

# THE EAGLE

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Ben Zahn  
President

The excitement of the new school year is well under way. School started smoothly, thanks to Mrs. Danos, Fr. Seiler, our school and parish staffs, and our dedicated teachers. Thanks to all of them our children have a great environment in which they can mentally and spiritually grow. We had our first Home & School Association Board Meeting on August 21, and all of our officers & board members are excited and very enthusiastic about this coming year. Celeste Roethele and Mary d'Aquin did a fantastic job at the Teacher's luncheon, while Belinda Mc Adams, Evelyn Lugo and Donna Drago presented a warm welcome to all for OPEN HOUSE and our NEWCOMERS SOCIAL. Wendy Hinyub, our "Ways & Means" Chairman, has already planned a "SEAS/CiCi's" Night for September 20th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The school will get 10% from each sale that evening, when you mention SEAS. If you go for lunch, do the same, and mention SEAS.

Our Sally Foster Gift Wrap people are Maureen Songer and Chantel Adolph. They have done a great job of getting their forms out, and are getting the orders placed. The fundraiser was from August 28th - September 11th. Thank them for their hard work on this fundraiser.

Kevin and Robin Delahoussaye and Joan Kathmann are planning our City Park Night, this year for sometime in the spring. For those of you who have never attended this, please note that this night is full of fun, and the children have a great time.

Melissa Lewis is our Publicity Person this year and will work closely with the School Board to promote school

functions, children's special achievements, and any news that puts SEAS on the map.

Our first General Membership Meeting was Monday, August 28. It was well attended, and a good jump-start for the exciting year that lies ahead. Home and School Association presented a check to Mrs. Danos for \$10,000.00 that will be put toward many school needs. Chief of Police Steve Caraway was our guest speaker and spoke about Internet Predators. We will try to have a speaker at each meeting.

The Fair Chairmen, Laurie Becker and Rhonda LeBlanc, spoke about the upcoming fair scheduled for October 13th and 14th. Sounds like a lot of fun is in store for all of us.

As your President this year, my special message to you and all those outside our SEAS Family, is that SEAS is a special place. Let's work together to spread this word and promote all that SEAS has to offer. I want to thank everyone on the Board for their help. We will work very hard this year to make SEAS move in a positive forward direction. Again, Thank you all, and Welcome Back!

Thanks-  
Ben

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## BUILDING TOGETHER WITH FAITH AND TEAMWORK



## A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we begin a new school year it gives me cause to reflect on this summer's activities. Even though the children were out of school, our faculty was planning for an exciting curriculum. Ace Hardware completed the interior of our kindergarten classrooms. We welcomed new teachers to our school and are pleased they have a great returning faculty to mentor them. At our Back-To-School-Nights you received a synopsis of the faculty's outstanding education accomplishments and professional experiences.

Our teachers were involved in a variety summer classes. Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Dupuy, and Ms. Deck enrolled in INTECH computer training. Ms. Breaux, Mrs. Sprague and Mrs. Woodward enrolled in standards-based education inservices.

We certainly are excited to welcome many new families to our St. Elizabeth family. They bring many gifts and talents that will enrich our school. Thanks to one new family, the Palacio's, for donating paint and expert labor toward painting our exterior doors. This is another sign of God's blessing upon our school.

Our appreciation to Lipps Printing for many years of allowing us to use their server for hosting our website. Within the next two months, we will have a new host that will allow us to add more features to our parish and school website. We thank Pam Roth for years of volunteering her expertise as our Webmaster.

Renee Chapman has volunteered to work on beautification of the grounds. We thank her for offering to organize this committee. We will be sending future gardening dates via our e-mail database. Please send us your e-mail address for future updates.

The Marketing Committee of the School Board has designed a weekly publication, "Eagle Watch," to inform you about our school week at-a-glance. This will take the place of individual notices and reminders sent from the office. Please keep your copy of the "Eagle Watch" for the entire week. The youngest and/or only child in each family will receive a weekly copy. The Eagle newsletter will continue to be a monthly publication that you will receive in hard copy and also it will be posted on-line. It will keep you informed of long-term future school activities, student achievements, and Home and School events and fundraisers. Please support our Eagle advertisers and let them know you appreciate their contribution to our school.

Each family will be receiving a copy of the 2006-2007 Handbook. Please read and sign the final three pages of the Handbook (Computer Use Policy, Website Policy, Parent Handbook Policy). We are under Archdiocesan mandate to have parent and student signatures on all three pages.

God bless,  
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## SCHOOL BOARD

It is hard to believe it is the beginning of yet another school year. With this comes energy, excitement and enthusiasm from our children and ourselves (it was a long summer huh?). We have a very excited and energetic School Board this year that consists of a diverse group of members with varying backgrounds and with varying years of experiences with children attending SEAS. This mix of background and experiences gives us the best of both worlds of knowing and understanding the past as well as the ability for fresh new ideas to be introduced from differing perspectives and experiences. Your 2006-2007 SEAS School Board Members are:

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The purpose of the School Board is to serve both Mrs. Danos and Father Seiler in an advisory and consultative capacity with the goal of continuously improving the Religious and Academic experiences for our children here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. To continuously improve is always challenging and SEAS is no different. For instance, for the last three years, 100% of our students went to the High Schools of their first choice. How can we improve upon this? Maybe, we could look into earning extra credit points and increase this percentage above 100%!!!

In addition to your children's experiences, we also aim to continuously improve upon your experiences as SEAS parents and grandparents. You see, it's a partnership between teachers, students and parents with the School Board as one vehicle, along with the Home and School Association, to facilitate and nurture this partnership.

Areas of interest to the School Board are Religion, Academics, Finance, Facilities, Marketing and Public Relations, and Alumni Affairs. Subcommittees, or as I view them, ACTION Committees to the School Board have been developed with non-board member's participation. If you have any interest or comments in any of these areas, feel free to contact me or any other Board Member.

In closing, we would like to hear from you and we certainly welcome your comments and feedback on how the School Board can continuously improve, and how we can serve you and your children's needs better.

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Kevin Hulin—Salutatorian of Archbishop Rummel High School, University of Texas at Dallas Academic Honors Scholarship

Melanie Mancuso—Scholarship to Louisiana State University and University of New Orleans from Archbishop Chapelle

Eric Martin— National Merit Finalist Archbishop Rummel High School, Archdiocesan Outstanding Parish Youth Award

Stephanie Riera—Scholarship to Southeastern Louisiana University from Archbishop Chapelle

Kimberly Vinci—Archdiocesan Eagle of the Cross Award from Mount Carmel Academy

**Ad Renewals are Due**

Ads will be published in 8 issues of the Eagle. There are four sizes available.

- Single Box Ad.....\$75
- Double Box Ad.....\$125
- 1/4 Page.....\$225
- 1/2 Page.....\$400

**Please support our ad sponsors. These ads support our school and are important to the continuation of our newsletter.**

**If you would like to place an ad in The Eagle or renew your ad, please send your payment to school in an envelope marked SEAS Newsletter, Attn: Angela Hebert. All ad money must be received by October 1st to be included in the next issue of The Eagle.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Angela Hebert 468-6958.**

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## FOCUS ON FAITH

### WHO HAS TIME TO SAY THE ROSARY?

“Once school starts, we hit the ground running!” the stressed-out mother said. “We get home from school and do homework, then it’s a quick dinner, and off to ball practice. They get a little television in, and it’s time for bed. We couldn’t cram one more thing into the day! Just when are we supposed to pray?” Well, let’s think about that...

As parents, we work hard to meet our children’s physical and emotional needs. But how much time do we spend tending to their spiritual needs? One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is teaching them to pray, and a good place to start is with the family rosary. Why should we teach our children to pray? We teach them to turn to prayer in times of stress and worry, instead of less healthy ways to cope. Adults and children who have a healthy prayer life are better at dealing with conflict, have increased positive interactions in the family, reduced verbal aggression, and better overall mental health. Meaningful prayer can strengthen bonds, build unity, and reinforce values.

October is the month of the rosary, and a perfect time to begin making a family rosary part of your routine. Find 15 or 20 minutes in your day when the family can be together and recite the rosary. If your children are too young to sit still for a whole rosary, try saying one decade each night. We make time for so many things in our busy days—shouldn’t we take the time to make God the center of our families and our lives?

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## It's Fair Time

### Help Wanted

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### Confetti Eggs

Please continue to bring clean egg shells for the Confetti Egg Booth. This booth is one of our most profitable and popular booths.

### Fair Drives

September 18-22	Bring in new or used books or videos (G, PG, PG-13).
September 25-29	Bring in new gift items for the pick a prize booth
October 2-6	Bring in Tootsie Pops/Suckers for Pop-Pull booth or packaged baked goods.
October 9-13	Bring in baked goods (homemade or store bought) or any other item for the fair.

### Teen Dance

On Friday, October 6, 2006 the CYO is helping the parish fair by sponsoring a teen dance. Anyone in the sixth grade and up is invited. The dance will be held in the church from 7 p.m. —10 p.m. Admission is \$5.00. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

### Family Bingo

On Saturday, October 7 the parish fair will have a Family Bingo. It will be held in the church at 7 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will be staffing the bingo. Cards are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. We will be setting up after 4 p.m. Mass. If anyone can help with setting up, please let Rhonda or Laurie know. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

### Fair Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor a booth or a tent at the fair, please contact the Parish office at 468-1441.