying, and that is that "People are just no good" (thanks for the one-liner, Dan). While I cannot vouch for the veracity of that statement, I can say that the world will not do you any favors. Certainly, much of the world's populace does not practice true, Christ-like behavior, as is proven evident through, I don't know, the majority of human history.

But I know my fellow graduates

and I will be okay. College may be difficult, the workplace may be nerve racking, and we may find ourselves caught in the doldrums during the chore that our day-to-day life can be, but overcoming adversity is what we do. Life finds a way. And we, the Class of 2013, will certainly do the same.

I will hold onto the memories of my friends forever. There's really too many to simply pull one out and say "This is my favorite." So I won't do that. But I will pick out one of the most meaningful.

One evening, after a long day at John's house of shooting airsoft pellets and performing death defying stunts on the ATVs, a friend said something to me. It was an insult, of course, and one that shouldn't be said in polite company at that. So I threw my hands up in frustration and muttered, "You guys are all jerks."

My friend looked at me with slightly sad smile, "Aw, c'mon, you know you'll miss us when this is all over."

I smiled back. "Yeah, yeah I will."

And that's all I have to say about that.



Friends: John Hornak & article author, Alex Ruger

Stepping Up...

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bridge from Primary to Intermediate... it brings this change... this growth... into a reality... we are “growing up!”

With all of the excitement of “growing up” and moving on to the Intermediate Building there is also some sadness. The students were asked to tell us some things that they would miss the most about the Primary Building. Their overwhelming response was “the teachers”... “I will miss the teachers the most”. Going from two recesses to one, and the change from St. Mary’s to Holy Family Church were the other most popular replies.

As for what they are looking forward to at the Intermediate, you can read some of the responses for yourself...

“...all of the new friends and to learn about new things” ~ Connor Kitchin

“I want to learn Spanish”

~ Jagger Kovach

“I am excited about the library and new books. I love to read!”

~ Tessa Hamilton

“I am excited about the new classes and new tests and new activities! I am excited about everything being new! Spanish, AR, I-STEP, English and I-READ. Those are some of the new things and there are probably even more new things. That is what I am looking forward to!”

~ Drew VanVleet

“I am excited about AR”

~ Lauren Guiley

“...all of the teachers”

~ Mason Burkhardt

“I’m excited because we get to try new teachers, and you get to be in a talent show.”

~ Ali Corder

“I am excited that you get to pick where you sit at lunch”

~ Emily Huddleston

“...learning Spanish and times”

~ Sophie Salazar-Jenkins

“You get to dissect frogs!”

~ Lennon Cornell

Sixth Grade Is Special!

The sixth grade is a special year. You are the leaders of the school, and everyone looks up to you. It’s so amazing and exciting, but everyone notices when you mess up or do something you’re not supposed to do, so there is some pressure. It’s also hard, but you have people that keep you on track—our teachers! Our teachers are the people who teach us what we need to know today and tomorrow, help us learn right from wrong and how to make wise decisions, and so much more.

In our sixth grade class our motto is Fully Rely On God, which is F.R.O.G. We try to give all of our worries and problems to God. That makes for an easier time as well!

I have been so very blessed with Seton. Seton has a special place in my heart and in so many others’ hearts. This school is a true gift from God. My class is like a big family. Many of us have been together for eight years. Seton is like our second home. Even our newest members are completely part of us. My class and I all have special friendships. I have so many fantastic memories from Seton.



Clare Kitchin (left) and Anali Melendez (right) enjoying the activities at CYO Camp.

We don’t just do work every single day; we get breaks, too! We have a ton of amazing field trips. One of my favorites was to CYO Camp Rancho Framasa. There we participated in lots of exercises that involved team work. Camp helped us grow closer to



6th grade class at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa

each other while having an amazing time. We spent the night and stayed for two days. It was SO exciting! I have memories to last a lifetime!

One of my favorite projects that we had this year was dissection. We had bullfrogs and Earlham biology majors came over to help us dissect them. It was extraordinary! We got to cut open and explore the biology of a frog. It was kind of gross, but it was really cool. I will never forget it!

I must mention a few final sixth grade faves. The D.A.R.E. classes with Officer Williams were extremely interesting. The saint books that we wrote and illustrated for the first graders were so much fun. And the cheer card project for all of the catholic nursing home residents warmed our hearts. We know they really appreciated them, too.

We also had a Step-Up day. That was when we went to the high school and spent time with a Seton High School student. They took us to their classes and let us participate in them. It made me incredibly excited to be a student at Seton High School next year!

That brings me to the end of my elementary years and on to even more Seton memories!

South Building.... here I come!

~ Clare Kitchin

*Seton Intermediate School
6th Grade, Mrs. Schroeder*

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Finally, as the end drew near, Alex Ruger, asked them to move their tassels from one side to the other... they were now alumni of SCHS rather than students.



Co-Valedictorians, John Hornak (above) and Katelyn Thuman (below) address their fellow classmates, parents, teachers and SCHS staff at Commencement Ceremonies, 2013.



Most of the graduates are choosing to stay in-state for their post high school studies; moving on to places like Trine, DePauw, IUPUI and others scattered across the state. A couple of classmates are opting for colleges in Ohio and Maryland,

however. As a group, they amassed over \$2.4 million in college scholarships – a new school record! Regardless of where these graduates are headed, they will rise to the occasion, sharing all they have learned at Seton Catholic and continuing to grow spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2013!

Bryan Sumner Beard
College: IUPUI
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Nathaniel John Brouse
College: University of Southern Indiana
Major: Business Administration

Anna Teresa Davis
College: IU East
Major: Graphic Design

Johnathon Remo Hornak
College: Earlham College
Major: Bio-Chemistry / Computer Engineering

Paige Alexandra Hope Kennedy
College: Frederick Community College (MD)
Major: Nursing

Emily Ann Linginfelter
College: Xavier University
Major: Nursing

Ryan Andrew Pipenger
College: University of Southern Indiana
Major: Sports Management

Dylan Thomas Reichley
College: Ohio Dominican University
Major: Undecided

Andrew Charles Reimsnyder
College: Indiana Institute of Technology
Major: Computer Technology

Audrey Nan Rheinhardt
Undecided

Alexander Jon Ruger
College: DePauw University
Major: Undecided

Adam Gregory Schroeder
College: IUPUI
Major: Biology /Pre-med



Graduate Dylan Reichley is congratulated by Principal Rick Ruhl.

Mary Elizabeth Shaw
College: IU East
Major: Secondary Education, Social Studies

Katelyn Elizabeth Thuman
College: IUPUI
Major: Biomedical Engineering

Amanda Kaye Warren
College: Ivy Tech
Major: Undecided

Kyle Francis Westjohn
College: Trine University
Major: Mechanical Engineering