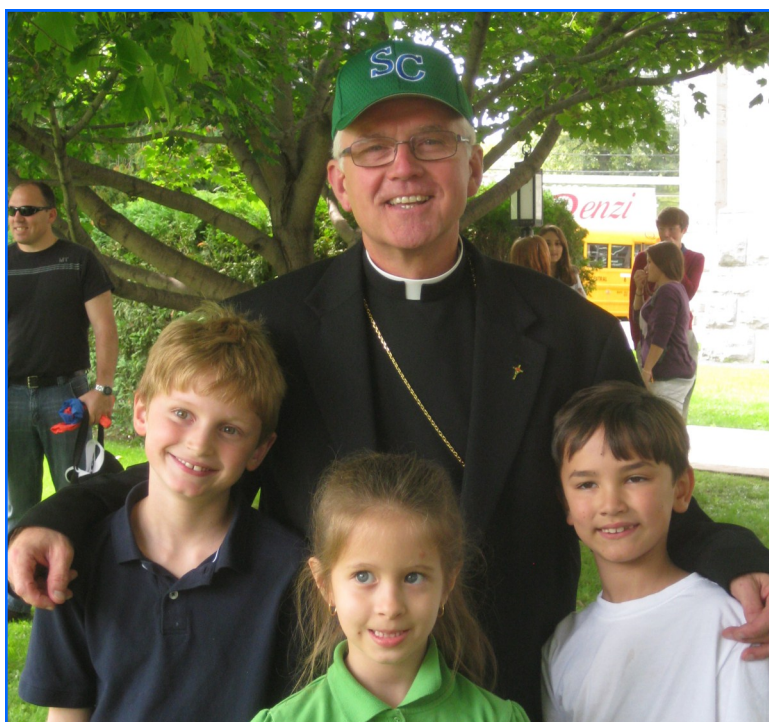


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## Seton Celebrates!



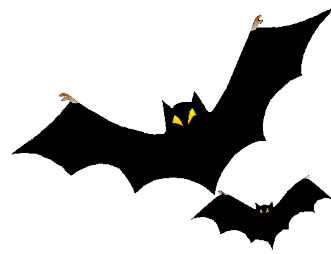
Future Seton *Kinights* are pictured here with Bishop LaValley.

On Friday, September 23, Seton Catholic and Seton Academy joined together to celebrate Mass at St. John's Church with Bishop Terry LaValley and their families. It was an amazing celebration with much praying, clapping, singing, dancing, and laughing among the students and other members of the parish. Many other priests from the area came to celebrate Mass alongside Bishop LaValley. After Mass group pictures were taken with the Bishop, starting with both schools and then breaking down to each class taking a separate picture with him. It was a beautiful day outside so everyone filled the side lawn of the church for lunch and lounging until the students and their teachers returned to school to finish out the remaining hours of the school day. Overall, it was a great religious day that helped everyone to connect with their faith in one of the most fun ways. Watching the little Seton Academy kids dance at their seats was quite entertaining as well! Thank you Bishop Lavalley! **-Andrea Arsenault**

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## Halloween: An unknown history



As one of the oldest and most famous holidays in the world, Halloween has been celebrated in different versions throughout many countries all over the earth. Despite this variety, however, the fundamental concepts remain the same. How is this possible? Why do people often dress up for Halloween? Why is it considered such a “scary” time of year? In order to fully understand and be able to explain such a legendary event, it is necessary to examine the past and define portions of its history.

Thousands of years ago, the Celts of present-day United Kingdom, Ireland, and northern France celebrated an annual festival called Samhain. The Celts deemed November 1 as the beginning of their new year and of winter, a time believed to have a connection with human death. Samhain was celebrated on the night before, October 31. On this night, the Celts believed, the barrier separating the world of the living from the world of the dead became obscured, and the spirits of the dead would be able to return to Earth. In addition, they thought that the presence of the dead caused trouble and mischief, and that the Druids, Celtic priests, had a greater ability to predict the future on this night. Other aspects of Samhain included sacrificing to the Celtic deities, lighting bonfires at certain times, fortune telling, and dressing up in animal heads and skins.

Throughout the course of four centuries, Celtic traditions combined with Roman celebrations, as the Roman Empire had conquered most of the Celtic lands by 43 A.D. One, Feralia, had been celebrated in late October in order to honor the passing of those who had died. The other Roman celebration was in honor of Pomona, the Roman goddess whose symbol was the apple. The tradition of bobbing for apples on Halloween can be traced back to the merging of Samhain and this Roman practice.



Today, Halloween is characterized by a variety of traditions. These traditions, including dressing up in bizarre costumes and going trick-or-treating, all have their origins in centuries-old customs. The celebrations of the past might be long gone, but the spirit of such traditions lives on through the Halloween we know today.

As leader of the Western Church in the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV decided to dedicate the Pantheon in honor of Christian martyrs on May 13, 609. All Martyrs’ Day was established, and Pope Gregory III later developed this celebration to include saints as well. The date was also changed to the first of November, and Christian customs began blending with older Celtic traditions. In the year 1000, “All Souls’ Day” was established as November 2, a day to honor those who had died. The celebration was characterized by many details similar to those of Samhain, such as the lighting of bonfires and dressing up in costumes. It came to be referred to as “All Hallows” or “All Hallowmas,” and the previous night subsequently became known as “All Hallows Eve.” (Continued on next page)



## **Halloween: An unknown history con.**

Centuries later, the British colonies in North America would develop their own version of Halloween. Although Protestant beliefs in New England often led to restrictions on celebrating Halloween, the southern colonies had greater freedom on the matter. European traditions and Native American customs mixed, beginning to form the basis for modern-day Halloween in America. Many aspects of Samhain and other similar festivals were incorporated into this colonial celebration. By the mid-1800s, autumn festivities were common. The flood of immigrants in the second half of the century greatly contributed to the spread of Halloween. English and Irish traditions combined to create the custom of what is today called trick-or-treating. Americans would go door-to-door asking for food or money.

The beginning of the twentieth century marked great changes for the American celebration of Halloween. To make it more community-oriented, people were encouraged to celebrate Halloween with parties and to remove as many disturbing aspects from the day as possible. This led to a significant decrease in superstitious behavior and religious influences on Halloween. In the first half of the 1900s, the celebration began to focus widely on children and today's version of trick-or-treating. **-Dana Chapman**

Source of information: <http://www.history.com/topics/halloween>

# **When You Think Of HaLoWeEn What Comes To Mind? Out Of 65 Students...**

### **7 Students said candy**



### **8 Students said costumes**



### **6 Students said movies**



### **8 Students said carving pumpkins**



**And 36 Students said all of the above!**

**-Alyse Clark**

## **Student Showcase**

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## **Student Reviews**

### **Deadline by Chris Crutcher**



Deadline by Chris Crutcher is a book about a teenage boy who finds out at the beginning of his senior year in high school that he has a terminal illness. Ben Wolf has always been different from everyone else, not in a sense of personality, but rather in a sense of height. Being eighteen years old and half the height of his younger brother, he has always known a world of “You can’t do this”. His answer has always been “Too bad, I’m going to try anyway”. After finding out about his illness, Ben quits the cross country team and tries out for the football team. He also tries to win the hiding affection of Dallas Suzuki. Finding ways to make his last year of life amazing is easy, but keeping a huge secret from his family and friends is much harder than he thought. And to top it all off, there’s more than one person with a big secret.

I loved reading Deadline. It was a captivating book about a boy just a couple years old than I am, struggling to keep a huge secret. There are many people in the world who have huge secrets like that and everyone as a secret of some kind so it was relatable in the sense that you know what it’s like to hide something from other people that you’re really close to. I enjoyed how the book portrayed the life of a teenager, especially a teenager who has more happening in his life than can be imagined by most in Seton.

I would recommend this book to people who aren’t afraid to cry or share emotions just because of a book. It an emotional roller coaster, just like high school. It’s dramatic, enthusiastic, sad, happy, and it tells a beautifully real story. A lot of people don’t realize how very true this story is to many people in the world and many people still in school. I found it an eye opener.

–**Andrea Arsenault**

# -Savvy Seton-

Following dress code and still being stylish can be quite a hassle. Well, not anymore! Take some advice from *Savvy Seton*. Get in the "Fall" spirit and dress with warm-hued clothes and accessories. Make your accessories fun! A favorite of mine is animal inspired necklaces, rings or bracelets! Look at some suggestions below for some examples. Let your imagination do the rest!



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## -Accessorize with these-



### Items (In order):

*Orange Knit Top, Forever 21, \$9.80*

*Tribal Stripped Cardigan, Forever 21, \$27.80*

*Morgan Low-Rise Cords, Delia's, \$49.50*

*Eenamaria Double Strap Satchel, Target, \$ 59.99*

*Dog Bracelet, H&M, \$7.95*

*Skinny Braid Belt, Delia's, \$14.50*

*5-pack Bracelets, H&M, 49.95*

-Lauren Grant

# Baker's Corner!

-Lauren Grant-



## Pumpkin Cookies with Brown Butter Icing!

### Ingredients (For the cookies):

- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/4 teaspoons coarse salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 2 1/4 cups packed light-brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups canned solid-pack pumpkin (14 ounces)
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract



### Ingredients (For the Icing):

- 4 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 10 tablespoons (1 1/4 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon evaporated milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

### Directions:

- 1 .Make cookies: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger, and nutmeg in a medium bowl; set aside.
2. Put butter and brown sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on medium speed until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Mix in eggs. Reduce speed to low. Add pumpkin, evaporated milk, and vanilla; mix until well blended, about 2 minutes. Add flour mixture; mix until combined.
- 3 .Transfer 1 1/2 cups batter to a pastry bag fitted with a 1/2-inch plain tip Pipe 1 1/2-inch rounds onto parchment-lined baking sheets, spacing 1 inch apart. Bake cookies, rotating sheets halfway through, until tops spring back, about 12 minutes. Cool on sheets on wire racks 5 minutes. Transfer cookies to wire racks; let cool
- 4.Make icing: Put confectioners' sugar in a large bowl; set aside. Melt butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook, swirling pan occasionally, until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Immediately add butter to confectioners' sugar, scraping any browned bits from sides and bottom of pan. Add evaporated milk and vanilla; stir until smooth. Spread about 1 teaspoon icing onto each cookie.

## Doing what's right- 7th grade stands up for good

Sexual harassment is when a person is harassed because of their gender. Sexual harassment is against the law and can be presented in both physical and verbal ways. The harasser can be either male or female.

How do you know the difference between teasing and sexual harassment? Sexual harassment in school is unnecessary interaction that interferes with someone's ability to participate in school, extracurricular activities, and/or work in a school setting. It is an illegal form of bullying and is prohibited by the Title VII of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

How do you stop sexual harassment? There are many ways a person can stop this unwanted behavior. One way is to tell the person to stop. Another is to write a letter to the person and explain how you feel. You can either give the person the letter or have a trusted adult give them the letter. You can also tell an adult about the situation if you are uncomfortable confronting the harasser. These are just some of the many ways that you can stop sexual harassment. Even if you are not the one being sexually harassed, and you are aware of someone else being harassed, you should still tell an adult instead of being a part of it.

Sexual harassment is a crime and it happens every day. Sexual harassment needs to end. It is unfair to those who experience it, and it is not their fault that it has happened to them. -Article and poster by Reilly Boule



## Getting to know you, getting to know all about you...

### *An Interview with Rafael*

-From Brazil

-Loves the beach

Interview by Meagan Morelock



Meagan: Hi, Rafael, where are you from?

Rafael: I am from Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Meagan: How long have you been in the U.S. for, and do you like it here?

Rafael: I have been here since September fifth, and yes, so far I like it.

Meagan: What do you like doing in your spare time?

Rafael: Well, in Brazil, I love to hang out with friends, travel, and go to the beach. I am still getting used to America.

Meagan: Yes, I am sure it is quite different here. We have different foods then in Brazil, what is your favorite food here?

Rafael: Well, it's not really American, but I like the fajitas in the cafeteria.

Meagan: Can you pick a song that describes you? Why?

Rafael: All I know are Brazilian songs so any song from *Novos Baianos*, a Brazilian band. They are relaxed and tropical, that's why I like it.

Meagan: What do you think is the scariest thing about coming to a new country for a whole year?

Rafael: People not liking you, and being alone.

Meagan: Where's your favorite place in America.

Rafael: I don't know. I have not really seen anything yet.

Meagan: That is all, thank you!

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## Getting to know you, getting to know all about you...

### *New Teacher Interview with Miss Wilson*

-From Tupper Lake

-Loves Math

-Enjoys Dogs

Interview by Meagan Morelock



Meagan: Hi Miss Wilson, thank you so much for your time today! I will try not to embarrass you that much, I promise.

Miss Wilson: Oh no! (laughs)

Meagan: So, you are our new math teacher here, have you always known you wanted to be a high school math teacher?

Miss Wilson: I knew I wanted to be a teacher since tenth grade, but I wanted to be an elementary teacher because I loved kids. But after I took more math classes in high school, I knew I wanted to be a high school math teacher.

Meagan: I see. When you were a little girl what did you tell everyone you wanted to be when you grew up?

Miss Wilson: A ballerina. (laughs)

Meagan: That's too cute! Being a struggling math student myself, do you have any words of wisdom for those who just feel like giving up in school?

Miss Wilson: Do not give up! Keep trying and going in for help. Also, remember that there are different ways of learning, like auditory or visual learning.

Meagan: What do you like to do in your spare time?

Miss Wilson: Well, I have a young puppy who takes up most of my time, very energetic.

Meagan: Okay, well, thank you for meeting with me today!

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## **Puzzles and Quizzes**

### Riddles and Jokes

1. Can you solve this riddle? Each line contains a clue to the letter that comes next in the word. (Hint: It's the name of a creature).

*My first letter is in spell, but never in book,  
My second letter is in fright and also in shook,  
My third letter is in cauldron, but never in pot,  
My fourth letter is in net and also in knot,  
My fifth letter is in bat, but never in vampire,  
My sixth letter is in coal, but not found in fire  
My seventh letter is in moon, but not in night,  
Complete I will give you a spooky fright!*

2. What do ghosts wear when their eye sight is getting bad?
3. Why are vampires crazy?
4. Why do skeletons always catch a cold?
5. What did the doctor give the witch who had a sore throat?
6. What do you get when you cross a witch with an iceberg?
7. What kind of witch lives by the sea?
8. What do lady ghosts put on their skin?
9. When is it bad luck to meet a black cat?
10. How did the bat learn to fly?
11. If you worked in a mortuary, what would you call your free time?
12. What is a vampire's favorite fruit?
13. What would you get if you crossed a mummy with a vampire?
14. How do you make a witch stew?

## Puzzles and Quizzes

### *Halloween Word Search*

W T R O R R O H S A Q F L G  
D R A C U L A R S T S O H G  
C N I A H M A S O V B O C R  
D K L O D S F R Y R U O T A  
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N L C R R S O C A R V I N G  
S B S D S N R E T S N O M R  
A Y S D E R I P M A V O P L

Bats	Ghosts	Owls	Terror
Black cat	Gourd	Monster	Tombstone
Boo	Graveyard	Pumpkins	Trick or Treat
Cape	Haunt	Samhain	Vampire
Carving	Horror	Scream	Warlocks
Dracula	Howl	Skeleton	Witch
Fright	Ghoul	Spiders	Yell

### Riddles Answer Key

1. A phantom
2. Spookicles
3. Because they are all bats
4. Because they get chilled to the bone
5. Coffin drops
6. A cold spell
7. A sandwich
8. Vanishing cream
9. When you're a mouse
10. He took batting lessons
11. A coffin break
12. Neck-tarines
13. Either a Band Aid or a gift wrapped bat
14. Keep her waiting for hours.

**For Your Entertainment**

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## With pen in hand: Knightly News information

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