

*St. Elizabeth Seton*

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



As we enter into the season of Advent, we take the time to remember the reason we celebrate Christmas. It is a time of waiting, anticipation and reflection as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We will have several student-led celebrations within the school community as we prepare for Christmas, in particular, our *Third Week of Advent Mass* at St. Mary's Parish on December 17th at 10:30 AM. We hope to see you there!

## **Schoology & Growth as a Learner - December 1, 2024**

While our Schoology learning goals are updated regularly, the *Growth as a Learner* comments are shared three times a year. These comments will first be shared with you on *December 2, 2024*. Please check Schoology for these comments and future updates on your child's learning progress.

## **Community Support - Christmas Bureau & Gifts for Grandparents**

Spread holiday cheer by joining our “**Gifts for Grandparents**” program! Help us bring comfort to seniors in our community by donating items like lightweight blankets, cookies, chocolates, candy, crackers, puzzles, and more. Unwrapped donations can be dropped off at the school by **December 11th**. Encourage your child to add a letter or artwork for an extra touch. Also, feel free to participate in our “**Seton Serves Sharing Tree**” program, supporting the **Red Deer Christmas Bureau**—purchase gifts by **December 16th**. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Let's unite in spreading warmth, joy, and love this Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity!

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## Christmas Craft Night - December 5, 2024

Join us for a magical night on December 5 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM! Dive into the festive spirit at Seton with family-friendly craft tables, creating cherished memories for all. The atmosphere will be filled with joy and creativity. Warm up at our delightful Hot Chocolate station; remember to bring your favourite mug for an extra cozy touch. It's an evening designed for laughter, connection, and the joy of the season. Let's celebrate together at Seton, making this December 5th an unforgettable moment for our community. Your presence adds to the magic, and we can't wait to share it with you! RSVP [HERE!](#)

## Career Day 2025

St. Elizabeth Seton is pleased to announce the upcoming Career Day for our students on January 30, 2025. We are dedicated to cultivating ethical citizens and engaged thinkers with an entrepreneurial spirit, and we aim to introduce our students to a diverse range of career options. We believe that having community members share their personal experiences in the classroom is an invaluable way to achieve this objective. Currently, we have a few openings for volunteers to present to our K-2 students as they explore interactive careers and areas of interest. If you are interested in sharing your career journey with our students, please reach out to Mrs. Surridge directly via phone or email.

## School Bus Delays & the Bus App - Download the Bus Status App!

While our school buses are almost always on time, the winter months and snowy road conditions can lead to delays for your child's school bus. To stay notified of your child's bus status, please see the following links for ways to check on bus times. **The App has been refreshed and is now called Bus Status 4. Please reinstall the app if you still have the older version.**

### [St. Elizabeth Seton School Website](#)

Bus status can be found on the main page of our website. It will display if a bus is *on-time*, *delayed*, or *cancelled*. There will often be a comment next to the delayed buses indicating how long the bus delay is. Click the title above to link to our website.

### **Bus Status App by Box Clever**

Alternatively, you can download the bus app for your Apple or Android phone. See the images below and click on them to go to your respective app store and download the app.



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## Hot Lunch - Requesting a Lunch Pick-Up When Your Child is Sick

In our ongoing efforts to streamline operations and support our Hot Lunch Program, we would like to remind families of our process regarding meal pick-ups. **If your child is away, and you plan to collect their lunch later, kindly inform the office when leaving a message on our attendance line or call in before 10:00 AM.** This proactive approach helps us better coordinate and minimizes disruptions for our dedicated office staff and parent volunteers. **Without prior notice, unclaimed lunches will be gladly donated to a student in need.** Your cooperation in adhering to this new procedure is highly appreciated and ensures a smoother experience for everyone involved. Thank you for your understanding and collaboration.

## Child Illness - All the Bugs are Going Around!

In our journey through this academic season, we hope you and your family are doing well. As we move forward, there's an important matter we'd like to address—child illnesses within our school community. We've noticed a rise in various illnesses circulating among our students.

If your child isn't feeling well—showing signs like fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting — we ask that you keep them at home. This simple step not only aids their recovery but also helps prevent the spread of illness within our school.

Your cooperation and support in maintaining a healthy environment for our students and staff are greatly valued. Let's continue to prioritize everyone's well-being. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your understanding.

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## Upcoming Dates

Monday, December 2

Thursday, December 5

Friday, December 6

Tuesday, December 10

Wednesday, December 11

Thursday, December 12

Friday, December 13

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17

Friday, December 20

**Growth as a Learner Comments Posted**

**1st Week of Advent Celebration - 9:45**

Christmas Family Craft Night 6-7PM

Gr. 1 Grinch Day

**First Friday Coffee**

State and Main Hot Lunch

**Second Week of Advent Liturgy - 9:45-10:45**

Christmas Sweater Day

Gifts for Grandparents - Deadline

Community Christmas Card Delivery

**PD Day - No School**

The Seton Serves Sharing Tree - Deadline

**3rd Week of Advent Mass @St. Mary's @10:30**

**Pajama Day!!!**

**Hot Lunch - OPA**

**LAST DAY of SCHOOL before Christmas Break**

**Monday, January 6, 2025**

**First Day Back to School after Christmas Break**

Again, we thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,



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