

# THE EAGLE

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Ben Zahn  
President

First, let me wish all a happy Holiday Season and New Year. It is incredible to think that we are entering the Christmas Holidays and half way through our school year. Again, thanks to all those who have made my year so much easier. Wendy Hinyub has had two more Ways & Means SEAS fundraisers at Mc Alister's & Chevy's which were well attended and successful. Thanks goes to Mrs. Danos and our teachers for agreeing to cooperate with homework passes on these and future SEAS Nights.

A special thanks to Jamie Breaux, and Wendy Hinyub for their SCRIP work which has raised \$2,249.14 to date. Please continue throughout the year ordering gift cards through our school.

Evelynn Lugo got our Directories finished and distributed. If you do not have yours, please obtain one from our school office.

The CCSCC Luncheon was this month, and thanks goes to Diane Kennedy and Shellie DeHoog for all their hard work and representation at the luncheon for the school.

Our next Home & School Meeting is February 12th at 7:00 p.m. Michelle Hanzo is finalizing our Featured Guest Speaker. Details will follow soon.

Special thanks goes to Suzanne Hebert and her Auction Committee. She has arranged to move our Auc-

tion on April 20, 2007 to the Radisson Hotel in Kenner. She and her committee members will give us "An Affair With Flair" in 2007. Some past Auction Co-Chairs and I have met with her and look forward to her new and exciting ideas for our Biggest Fundraiser of the year. I thank her for her time and efforts.

Again, special thanks to everyone that helps the Home & School Association to prosper. Your dedication and service does not go unnoticed.

Happy Holidays and  
Merry Christmas,  
Ben

**"Building Together with Faith and Teamwork"**



## BUILDING TOGETHER WITH FAITH AND TEAMWORK



## A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We thank God for the blessings we have received in the year 2006 and with anticipation, await the blessings God has planned for us this new year.

Your children have had many opportunities to develop their spiritual lives during the Advent season. They have prayed Advent prayers together. We have had a successful coat and blanket drive. The children donated \$1200 on St. Nicholas Day for our alumnus, Brother Ryan Richardson and his order, Legionaries of Christ. Children have sent each other candy gram messages. Seventh graders held a raffle with proceeds going to the Feed Jesus/Lantern Light Project. It has been a wonderful spirit of giving without expectations of receiving something in return.

In preparation for beginning our SACS/CASI accreditation process, every family has received a survey of opinions regarding our school. Thank each of you for taking the time to complete the survey. It will help us in determining what our next steps are as we plan for continuous improvement, as we *grow from good to great*. We are seeking SACS CASI accreditation in the Spring 2008. In future "Eagle" issues we will keep you informed as to where we are in the timeline and what accreditation is all about.

Exams (grades 5-7) are completed prior to our Christmas holidays. Report cards (K-7) will be distributed January 5.

Our faculty and staff wish you a blessed Christmas season. We pray that 2007 is a wonderful year of blessings for your family.



Merry Christmas,  
Joan Danos

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## **SACS CASI Accreditation- *growing from good to great***

Over the next few months I will explain the accreditation process and our expectations. We are excited to have the opportunity to continue to develop and improve the quality of education provided to your child. An overview of the accreditation process will be presented in question and answer form. Mrs. Danos

### **What is accreditation?**

Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance. The goal is to evaluate, verify, and improve a school's quality.

### **What is SACS CASI?**

This national organization is a result of a merger of many accrediting commissions. This commission is under the umbrella of AdvancED. Recognition from this organization signifies that we have met exemplary practices of demonstrating a quality education to all of our students.

### **What are the earmarks for acquiring accreditation?**

A school must demonstrate that it seeks to meet high standards with a clear vision and purpose. There must be evidence that demonstrates research-based methods of instruction and performance are practiced.

The school must engage in continuous improvement based on student performance. Accreditation is an on-going process of meeting standards, continuous improvement, and quality assurance is demonstrated through internal and external review.

A team of professionals from outside the school must evaluate the school. The team provides feedback and makes recommendations concerning the future efforts to improve student performance and organizational effectiveness.

### **What is the responsibility of our Accreditation Steering Committee?**

Over the past year we have been readying for this process. Steering Committee personnel have attended numerous meetings to understand the sequence and to prepare for the responsibilities of examining and collating the data. Faculty have been inserviced on the time line, the seven standards, and expectations. All faculty and staff will be required to work on at least one subcommittee.

Mrs. Kathmann will chair our Steering Committee. Other steering committee representatives include Mrs. Bonura, Ms. Cahill, Mrs. DelRio, Mrs. Dever, Mrs. Kincannon, and Mrs. Woodward. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Melanie Verges, principal of St. Rita, to oversee the process. Dr. Verges wrote her doctoral dissertation on the positive effect of accreditation and school improvement in Catholic schools.

### **What data will be collected?**

Stakeholders will be asked to complete a survey of opinions regarding our school. The collation of that data, in addition to examination of student performance, will help us identify areas of strength and areas we will focus on improving.

## 2006-2007

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STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS  
BY TAYLOR DELAHOUSAYE

Student Council has been very busy. For Halloween, they spooked the middle school lockers by placing candy on them. Elizabeth Scott, Cory Cacamo, Paul Marcello and Giselle Medina went to a leadership workshop at Rummel High School.

We also had a food drive for Thanksgiving. Canned goods were collected for parishioners in SEAS Parish.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade representatives decorated our school's Christmas tree at City Park for Christmas in the Oaks. If your family goes to Christmas in the Oaks, please stop by and take a look at our tree.

Again this year, Student Council sold candy grams from Monday, December 3, to Friday, December 15. The cost was one for 25¢, 5 for \$1.00 or to send one to a whole class is \$5.00. The candy grams were distributed the week of December 17. Thanks to all who participated.

*Open House—  
January 25, 2007*

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will host an Open House on Thursday, January 25, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

All parents interested in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Seventh are invited to attend.

Please meet in the church at 9:30 a.m.

For information, please call the school at 468-3524.

Please let others know who may be interested in having their children attend St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

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**FOCUS ON FAITH**

**What Are Your New Year's Resolutions?**

New Year's has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want, or need, to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. The most popular resolutions deal with losing weight, reducing debt, and ending all of our bad habits. But, as parents, our most important job is to help our children grow up into happy, morally responsible, Christian adults. Children learn to be Christian by osmosis, by experiencing Christianity at home. The "domestic church" prepares children for the local and world Church. It is in the home, in the domestic church, that children first learn basic trust which is the foundation of faith. Without the experience of faith, hope and commitment in the home, children will not be able to know and understand the larger Church. What sort of role models are we for our children? Have we accepted the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith a promise we made at their baptism? Do we attend Mass every Sunday? Do we pray as a family? Do we go to Confession? We make time for eating out, shopping, sports events, and recreation. Let's make our New Year's Resolution this year to be better people, better Catholic Christians, for our children to learn from and to imitate.

**2006-2007**  
**CHESS TEAM**

**Kindergarten**

Connor Dudoussat, Brandon Logan, Eve Roethele

**First Grade**

Abhishek Jani, Ethan Mauterer, Dylan Mckeough, Joshua Philips

**Second Grade**

Brandon Lewis, Drake Roethele, Curtis Wehle, and Blake Zahn

**Third Grade**

Claudio Aguirre, Devin Martorana, Max Meidna, Hailee Pellegrin, Nick Philips

**Fourth Grade**

Riece Dudoussat, Colin Hery, Daniel Langteau, Brandon Lee, Bailey Mauterer, Kallie Pendleton, Emily Snyder

**Fifth Grade**

Phillip d'Aquin, Coby Kirkikis, Sean McAdams, Ryan Mckeough, Zachara Watterson, Gabrielle Wehle, Ben Zahn

**Sixth Grade**

Emily Wehle

**DECEMBER 2006 AND JANUARY 2007  
DATES TO REMEMBER**



December 15, 18, 19 December 20	Exams 9:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Parties
December 22 <b>December 21 —Jan. 3</b>	<b>Early Dismissal —11:00 a.m.</b> Parish Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. <b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>January 2007</b>	
January 3 January 4	Teacher In-Service Classes Resume — <b>NO AM/PM BUS SERVICE</b> Feast of St. Elizabeth Begin 3 <sup>rd</sup> nine weeks
January 5	Report Cards Home <b>NO AM/PM SERVICE BUS</b>
January 9 January 13	Special Treat “ Grandparents” Club High School Application Day
<b>January 15</b> January 24	<b>NO SCHOOL — Martin Luther King Day</b> Class Pictures
<b>January 25</b> January 29 Jan. 29-Feb. 2	<b>9:30-11:00 a.m. Open House for Prospective Parents</b> 2007-08 Current Student Registration Catholic Schools Week
<b>February 2007</b>	
February 2 February 6	Return 2007-08 Registration packet & fee due Progress Reports
February 12 February 15	7:00 p.m. Home & School General Meeting New Student Registration 7:00-8:30 pm
<b>February 16</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> for students <b>Parent/Teacher Confer- ences/SACS Teacher In-Service</b>
<b>February 19-23</b> February 27	<b>NO SCHOOL - Mardi Gras Holidays</b> High School Acceptance Letters go home

**"An Affair With Flair"**

April 20, 2007

The 2007 auction will be held April 20, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel in Kenner. Auction volunteers are needed for various committees. If you would like to work on the auction or have prizes to donate please contact Suzanne Hebert or Angela Hebert. Our auction can only be a success with the support of our parents. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

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### “Keep Christ in Christmas” Contest Winners

#### Category 1—(Grades 3,4,5)


Poem	Torri Sutherland	3rd Grade
Poster	Hunter Williams	5th Grade
Poster	Ryan McKeough	Honorable Mention

#### Category 2—(Grades 6 and 7)

Poem	Dominic Schiro	7th Grade
Poster	Greyson Bordelon	7th Grade
Essay	Nicholas Webre	7th Grade

Congratulation to our winners and thank you to everyone that submitted entries for this year’s contest.





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### Soccer Team

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 Marissa Ramsey  
 CJ Schaffer

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 Brandon Campbell  
 Morgan Grosz  
 Austin LeBlanc  
 Jolie Robichaux  
 Kyle Springmann

Vince Buck  
 Juan Flores  
 Courtney Huang  
 Simone Mayer  
 Tyler Rooney  
 Antonio Torres