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Discover the Seton Advantage

For more than 30 years, Seton Home Study School has developed a reputation for devotion to the Catholic Faith and high levels of academic excellence. We are a full-service program for Grades Pre-K through 12, built around the needs of individual students and families.

Here are two quotes to give you some insight into our philosophy here at Seton. The first quote is from Pope St. John Paul II: "Parents are the first and the most important educators of their own children, and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area; they are educators because they are parents."



Curriculum

We offer a full service accredited program from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. Our curriculum is authentically Catholic and academically excellent. All course textbooks and workbooks are provided for our families. Many of the books are written and produced by Seton.



MySeton

Our families have access to MySeton, a personalized web page for you and your student with Lesson Plans, tests, and assignments available online and easy access to grades and records. You also have access to our growing collection of multimedia aids, including our popular video tutorials.



Counseling

Enrolled families receive open access to our professional Academic Counselors for every subject and grade level, for parents and students. We also offer advice on topics like organization and balance as you begin your homeschooling journey.



Thomas Family, setonmagazine.com, August '15



Brelinsky Family, setonmagazine.com, September '15

This quote from Pope St. John Paul II describes our philosophy here at Seton. We have every confidence that you will be successful in your homeschooling endeavors because you are a parent, and because you are a parent, you are naturally a teacher.

The second quote is from our Director, Dr. Mary Kay Clark: “Adjust the program to fit the child, not the child to fit the program.”

Our entire staff here at Seton will assist you in customizing our curriculum to be the perfect fit for your child. The students and families enrolled with Seton have the unique opportunity to partake of the fullness of Catholic truth as they experience the beauty, freedom, and peace that comes from Catholic moral and academic formation in a family setting.

As one parent so beautifully put it: “I just enrolled in year four at Seton; how my children are growing! We are so thankful for the opportunity Seton gives our family to combine faith, morals, education, and maximum family time!”



Grading

Our expert teaching staff is available to grade required tests and assignments. We maintain transcripts, send report cards, issue certificates upon completion of Kindergarten and Eighth Grade, and award High School diplomas when graduation requirements have been met.



Resources

We provide you with relevant resources that will give you tools, hints, and ideas to assist you as you embark on the wonderful journey of homeschooling. These include videos, newsletters, support group information, and of course, our Academic Counselors.



Community

To help you connect with other parents and families, we offer online forums for parents and students through our MySeton webpage, which is exclusively for enrolled students and families. Of course, you can call or email the Seton staff at any time.



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The mission of Seton Home Study School, an international Catholic institution, is to ensure that all of its students thrive intellectually and spiritually using a Christ-centered educational program that empowers them to live the Catholic Faith while embracing the academic or vocational challenges of the twenty-first century.

“My son is in the 7th Grade this year and we’ve been with Seton since he started school! Love all the support and kindness! Thanks for hiring such wonderful, devoted, Christian people who seem to love what they do!”

- Shirley G.





We are ready to help you **succeed.**

For every subject and grade level, parents and students can get academic counseling via phone, message boards, and email. We also offer general counseling for any homeschooling questions: discipline, motivation, parent/child concerns, course placement, study habits, and more.

Meet Your Elementary Counseling Team



Dr. Mary Kay Clark



Carin Delancey



Lisa Clark



Chip Hibl



Jacinta Black



Bruce Hacker



Cecilia Sauer



Manuel Vicente



Welcome!

Dear Parent,

Welcome to Seton Home Study School.

As you begin your homeschooling journey, I want to thank you. Over the years, our counselors and I have received the thanks of thousands of Catholic parents. But, the real thanks belong to you.

Many people look in books or movies to find heroes, but at Seton Home Study School, we do not need to look far for heroes. We have the honor of speaking to you homeschooling parents almost every day. You homeschooling mothers and fathers are our heroes. Thank you for allowing us to support you on your homeschooling journey—a journey that will strengthen your children's faith, knowledge, understanding, and self-motivation.

Inside your Catholic home, you provide an environment in which knowing, loving, and serving God is respected and protected. Inside your home, you teach about the wonder of life and the wonder of the universe. You instill in them the love of God, the love of life, and the love of learning that they will cherish all their lives.

Pope St. John Paul II always maintained that a new springtime is coming in the Church. When this springtime arrives, and you look around and see people renewed with spiritual vigor, please do me a favor. Think back on the days and nights spent teaching your children. Recall the hours spent sounding out letters in Phonics. Remember the joy of re-reading a favorite book from your youth as you help your child with a book report. When this springtime arrives, breathe in the scent of this new spiritual bouquet. Think back to your days of homeschooling, and say to yourself, "I helped." You are quietly changing the world. You are changing America. Most importantly, you are changing your children.

Pope Paul VI once said, "Every mother is like Moses. She does not enter the Promised Land. She prepares a world she will not see." At Seton, we look forward to serving you on your journey to the Promised Land. It will not always be easy, but it will always be rewarding, and we will be with you. You are not alone.

On behalf of the entire Seton staff, thank you for letting us help you teach your children. You could give us no greater gift.

Welcome to the Seton family.

Keeping the Holy Family as our model,

Mary Kay Clark, Ph.D.

Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kay Clark". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.



Here I am with my husband, Bruce, and our seven sons and their families (30+ grandkids!), 4th of July 2016

The Value of Your Enrollment

When we say the value of your enrollment, we mean the worth and the merit of your enrollment. Your enrollment provides you with much more than just a box of books.

It provides an accredited education, a strong support system, and a community of staff and homeschoolers who are in your corner. It provides access to academic and support counseling, grading and record keeping, and of course the solid accredited Catholic curriculum that promotes strong Catholic values in each and every subject.

1. Seton's Catholic Books and Materials

Years ago, we realized that publishers were not producing the kinds of books that families needed: solidly Catholic, academically excellent, and geared toward homeschooling. So, we started the long-term process of writing and producing our own books, specifically designed for Catholic, homeschooling families.

Today, Seton is one of the largest publishers of Catholic textbooks in the United States. Publishing our own Catholic books has become a central part of Seton Home Study School. Producing our own books has allowed us to incorporate Catholic teachings throughout the program.

We believe that Catholic families who have chosen to homeschool their children deserve nothing less than the highest quality Catholic materials—and we continually strive to meet their expectations.

2. Seton's Proven Program for Success

Seton employs a common sense approach to education. At Seton, we stress the need to create a firm foundation in basic Catholic education. We focus special attention on the study of the basics of the English language, writing, literary analysis, reading, mathematics, the history of Western Civilization, and Catholic culture.

We consistently refer to the lives of the saints, the Bible, prayer, and the teachings of the Church in all subjects. Above all, the Seton curriculum is Christ-centered and built around a single idea: supporting parents in their role as the primary educators of their children.

3. Flexible Lesson Plans

Seton's detailed Lesson Plans are academic, faith-centered parent guides, carefully designed to remove the stress of planning your daily lessons. These Lesson Plans provide a daily schedule of assignments. The Lesson Plans can be adjusted in the Teacher's Plan Book and they can be adjusted online and printed out for each day.





Because every child is unique and may need different levels of study in certain areas, the Lesson Plans indicate what is required, optional, and supplemental. You can then adjust the Lesson Plans to meet the needs of your child and family.

The lesson plans are to be returned to Seton at the end of each year's enrollment. However, we encourage you to write in them, or highlight in them to mark the student's progress.

4. Counseling Services

Seton enrollment includes access to our professional academic counseling for students and for the parent-teacher. Our counselors are available for every subject and grade level. They are even available to offer advice on topics like organization, general homeschooling, and family issues relating to homeschooling.

Seton's teachers and counselors are eager to assist you in making your Seton experience a successful one. With a Seton counselor just a phone call or email away, you are never alone in your journey.

5. Grading and Record Keeping

Seton provides report cards for students and keeps all student records. We maintain transcripts, send report cards, issue certificates upon completion of kindergarten and eighth grade, and award High School diplomas.

Tests are usually submitted to Seton for grading about every nine weeks. Along with the tests, the parent-teacher sends a quarterly report form, which includes the student's grades for weekly assignments. Tests and report forms can be sent via the Internet or the mail. Our staff will then grade your child's tests and record the grades on the report card.

Our staff constantly strives to maintain a supportive relationship with parents so that we can support your family's specific needs and goals.

6. Flexible Enrollment & Scheduling

The beginning and end of the school year, as well as the timing and length of breaks during the year, is up to you. Some families homeschool the usual 9 to 10 months while others homeschool year round. There is no requirement that you begin or end your school year on a specific date. In fact, you could enroll in April, but have the books sent to you in August.

We also have a half-year enrollment option. With a half-year enrollment, you receive all of the same books, but only submit graded work for two quarters.

7. Accreditation

We know that Seton offers a superior education, but accreditation is a way for the rest of the world—including college admissions officers and school superintendents—to know that Seton adheres to the highest professional standards and offers an education equal to other prestigious schools. Seton's accreditation enhances the value of a Seton diploma and transcripts.

Moreover, in the event a student returns to private, Catholic, or public school, accreditation smooths the transition. With an accredited transcript from Seton, you can be confident that other schools or colleges will recognize our credits because we are accredited by the very same agency, AdvancED, that accredits many of the public schools.

8. Testing

A Seton enrollment starts helping you from the very beginning. In addition to Dr. Clark's book, *Catholic Homeschooling*, and a welcome packet, you will receive an assessment test designed specifically for the Seton curriculum. For example, a student entering the third grade, would take an end of second grade test that covers reading, grammar, and math skills to ensure that he/she has the skills necessary for the expected grade level.

After you submit the test to Seton, a counselor will review the test results and contact you before finalizing the courses. If the test discloses a weakness, the counselor will work with you to adjust the curriculum if necessary. For example, a new student might have scored low in math. After consultation, you and the counselor may agree on a third grade curriculum, but with second grade math to build up the weak skill level.

At the end of the enrollment each year, Seton provides an assessment test. This test evaluates the success of the student's progress for that school year. The assessment test also measures the student's skill levels in various language arts and math areas.

9. Online Resources

Seton families receive a MySeton account that provides personalized resources for parents and students. Upon entering fourth grade, tests are available online. At all grade levels, you can submit papers electronically for grading, and correspond with the Seton Staff.

You also have access to our growing collection of multimedia aids, including our video tutorials. MySeton has daily online Lesson Plans that you can adjust according to your own family schedule. See page 10 for more details.



MySeton Features



Your Command Center

Each enrolled student and family has a personal, online MySeton account that lists courses, quarter grades, assignment grades, credits, and more.

This is your command center. From here you can keep track of all information related to your courses.



Easily track academic progress throughout the school year.

Each student has an individual page with the courses for the current school year and all previous years with Seton. This page presents the year by quarter, so a student or parent can see which quarters have been completed per course.



View digital copies of assignments.

For many courses, the student can view or print his current assignment from an online-style Lesson Plan.



Automatically generate customized, daily Lesson Plans.

Most courses have online printable Lesson Plans which can be adjusted to your own schedule. In MySeton, just click the “Print Lesson Plan” link on the blue bar to see a list of printable Lesson Plans.



Supplemental resources available for course work.

Through the student’s MySeton account, the student can find course resources that may include: course notes, video tutorials, notices, updates, and answer keys.



Take tests online for instant submission to Seton for grading.

For most courses, the student can upload assignment submissions like book reports or math tests, or take online versions of his tests. Many online tests are automatically graded to provide instant feedback.



Review all student grades and reports in one easy place.

When assignments are submitted online, or online tests are taken, the student will receive his graded assignments through his MySeton account, and can see the grades and the comments made by the graders.



Request Student Transcripts.

Online transcript requests can be sent directly to the Seton registrar to obtain official transcripts on a timely basis.



Update contact and student information.

Parents can update their address, email address, and phone numbers. They can set communications preferences, and establish certain limits on their students’ accounts. Parents can learn their outstanding balance if they are on payment “Plan B.”

With you every day, every step of the way



Succeeding in the Primary Years

Teaching children from Pre-Kindergarten through the Third Grade can be both challenging and very rewarding. While some parents find these the easiest grades to teach, they often demand the most patience.

» Teaching Pre-K through Grade 3

Because of the young age of the student and because of the introductory nature of most of the material, the experience will be most successful if you are sensitive to your child's attention span, and allow your child to master basic concepts before proceeding to the next level. This will build confidence in your child, and make this energetic age level smoother for you to teach. At this level, it is usually best to have several short lessons rather than one long lesson.

In these grades, as in every grade, it is unnecessary for your students to complete every exercise in every book, but they need to master all the concepts.

» Establish discipline early

The first thing to realize when teaching the primary levels is the value of discipline. Establish discipline early. If you don't establish discipline in young children, you may struggle with disobedience when they are older. If they don't learn to obey you immediately when you tell them to open their Math book for addition and subtraction, they won't open up their Geometry book ten years later.

One of the most common questions we are asked is, "What do I do when my child will not do any work unless I am sitting down right beside him? If I turn my back or go put in a load of laundry, when I come back, he is playing rather than doing his work."

A child who likes to play when you are not around is not unusual, nor is it a terrible thing. In the primary levels, children are still being trained to be self-disciplined. At this age, this is one main goal you are working towards.

» Set realistic expectations

Remember, if you keep yourself in good emotional health, avoid becoming frustrated, and set realistic expectations for yourself, your peace and tranquility will be reflected in your child. One of our favorite stories to tell moms of preschoolers is that of the child who said to his mom after a so-called "disaster" occurred, "It's OK, mom. Accidents happen."

This is the attitude you want to strive for, both for yourself and your child. Be calm and decide upon which things to expend your time and energy. You have many things you could do each day, but remember, you may not get everything done, and that is fine.

» Goals and motivation

You want to set realistic goals to keep your child on track. These can include setting time limits, or determining the amount of work to complete. For example, you could set a timer for so many minutes in which to complete an assignment, or you could ask your child to complete the next two pages of the workbook.

Find the system that works best for you and for your child. Once your child learns to read and work independently, 15-30 minutes of concentrating on a book each day is a great way to develop further reading skills. This will also help instill self-motivation, self-discipline, and a love of learning.



Curriculum

In the following pages, we will introduce you to our curriculum for the Primary Grades, consisting of textbooks and Lesson Plans, and communicate the value of your enrollment and what can be expected for each grade level.

Enjoy! >

"Academically our children are doing wonderfully. They have learned so much. Our younger son has improved immensely. We could never describe how blessed we are to homeschool our children."
—Jennifer P.

"We are new to Seton and this is our 3rd year homeschooling. We are so excited to begin school on Monday! Second Grade here we come! Thank you Seton!!!"
—Michelle C.

"Just re-enrolled for year #4. So thankful for the opportunity Seton gives our family to combine faith, morals, education, and maximum family time."
—Joe & Michelle H.

Grade

PRE-K

With your enrollment, you receive:



Detailed, daily lesson plans for parents



An authentically Catholic, excellent curriculum



Academic counseling for students and parent-teachers



Transcript & record keeping



Online resources and access to grades and records



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Parenting advice from Sacred Scripture

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

(Proverbs 22:6)

Look inside all these books, and preview the study lessons!



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The Value of Your Enrollment

Every day is exciting and full of adventure and exploration for the typical Pre-K child. Seton taps into this curiosity and puts children on the first step to formal learning. Seton’s *Early Literacy* book was written by a very experienced early childhood teacher.

The Lesson Plans for this book give parents a solid awareness of skill levels to be taught appropriate for four-year-olds. Of course the solid accredited Catholic curriculum promotes strong Catholic values in each and every subject.

Art in Pre-K

Art is a key component in every book throughout the Pre-K curriculum. In addition to the art in our Pre-K Activity Series and the Pre-K Coloring Books, our *Religion for Young Catholics—Pre-Kindergarten* incorporates beautiful Catholic pictures and drawings to foster art appreciation even at this young age.

The art appreciation throughout the Pre-K curriculum is simply a preview of our future grade levels and the beautiful Catholic art that is incorporated into every textbook.

Early Literacy

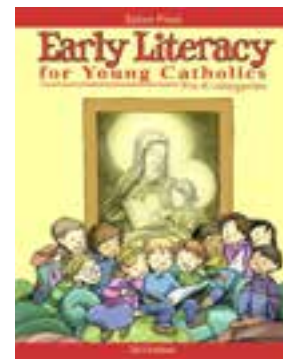
In *Early Literacy for Young Catholics*, your student will learn the essential skills of vocabulary, phonics, and letter knowledge. The book also introduces colors, simple counting, and measurement. While many children are not going to be reading in Pre-Kindergarten, the workbook lays the groundwork for solid reading skills as your child progresses through his education. This book is full of exercises and activities that make learning fun and are designed to nurture your child’s wonder, enthusiasm, and curiosity. The book is filled with examples of God’s creation as part of your child’s daily life.

The importance of reading aloud to young students is incalculable to their long-term success. Because of this, Seton includes six wonderful read-aloud picture books with your enrollment: *Johnny Appleseed*, *Annie and the Wild Animals*, *Miss Rumphius*, *Blueberries for Sal*, *The Queen and the Cross*, and *The Saint and His Bees*.

In *Adventures with Books*, your child will practice coloring, cutting, pasting, and following directions while learning neatness and carefulness with books. He will learn basic colors, how to color correctly, and basic shapes, along with a few familiar concepts, such as up-down, big-small, and left-right.

In *Do It Carefully*, your child will move from shapes to letters to words. He will begin with tracing lines and designs, progressing on to printing her name. Your child will be introduced to initial consonant sounds as well.

The *Triangular Crayons* brought to you by *Melissa and Doug* and included with your enrollment are perfect for developing and reinforcing the preferred grip for printing introduced in *Early Literacy*.





Math

In *Counting with Numbers*, your child will learn to identify, write, and understand the meanings of numbers 1-10. The book introduces concepts such as *more, less, empty, full, first, and last*.

Religion

There are several books that comprise the Religion course for Pre-K. Beautifully illustrated and presented within the context of a loving Catholic family, *Religion for Young Catholics—Pre-Kindergarten* provides the tools needed to teach your child about the love our Savior Jesus Christ has for each one of us. The *New Catholic Picture Bible* fosters a love of Scripture right from the beginning of your child's education. These simply written Bible stories will delight children time after time.

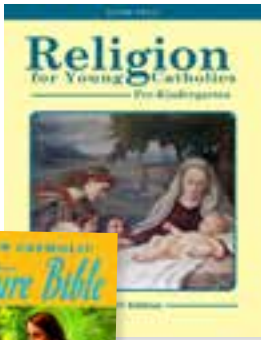
In *God's Rules for Me*, children learn that rules are made to keep us safe, and that the most important rules are God's rules, the Ten Commandments. Children learn that, like the rules in the games we play, God's rules teach us to live happily and that the great reward for keeping God's rules is life in Heaven with Our Lord!

In the Pre-Kindergarten Coloring Book Set, children learn their Faith with large, easy to color pictures. *Animals of the Bible* contains animals named in the Holy Bible. *Christmas Coloring Book* is in pictures and rhyme as is *The Saints*, which features stories of the lives of saints. In *Miracles of Jesus* children read and color familiar Bible stories, and children have lessons to color in the life of Christ in the *Coloring Book about Jesus*.

Pre-K Grade Lesson Plans

When you enroll, you receive day-by-day instructions and activities to enjoy with your child. They use the books you receive, as well as additional Lesson Plans for Art, Handwriting, and Physical Education which do not require textbooks.

With the activity books and coloring books, your child may not even realize that the books are school books!



Tip from a Seton Mom

"Enjoy your kids. Be open to learning yourself. And relax."



Grade

K

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Parenting advice from Sacred Scripture

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’”

(Matthew 19:14)

Look inside all these books, and preview the study lessons!



The Value of Your Enrollment

Kindergarten takes the children further on the road of formal learning. Seton’s Lesson Plans provide the parent with a wealth of information and activities to make Phonics enjoyable for your little one.

Check the Lesson Plans for hands-on activities for Math. Explore the resources in your My Seton page for additional science labs that the whole family can enjoy. If you hit a rough spot, just remember that Seton’s counselors are as close as your phone or email.

Art

St. Joseph Coloring Books help children begin learning their Faith. Children color pictures and learn about preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, and about His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

In addition to the coloring books for the art curriculum, the Religion curriculum has many coloring books to help children learn about their Faith.



Handwriting

Kindergarten Handwriting for Young Catholics is designed to help develop your child’s fine motor skills. It includes practice pages for the lowercase alphabet letters. We focus on writing lowercase letters in Kindergarten because most of the letters that your child sees when reading are lowercase letters.

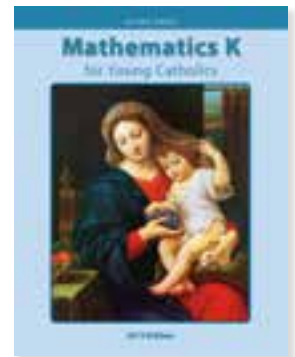
Uppercase letters are taught as needed, such as the first letter of your child’s name, but need not be mastered until first grade, when your child is writing sentences.



Math

In *Mathematics K for Young Catholics*, students recognize and distinguish objects, positions, shapes, and patterns, as well as associating numbers and numerals with different sets of items.

Other skills introduced include counting from one to ten, identifying numerals from 0 to 100, and working with lengths and measuring objects. Kindergartners also learn beginning skills in telling time and working with money.

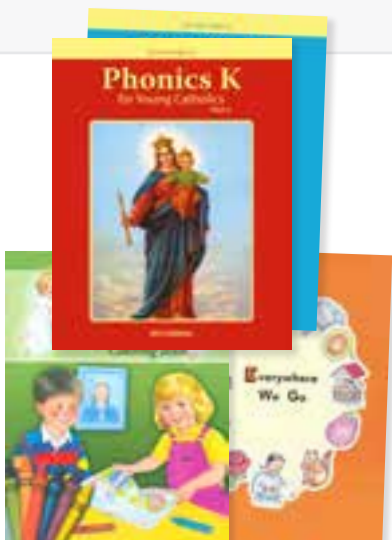


Music

For this subject there is an audio CD, *Songs of Praise*, with 19 songs that we offer for Grade K but that are appropriate for any primary or elementary level. The CD is a wonderful collection of songs for children performed by accomplished recording artist, Danny Schneible. Children will have fun listening and singing along with the many enjoyable tracks.

They will learn hymns often sung at Mass and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, which will allow them to feel more a part of the Church community and help them to participate in the prayers and songs.





Phonics

In the two-part series *Phonics K for Young Catholics*, students practice beginning skills in auditory and visual discrimination as they learn to recognize capital and lowercase letters, consonant sounds, and short and long vowel sounds.

In *ABC Coloring Book* and *Everywhere We Go*, children learn about letters, colors, numbers, and shapes. They learn the letters of the alphabet, how to count to ten and to recognize basic shapes.

Religion

Students begin their study of who God is, God's love for us, God's creation, sin, Jesus as Savior, the Holy Spirit, grace, the Church, the moral life, Mary, angels, saints, Heaven, and Hell.

In addition, students become familiar with the parts of the Mass, the decades of the Rosary, and the Stations of the Cross. Children also learn basic prayers and exhibit fundamental practices of the Catholic Faith, especially the Sign of the Cross, morning and evening prayers, and reverent posture and behavior at Mass.

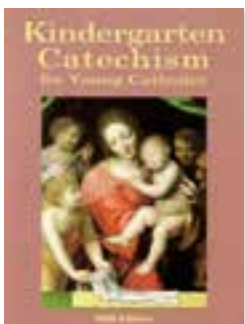
Throughout, students develop the beginnings of an interior life of faith and prayer. In addition to our book *Kindergarten Catechism for Young Catholics*, the curriculum includes three coloring books on the Bible, the Rosary, and Mary; three Fr. Lovasik books covering the Sacraments, the Angels, and the Commandments; the popular book *Leading the Little Ones to Mary*; and the well-loved book, *My Jesus and I*.

Science

Kindergarten Science for Young Catholics introduces science and the scientific method by providing experiments that can be done at home. Includes suggestions for field trips to museums, zoos, and aquariums and Catholic comments throughout, with a section on what God can do after each lesson.

Grade K Lesson Plans

The Lesson Plans walk you through day-by-day instructions and activities with your child using the curriculum that you receive with your enrollment. With the activity books and coloring books, your little one will be happy to be homeschooling!



Tip from a Seton Mom

“Praise God for the wonderful days when your child has finally gotten through his letters without any errors, the house is vacuumed, and there is laughter...let these days remind you on the other days what a treasure it is to have your family together!”



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I am an Admissions Representative at Seton. I am a graduate of Peru State College in Nebraska with a Business Major. I am one of eight children and we grew up with the Seton curriculum. And now, my wife and I are preparing to teach Seton's Pre-K program to our little boys!

There is so much satisfaction in knowing that the work I do at Seton helps families succeed with homeschooling. Please contact me if you have any questions about the enrollment process, or if you just have general questions about the homeschooling experience. I will be happy to assist you.

Grade

1

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Parenting advice from Sacred Scripture

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

(John 14:26)

Look inside all these books, and preview the study lessons!



The Value of Your Enrollment

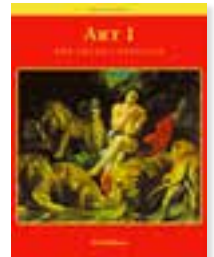
Here you are in First Grade now! It is really starting to “feel” like school with quarter tests being graded by a Seton grader and being returned with comments. How exciting! Now it is not just mom giving the grade.

By the end of the year, with the guidance of the Lesson Plan, your little one will be reading simple sentences. Guidance in the Lesson Plans emphasizes flexibility and working at your student’s unique pace.

Art

In *Art 1 for Young Catholics*, children learn about their Faith through art. Each lesson highlights a major holy day, feast day, or season for the liturgical year. The text is filled with creative art activities for the young Catholic.

Lessons include patterns for making cut-outs, pop-ups, and other displays; step-by-step instructions; prayers; and information about the lesson’s theme.



English

English 1 for Young Catholics is a student’s first formal exposure to many concepts that will be reviewed and built upon in years to come. Children begin by studying words: rhyming words, synonyms, antonyms, and contractions.

They learn basic punctuation, capitalization, and the characteristics and types of sentences. As the year progresses, parts of speech are introduced: nouns, adjectives, pronouns, and verbs, as well as creative writing exercises.



Handwriting

Handwriting 1 for Young Catholics helps children learn to write manuscript letters. Selections for practice contain Catholic words and phrases. In the first quarter your child will master each individual letter with Practice Page drills. Formal practice of capital letters is included.

Each page is dedicated to a specific letter. Beginning with the second quarter, letters are presented in order, according to similar strokes. Letters are to be traced over and then copied beneath the words traced.



History

In *American History 1 for Young Catholics*, children learn about explorers like Christopher Columbus, missionaries, the building of our nation, the first Thanksgiving, and the Declaration of Independence. They learn about great Americans such as St. Rose Duchesne, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Mother Cabrini. Children study the lives of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Elizabeth Seton with the Fr. Lovasik books.

Children study geography in *Places Around Me: Maps, Charts, and Graphs A*, receiving practice and reinforcement in using maps, direction words, finding directions, map symbols, and measuring distance.



Math

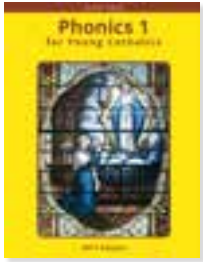
In *Mathematics 1 for Young Catholics*, students add and subtract using one and two digit numbers; recognize and write numerals 0 - 100; exhibit beginning skills in reasoning and logical thinking; place value, money, time; and are introduced to beginning concepts in geometry, measurement, fractions, and graphing.





Music

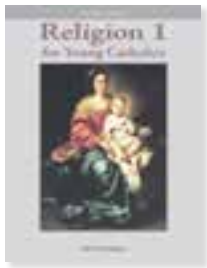
Children learn 24 entertaining and educational songs on the Apostles' Creed, Seven Sacraments, Ten Commandments, and more on the *Catholic Songs for Children* (CD).



Phonics and Reading

In *Phonics 1 for Young Catholics*, areas of study include long and short vowel sounds, beginning and ending consonant sounds, consonant blends, and consonant digraphs. Students also study the suffixes -ed and -ing.

First graders then work through each of the readers: the *Pre-Primer*, *This Is Our Family*, and *These Are Our Friends*, from the classic Faith and Freedom series. The goal is for students to practice beginning skills in reading out loud and comprehension as they acquire vocabulary.



Religion

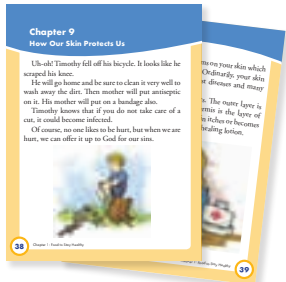
Using *Religion 1 for Young Catholics*, first graders attain a beginning understanding of the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith: the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments, and Prayer. Children also learn major events, people, and teachings in the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Students also work with four picture books: *Jesus and I*, *Miracles of Jesus*, *The Holy Spirit*, and *Mary My Mother*. A coloring book introduces children to the role of angels in the Bible and guardian angels in our own lives.



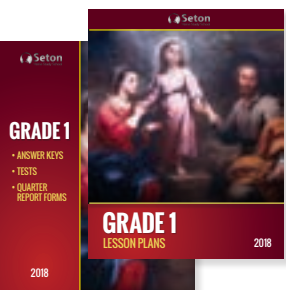
Science

Science 1 for Young Catholics teaches children about the remarkable miracle of their physical creation. Topics covered in this course are: sound, hearing, sight, smell, taste, good nutrition, and good dental hygiene.



Spelling

In *Spelling 1 for Young Catholics*, children study lessons containing exercises, practice pages, and a short religious paragraph which utilizes the list of words. Exercises such as Rhyme Time, ABC Order, and Sounds the Same are purposefully simple to encourage writing of the spelling words.



First Grade Lesson Plans

The detailed Lesson Plans walk you through day-by-day instructions and activities with your student. Answer Keys, Tests, and Quarter Report Forms are included.

Tip from a Seton Mom

"For young kids I have 'fun time.' After finishing two subjects (without whining) we get fun time, which consists of turning on fun music, playing learning games, playing learning activities, dot to dots, and so on... It gives me a small break, lets them learn and works really well for those kids who are tough to motivate."



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I am an Academic Elementary Counselor. I grew up in sunny Southern California and graduated from Christendom College in 1990 with a B.A. in English Literature.

My husband John and I have homeschooled all nine of our children. I have spoken at Catholic homeschooling conferences and written for Seton Magazine.

I love the opportunity to serve as a counselor for homeschooling moms. Please, don't hesitate to call me or the other elementary counselors when you have a question. We're here to help you on your homeschooling journey!

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Parenting advice from Sacred Scripture

“Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

(Mark 9:37)

Look inside all these books, and preview the study lessons!



The Value of Your Enrollment

In Grade 2, your student will learn to do a simple book report that you will submit to Seton for grading and comments. In the second quarter, your student will take comprehension tests that will also come to Seton for grading and comments.

With the help of our Lesson Plans, we help you prepare your child for the reception of first Penance and first Holy Communion. Don't forget the extra Science labs found in your MySeton page. School is getting more challenging and more exciting.

Art

In *Art 2 for Young Catholics*, children learn to draw using a step-by-step format. All forty-nine lessons use religious references to introduce a simple drawing technique. The lessons serve as catechetical instruction as well.

Children learn to draw clouds, trees, fire, insects, animals, and people.

English

Second graders build on the previous year's first formal exposure to this subject. Students learn homonyms and review sentences, antonyms, synonyms, and contractions. Library skills are introduced.

Students review nouns, verbs, pronouns, and adjectives, and learn a new part of speech: adverbs. By the end of Second Grade, students are diagramming simple two- and three-word sentences. Writing exercises focus on story writing, book reviews, and friendly letters in *English 2 for Young Catholics*.

Handwriting

In *Handwriting 2 for Young Catholics*, children practice using Catholic words and sentences. They begin with a review of manuscript letters and are introduced to lowercase cursive letters at midyear. Students receive detailed step-by-step descriptions on how to form each letter properly.

History

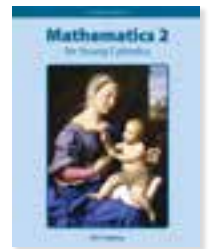
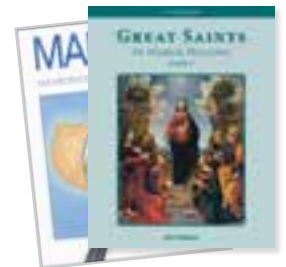
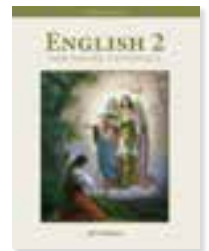
In *Great Saints in World History*, children will read biographies of the patron saints of seventeen nations, including: St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Stephen of Hungary, St. Rose of Lima, and St. Denis of France. Geography is incorporated into the course with the workbook *Maps, Charts, and Graphs B*.

Math

Students develop their skills in arithmetic, reasoning, logical thinking, and problem solving in the *Mathematics 2 for Young Catholics* workbook. Topics include four-digit place value, adding and subtracting four-digit numbers, geometry, fractions, measurement, and multiplication (through 5 X 5). Students are also introduced to division.

Music

Children learn 130 songs organized by liturgical season. The *We Sing and Listen* songbook includes music for Advent and Christmastide, Lent and the Passion, and Easter.





Payne Family, setonmagazine.com, October '15

Phonics

Second graders work with beginning, medial, and final consonants, short and long vowels, double vowels, vowel digraphs, diphthongs, compound words, prefixes, and suffixes using *Phonics 2 for Young Catholics*.

Reading

Students improve reading fluency as they read stories, poems, and non-fiction selections from the Faith and Freedom series of Catholic readers: *These Are Our Neighbors*, *This Is Our Parish*, and *A Book of Sanctity*. Students will also read the Fr. Lovasik books *Saint Francis of Assisi* and *Good Saint Joseph*.

Second graders use phonetic strategies to read orally with correct pronunciation and dramatic expression. They also demonstrate beginning skills in comprehension. Students begin book reviews this year, which consist of forms that the student fills out, identifying the title, author, setting, main characters, and main events of the book. Students conclude each review by giving an opinion of the book.

Religion

The focus for this year in Religion is preparation for Penance and First Communion. Second graders study *Religion 2 for Young Catholics*, which teaches them about the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments, and Prayer.

St. Joseph First Communion Catechism as well as the Fr. Lovasik book *The Holy Rosary* round out the course.

Science

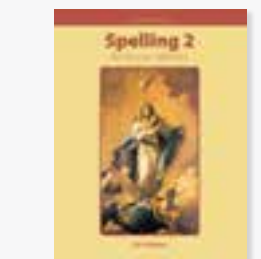
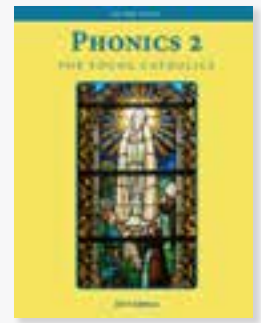
In *Science 2 for Young Catholics*, children learn about the universe, the earth, our solar system and its planets, the creatures and plants, microscopic life, insects, birds, sea life, and reptiles. Physical Science is explored with lessons on sound, light, magnets, and electricity.

Spelling

Spelling 2 for Young Catholics contains exercises, practice pages, and a short religious paragraph which utilizes the list words. Rhyme Time, ABC Order, and Sounds the Same exercises encourage writing the spelling words. Includes words with ch and sh; ow and oy, er, ir, ur, or. Students learn and review basic phonics and spelling rules.

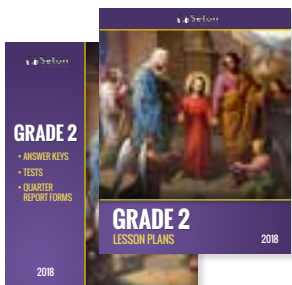
Second Grade Lesson Plans

The detailed Lesson Plans walk you through day-by-day instructions and activities with your student. Answer Keys, Tests, and Quarter Report Forms are included.



Tip from a Seton Mom

"I'm homeschooling a son with special needs. Using Seton's Special Services is the BEST! Seton's Special Services gives you up to two years to complete each grade. And if something isn't working, call or email Stephen Costanzo. He'll work with you to make your year a success."



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My name is Chip Hibi. I'm the Director of Seton Educational Media and Customer Service. Call me if you'd like to order any supplemental materials, if you have any customer service related questions, or if you aren't quite sure with whom you need to speak. I'll be happy to connect you with the right person for your needs.

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“Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

(Matthew 11:28-30)

Look inside all these books, and preview the study lessons!



The Value of Your Enrollment

In Third Grade your child will be asked to write an actual short paragraph as a book report. A new subject, Vocabulary, has been added to the curriculum as well. With paragraphs being sent to Seton for grading and comments, your little one can rightly be pleased that he is doing “big kid” school.

Videos in your MySeton page are available to assist in helping teach your child. Always remember that for any questions or concerns Seton’s counselors are available for help.

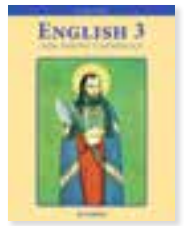
Art

In *Art 3 for Young Catholics*, students complete 28 fun projects using household or readily available materials such as clay, paints, and paper. The unit on paper, for example, has projects on making a mobile, a silhouette, origami pinwheel, and pop-up animals. The book concludes with instruction on art appreciation using various styles of art, such as terra cotta, oil paintings, and stained glass, as examples.



English

In *English 3 for Young Catholics*, children learn paragraph writing, review nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs. Students study parts of speech and other grammatical concepts in greater depth while learning about St. Josaphat, whose fascinating story runs throughout the exercises. Topics that are introduced include principal parts of the verb as well as compound subjects and predicates. Students practice punctuation, capitalization, and diagramming.



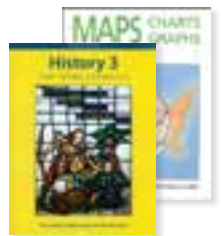
Handwriting

In *Handwriting 3 for Young Catholics*, students will do practice exercises using Catholic words and sentences. The course begins with a review of manuscript letter writing and lowercase cursive letter writing, and then shifts emphasis to learning uppercase cursive.



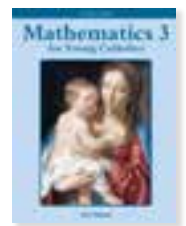
History

In *History 3 for Young Catholics: The Catholic Faith Comes to the Americas*, children learn American history through short biographies of the early discoverers, missionaries and founders of America: Columbus, René de La Salle, Charles Carroll, Mother Seton, and more. Students continue the integration of geography with their history studies using *Maps, Charts, and Graphs Level C: Communities*. Topics include: using a map key, using a map scale, and finding distance.



Math

Third grade students review addition and subtraction, and continue exploring multiplication and division, including facts through nine. Other topics covered in *Mathematics 3 for Young Catholics* include geometry, graphing, fractions, decimals, and solving word problems.



Music

Students learn a collection of over 100 songs organized by liturgical season. *We Sing and Dance* includes music for Advent, Christmastide, and Easter.



Phonics

Phonics 3 for Young Catholics contains a variety of exercises that provide students with the opportunity to practice their phonics skills. Topics include Short and Long Vowels, Vowel and Consonant Digraphs, Word Prefixes and Suffixes, as well as Syllables, Antonyms, Synonyms, and Homophones.



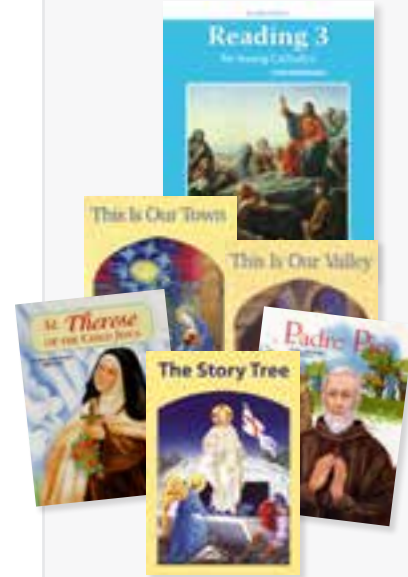


Campbell Family, setonmagazine.com, June '16

Reading

Students develop reading skills using storybooks and short selections from the Faith and Freedom readers: *This Is Our Town*, *This Is Our Valley*, and *The Story Tree*. In Third Grade, students are able to read more fluently and accurately. They improve their ability to draw conclusions, sense relationships between ideas, and use clues to discover the meaning of new vocabulary.

Stories of St. Padre Pio and St. Therese of the Child Jesus are provided for the first two book reviews. Students complete book reviews by identifying the book's title, author, setting, and main characters. Students conclude the review by writing a paragraph about the story. *Reading 3 for Young Catholics: Comprehension* builds skills to aid in book reviews.



Students continue to study the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith in *Religion 3 for Young Catholics*. Third graders focus on the Ten Commandments and the Mysteries of the Rosary. Students will also read and study the *St. Joseph First Communion Catechism* and Fr. Lovasik's *Our Lady of Fatima*.

Religion

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Science

In *Science 3 for Young Catholics*, students use hands-on learning to explore God's handiwork. Students learn some basics about machines, matter, the food chain, habitats, soil, cycles in nature, the water cycle, and energy. In *Health 3 for Young Catholics*, children learn about good grooming, manners, posture, care for teeth and eyes, nutrition, safety in the home, first aid, and more.

Spelling

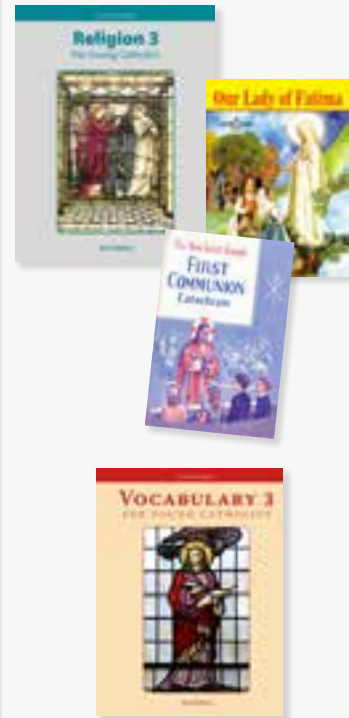
Children become proficient in memorizing and spelling words that occur frequently but have irregular spellings. Weekly lessons are divided into four days of work followed by a test on the fifth day. *Spelling 3 for Young Catholics* provides exercises and spelling tips, a complete alphabetized word list, and review of basic spelling rules.

Vocabulary

In *Vocabulary 3 for Young Catholics*, your third grader will love the newest workbook in our Vocabulary series! Lively and colorfully illustrated this new text includes definitions, Catholic-related sentences, and crossword puzzles in every lesson. Twenty-four lessons of 10 words each are presented in sentences about saints, family life, and heroes.

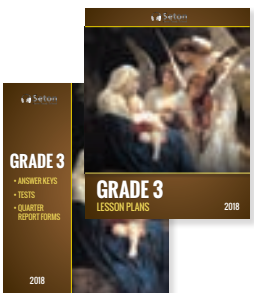
Third Grade Lesson Plans

The detailed Lesson Plans walk you through day-by-day instructions and activities with your student. Answer Keys, Tests, and Quarter Report Forms are included.



Tip from a Seton Mom

"Start your day with gratitude. Remind yourself that you have been given a gift to be able to homeschool and this gift is precious and the years go quickly. Look at your precious children, hug them and smile. Smiles and hugs go a long way."



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I'm a Christendom College graduate and taught Second Grade in a diocesan Catholic school before coming to Seton. Having been born into a military family, I especially salute the many U. S. military families serving at home and around the world that use our program.

I've been at Seton since 1991, and have spent the last thirteen years as an Elementary Grader. Over the years I've helped thousands of families with their grading questions and want you to know that I'm here for you too. Often, a phone call to us can provide the answer you've been looking for and quickly provide you with peace of mind.



With you every day, every step of the way



Succeeding in the Middle Grades

Children at the intermediate levels have basic reading and math skills and are ready to progress into the areas beyond the fundamentals. These are transitional years when students develop higher level thinking skills.

It is unnecessary for your students to complete every exercise in every book, but they need to master all the concepts. Give your child lots of opportunities to turn interests into intellectual passions.

» Discipline

Sometimes, it is not as easy to discipline children in the intermediate grades, especially if discipline has not already been firmly established. Parents should seek to promote consistent, immediate obedience to avoid arguing with their children, instead of giving lessons. The children must know that Mom is in charge. Mom needs to understand that she not only deserves respect and obedience from her children, but that God commands it.

» Dad’s Role

The importance of Dad’s involvement in the homeschooling process cannot be overemphasized. Dad’s role often becomes even more important as your children approach adolescence. If Dad cannot teach a subject, or be involved in the day-to-day teaching, perhaps he can simply remind the children in the morning to be obedient, to help Mom, and to do their best during the day.

At the end of the day, he can ask about their work, and they can show him some samples of the work they have done. This can be a great motivational tool since the children are excited to show Dad what they have accomplished.

» Spiritual Life

At these levels, children should be establishing and maintaining the habit of frequent daily prayers. These are wonderful years for children to read the lives of the saints, and to apply some of the virtues learned to their own lives.

These are important formative years, when children will readily accept the heroes and saints in good books and in Christian art. When feasible, a homeschooling family should try to arrange their schedule to include daily Mass and the Rosary. The Church teaches that nothing on Earth can compare with the Mass, and the reception of Holy Communion.

» Helping younger siblings

Children at this age can benefit from helping a younger child with his lessons. If a younger student has trouble reading or is having difficulties with math, an older sibling can “tutor” the younger sibling in this area.

This cooperation helps both the “student” and “teacher.” The older child will develop responsibility, think about how he learns, strengthen concepts he has learned before, increase his own skills in this area, and will develop sensitivity, perseverance, and patience.



Curriculum

In the following pages, we will introduce you to our curriculum for the Middle Grades, consisting of textbooks and Lesson Plans, and communicate the value of your enrollment and what can be expected for each grade level.

Enjoy! >

"I am eternally grateful for the Seton Home Study program as it has given us freedom to pursue our children's talents and develop them to perfection. But I am more grateful for the fact that this home study program develops a strong Catholic faith in our children but also in our family as a whole. Thank you Dr. Clark and all your staff for giving us the Seton Home Study program."

—RoseMarie D.

"I love being with Seton Home Study School! God has blessed me soooo much! Just thought I should share this with you."

—Meagan R.

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Parenting advice from Sacred Scripture

"Let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Look inside all these books, and preview the study lessons!



The Value of Your Enrollment

In Fourth Grade, assignments shift to more emphasis on higher-level thinking skills. This grade introduces the students to book analysis. In the Lesson Plans, Seton takes the student through a detailed step-by-step process to ease the writing of their first quarter book report.

More importantly, should parents or students hit a rough spot with the book reports, English counselors are available to assist parents with this assignment and parents find the graders' comments on the book reports to be greatly helpful and appreciated.

Art

In *Art 4 for Young Catholics*, skills are developed and perfected, including hand-to-eye coordination, manual dexterity, and visual perception. Students review the drawing of different kinds of lines, and learn about colors and color value, harmony and contrast, dimension, symmetry, contour, texture, symbolism, balance, design, and shading.

English

English 4 for Young Catholics provides students with practice in word study, sentence types, parts of speech, diagramming, punctuation, and capitalization. Letter writing and dictionary/library skills are also studied. The student's skills in paragraph composition are developed and put into practice in writing assignments. While studying grammar, students learn about the lives of many of the English martyrs.

Handwriting

In *Handwriting 4 for Young Catholics*, proficiency in cursive handwriting is the main goal. Students have daily practice of cursive with Catholic words and phrases, and review print letters. At midyear, the lessons instruct children in how to write smaller and faster while still aiming for neatness and legibility.

History

History becomes an adventure for students with *The Catholic Faith Comes to the New World*. They sail icy northern seas with Vikings and unknown waters with Columbus. They watch as colonists settle in the New World and they learn about their hardships and triumphs. They watch George Washington and other patriots as they fight for America's liberty and take pride in the Catholic leaders who helped to win victory for a new nation. *Maps, Charts, and Graphs D: States and Regions* rounds out the course with geography lessons using advanced thinking skills such as drawing conclusions and using maps. Students learn about special lines on maps, finding distance, and political maps.

Math

Students improve the accuracy and speed of their problem solving as they practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in *Mathematics 4 for Young Catholics*. They also study decimals, adding fractions, graphing, and probability.

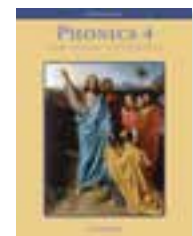
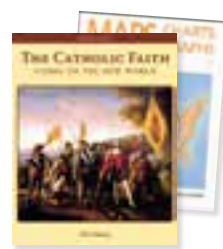


Music

For music, students can learn over 200 songs organized by liturgical season in *We Sing and Chant*. The course includes music for Advent, Christmastide, Lent, Passiontide, Easter, and Pentecost.

Phonics

In *Phonics 4 for Young Catholics*, fourth graders improve their phonics skills by recognizing blends, consonant digraphs, vowel digraphs, diphthongs, and silent letters. They will decode words by analyzing prefixes, roots, and suffixes. The goal of this course is to strengthen the student's reading ability.





Reading

The transition from Third to Fourth Grade is important. Students have moved beyond learning to read; they are reading to learn. They continue the Faith and Freedom series with *This Is Our Land* and *A Book of Gladness*. They use the *Reading 4 for Young Catholics: Comprehension* and *Reading 4 for Young Catholics: Thinking Skills* workbooks to learn comprehension and critical thinking.

Students begin to write formal book reports. The book report process is broken down into gathering information, collecting examples to support the topic sentence, creating an outline, and writing a four-paragraph essay. This process is taught in the first quarter lesson plan, using the book *Small War of Sergeant Donkey*. For the book report in the second quarter, the student can choose one book from a list of three: *Little House in the Big Woods*, *Misty of Chincoteague*, and *Black Beauty*. The opening paragraph and the topic sentences of the body and concluding paragraphs, are provided in the Lesson Plan. For the book reports in the third and fourth quarters, the student will choose two biographies of saints, listed on page 30. For these two assignments, students will write their own opening paragraphs and topic sentences.



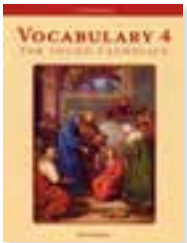
Religion

In *Religion 4 for Young Catholics*, students focus on the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Seven Sacraments. In *Bible History 4 for Young Catholics*, students explore some of the most fascinating and exciting stories from the Old and New Testaments. This year, students begin *The St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism No. 1*. As in other books in this series, drawings aid students in understanding the truths of the Faith and the laws of the Church.



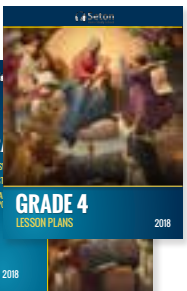
Science

In *Science 4 for Young Catholics* children explore their world, learning about topics such as the heavens, water, material things, machines, living things, the wonder of man, and taking care of their health.



Spelling

For spelling, students use *Spelling 4 for Young Catholics*. They read their spelling words in 36 lessons covering Old Testament Bible stories, then learn and review specific spelling rules. They study syllabication and alphabetizing as well as "Sort by Spelling," "Definitions," "Missing Words," and "Story Time" exercises.



Vocabulary

Students will learn about words and how we define them in *Vocabulary 4 for Young Catholics*. Each of the lessons includes exercises to compare similar words and contrast opposite words, identify words for a crossword puzzle, and an optional exercise to find synonyms and antonyms.

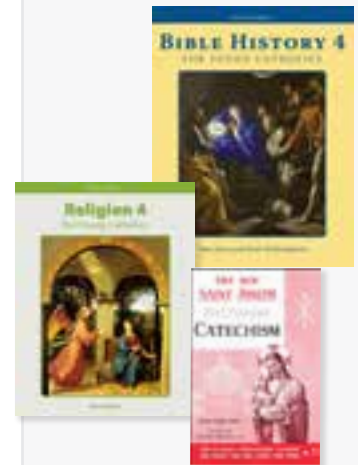
Fourth Grade Lesson Plans

The detailed Lesson Plans walk you through day-by-day instructions and activities with your student. Answer Keys, Tests, and Quarter Report Forms are included.



Explore more choices for your 4 book reports.

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Tip from a Seton Mom

"With my middle school child, we used a schedule of class periods for the day. That way she could tell if she was taking too long on a subject and not miss out on time to get to the next subject."



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I am an Academic Elementary Counselor. I've been at Seton Home Study School since 2012. I was a homeschooling mother for 17 years and have been a classroom teacher and a CCD teacher. I attended St. Francis College and later earned my BS Degree in English Education from the Virginia Commonwealth University, specializing in middle school and High School. My special interest lies in teaching grammar and composition to students in need.

My advice to Seton moms, especially those finding their way through the first year, is to take advantage of the advice and help offered by the counselors as soon as you need it. Don't wait to be overwhelmed. I have been where you are. Let us help!

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Parenting advice from Sacred Scripture

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.”

(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Look inside all these books, and preview the study lessons!



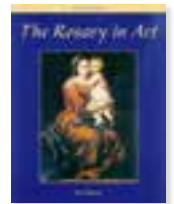
The Value of Your Enrollment

In Fifth Grade, the student prepares to transition to the junior high school years. Last year, Seton published its own new Math 5 and Science 5 books which have been very well received, and new fifth grade students can look forward to using these.

There are many useful items in the fifth grade course resources in MySeton. For example, there is an Arts and Crafts Supplement for Art 5, a Science Lab Supplement for Science 5, and video tutorials to assist with lessons on sentence diagramming for help as prepositions are introduced.

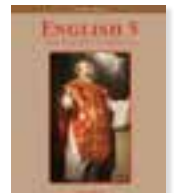
Art

In *Art 5 for Young Catholics: The Rosary in Art*, children learn the Catholic principles that went into the techniques of religious art. The theme of the book is the “Mysteries of the Rosary,” as beautifully depicted by the world’s greatest artists. Description of technique, scene, and color accompanies each picture, with a special emphasis on religious symbolism.



English

English 5 for Young Catholics challenges the student’s knowledge of parts of speech, types of sentences, punctuation, and sentence diagramming. Practice in written expression centers on paragraph writing. Students are introduced to the study of poetry. Catholic values are present throughout the book in exercises and in topics for writing assignments.



Handwriting

Handwriting 5 for Young Catholics continues training for proficiency in cursive writing. Children continue daily practice and learn to write faster and smaller while improving neatness and legibility. With practice material on the United States and their capitals, American history is reinforced as well.



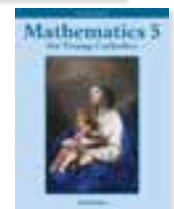
History

In *America’s Catholic Heritage*, children learn the inspiring story of the men and women who built these great United States. They learn the story of the people, events, and the Catholic influence that made the dream come true. Students have lessons blending reading and writing skills with content area instruction, involving advanced thinking skills such as drawing conclusions and using maps. In *Maps, Charts, and Graphs E: United States and Its Neighbors*, they study topics including relief maps, map data analysis, and contour lines.



Math

In *Mathematics 5 for Young Catholics*, children attain proficiency in operations with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and percentages. They receive instruction in basic geometry and measurement, as well as basic concepts related to number theory and order of operations.



Music

In *We Sing and Blend* children learn a collection of over 120 songs including music for every liturgical season.



Phonics

In *Phonics 5 for Young Catholics*, the final year of studying phonics, students work with consonant letter-sound associations, digraphs, and diphthongs. Students demonstrate improvement in the decoding of words by analysis of their prefixes, roots, and suffixes. Continued emphasis is placed on compound words, possessives, and contractions.





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Reading

The Fifth Grade reading course continues with Faith and Freedom readers, *These Are Our People*, and *A Book of Gratitude*. Students continue to build comprehension and thinking skills using the *Reading 5 for Young Catholics: Comprehension* and *Reading 5 for Young Catholics: Thinking Skills* workbooks, and they continue with quarterly book reports. Students are expected to comprehend what they read and think about what the author is trying to convey to the reader. Quarterly book reports expand to a five-paragraph format, however, the introductory paragraph and topic sentences for the subsequent paragraphs are provided in the Lesson Plans for the two book reports in the first two quarters. For the first two book reports you can choose from: *If All the Swords in England*, *Red Hugh Prince of Donegal*, *Heidi* and *Madeline Takes Command*. In the third and fourth quarters the final two book reports are based on two biographies of saints which can be chosen from among the nine books listed on page 30.

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Religion

Religion 5 for Young Catholics increases the student's understanding of the fundamentals of the Faith, especially Prayer, Sacraments, and the Commandments. The *Concise Bible History* provides a study of the Old Testament. Students once again study the *St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism #1* to strengthen understanding of the teachings of the Church.

Science and Health

The first eight chapters of *Science 5 for Young Catholics* deal with the systems of the human body. Each chapter contains not only information on diseases and disorders of the various systems, but advice on how to stay healthy. The rest of the book is devoted to the animal kingdom. It is filled with hundreds of quality diagrams, photos and illustrations. (Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Zoology 1: Flying Creatures of the Fifth Day* is available as an alternate choice for an additional fee.)

Spelling

Spelling 5 for Young Catholics provides a full review of basic phonics and spelling rules with teaching suggestions and a recommended weekly spelling plan. Students learn their spelling words in 36 lessons by completing various exercises, and then read their words in paragraphs covering the lives of the saints.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary 5 for Young Catholics begins each lesson with a fun and entertaining story. Each story introduces 15 new vocabulary words which become the basis for the week's lesson. Students are more apt to learn new words in the context of an entertaining story.

Fifth Grade Lesson Plans

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Tip from a Seton Mom

"Have a schedule that is flexible, and pray. I would say do the harder subjects first thing in the morning when the mind is fresh, and if all you get done are their core subjects, then I'd say it was a successful day."

Staff Profile: Bruce Hacker

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I coordinate all the Elementary Grading at Seton. I'm responsible for seeing that our graders provide you with a consistent, quality service, and do so in a timely manner. Although we grade tens of thousands of assignments every year, your family is unique and deserves my singular attention. I want you to be comfortable contacting me when you have a question about grades received or how assignments are graded. I've been at Seton for nearly 20 years, so I've probably answered a question similar to yours. If it's a new question, I'll find the answer for you!



Book Report Choices

Classic Reading Selections

Historical Life & Adventure

Choose any 2 in each Grade for 1st & 2nd Quarter assignments.

Grade
4



1ST & 2ND QUARTER

The Small War of Sergeant Donkey (this book is used to teach book report writing in the first quarter), Little House in the Big Woods, Misty of Chincoteague, Black Beauty

3RD & 4TH QUARTER

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Catherine of Siena, Patron of First Communicants, The Miraculous Medal, The Curé of Ars, Saint Thérèse, Father Marquette, Saint Dominic.

Grade
5



1ST & 2ND QUARTER

If All the Swords in England, Red Hugh Prince of Donegal, Madeline Takes Command, Heidi (ebook available on My Seton).

3RD & 4TH QUARTER

Saint Rose of Lima, Saint Martin de Porres, King David and His Songs, Blessed Marie of New France, Saint Catherine Labouré, Saint John Bosco, Saint Pius X, Saint Elizabeth's Three Crowns, Father Damien & the Bells.

Grade
6



1ST & 2ND QUARTER

Beorn the Proud, The Swiss Family Robinson, The Winged Watchman, Adam of the Road

3RD & 4TH QUARTER

Saint Dominic, Saint Benedict, The Children of Fatima, Saint John Masias, Saint Philip, Mother Cabrini, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Thomas More.

Grade
7



1ST & 2ND QUARTER

The Singing Tree, Augustine Came to Kent, Men of Iron, Johnny Tremain.

3RD & 4TH QUARTER

The Little Flower, Saint Hyacinth of Poland, The Curé of Ars, Saint Louis De Montfort, Saint Isaac Jogues, Saint Anthony, Saint Edmund Campion, Saint Bernadette, Saint Joan.

Grade
8



1ST & 2ND QUARTER

The Yearling, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, The Hidden Treasure of Glaston, Outlaws of Ravenhurst.

3RD & 4TH QUARTER

Pauline Jaricot, Saint Francis Solano, Saint Paul the Apostle, Saint Margaret Mary, Saints Francis and Clare, Mother Seton, Saint Vincent De Paul, Saint Katharine Drexel, Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Saint Biographies

Mary Fabyan Windeatt

Vision Books

Choose any 2 in each Grade for 3rd & 4th Quarter assignments.



With you every day, every step of the way.



Succeeding in Junior High

Adolescence can be a difficult age to teach. Students are starting to deal with new emotions and growth spurts. They are transitioning from the world of childhood and moving toward becoming adults.

» Preparation

To be successful, students going into Junior High should be able to read any elementary school textbook and children and young adult literature with minimal help and good comprehension. These students should be able to formulate ideas, write short essay answers, and finish paragraph assignments using proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

They should be competent with the four basic operations of arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) using whole numbers, fractions, and decimals.

Students should be able to recite, from memory, basic prayers and facts of our Faith, including the Ten Commandments and the Seven Sacraments.

» Expectations

In Junior High, as the students prepare for success in High School, they will develop the skills to generate and use outlines in their course studies.

In crafting book reports, students should carefully study the directions for the book reports before doing them, so they are clear on the expectations. At this level, these reports require the students to select events that give examples to support the point being made in the topic sentence.

At this level, students are starting to think for themselves about many things. They should be able to express their own opinions about the events and persons in the literature books they read, and not just repeat what the author has written.

Sixth graders are fine-tuning their understanding of grammar with a more in-depth study of Nominative Case and Objective Case. Seventh and eighth graders are laying the foundation for their study of literature in High School by learning about plot, characterization, theme, and motifs. Eighth graders will learn the steps to complete a research report.

Remember, while you are reviewing assignments, it is important to praise good work, as well as point out where your student made a strong point, used descriptive language or made a persuasive argument.

» Spiritual life

Parents of Junior High School students know the special challenges these young adolescents present within the home. As their bodies change, sometimes, their actions and emotions go haywire. This is a time to encourage a stronger prayer life, especially the Rosary and more frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist.

It is also a time, especially in this day and age, to discuss your Catholic values openly with your children and communicate to them the importance of a Catholic education in High School.



Curriculum

In the following pages, we will introduce you to our curriculum for the Junior High Grades, consisting of textbooks and Lesson Plans, and communicate the value of your enrollment and what can be expected for each grade level.

Enjoy! >

"We are excited and looking forward to starting this curriculum next month. It'll be great having something that makes it easier to integrate learning our faith into our everyday activities."

—Leah E.

"I've been with Seton for about 8 years now, and it's been a blessing to be a part of it all! I can't express how grateful I am to my parents for encouraging me and being with me every step of the way. It's my senior year, and I am proud to finish!"

—Hannah C.

Seton is a lot of work, but you have to realize that Seton also provides a ton of tools, and those tools make it possible to accomplish the work.

—Elizabeth S.

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Parenting advice from Sacred Scripture

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(Proverbs 3:5-6)

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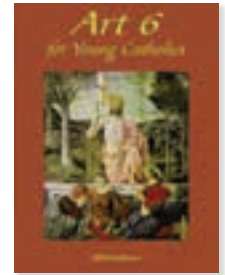
The Value of Your Enrollment

The Sixth Grade Lesson Plan contains a very helpful *Paragraph-Writing Handbook*. You can also find help with diagramming in the video tutorials located in your My Seton page.

Additionally, you will find a Sixth Grade Diagramming Handbook within the Course Resources online, as well as helpful Preliminary Exercises which provide an excellent opportunity to prepare your child for the quarter tests. As always, Seton's Academic Counselors can assist you if you need help with any of the lessons.

Art

Art 6 for Young Catholics is a “how to” art workbook. Children learn to master the artist’s grid and other fundamentals using practical tips and instruction by expert artists. The course covers topics such as: textures, contour, depth perception, symbols, shading, colors and color value, harmony and contrast, dimension and symmetry.



English

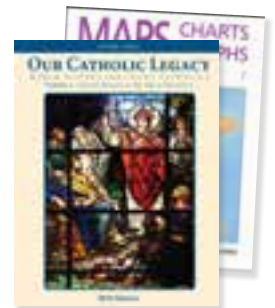
In *English 6 for Young Catholics* independent clauses and compound sentences are introduced. Sixth graders improve their skills in punctuation, parts of speech, elements of a good paragraph, and sentence diagramming. Students then display these skills in letters, speeches, dramatizations, and paragraphs.



In paragraphs about Scripture passages, students move beyond summarizing the material, and use examples to support their own conclusions about what they have read.

History

In *Our Catholic Legacy, Volume I*, students travel from pre-historic times to the Age of Discovery. They are introduced to the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans, the Christian era and the threat posed to Christianity by the spread of Islam and Viking raiders. They study the crusaders, St. Patrick, the spiritual life of Europe in the Middle Ages, the Protestant Revolution, and the great Catholic saints who emerged from it.



Maps, Charts, and Graphs F: Eastern Hemisphere supplements the course with lessons on using maps, latitude and longitude, finding places in the Eastern Hemisphere and world time zones.

Math

In *Saxon Math 65*, students develop their competency in the four basic operations using fractions and decimals. They exhibit skills in basic geometry and graphing and greater accuracy and understanding in problem-solving.



Students learn prime and composite numbers, ratios, square roots, measurement and unit conversion, the properties of operations, and how to determine perimeter, area, and volume.

Music

For music, in *We Sing and Harmonize*, children learn a collection of over 100 songs including music for every liturgical season and parts of the Mass.





Payne Family, setonmagazine.com, October '15

Reading

Students work with Faith and Freedom readers: *This Is Our Heritage* and *A Book of Valor*. They continue to build their skills using the *Reading 6 for Young Catholics: Comprehension* and *Reading 6 for Young Catholics: Thinking Skills* workbooks. Four book reports are required, continuing the same format the student practiced in Fifth Grade. The book choices in the first two quarters are *Beorn the Proud*, *The Swiss Family Robinson*, *The Winged Watchman*, and *Adam of the Road*. The opening paragraph and topic sentences for the middle and ending paragraphs are provided for the first two book reports. In the third and fourth quarter reports on saint biographies, students rely on their own writing and analytical skills to write topic sentences. The student will pick two saints books from the list of Sixth Grade saints books on page 30.

Religion

Religion 6 for Young Catholics and *The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism No. 2* expand the student's understanding of the truths of the Faith with a focus on the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments, Prayer, and the Mass. In *Bible History for Young Catholics: The Old Testament*, the student learns about major events, people, and teachings in the Old Testament from the time of the Judges to the Roman conquest of Palestine.

Science and Health

In *God's Marvelous Works Book 2*, children learn about animal habitats, ecosystems, relationships with other creatures, algae and fungi, mammals, sponges and mollusks, and amphibians. For health, students study the digestive system, the circulatory system, and the respiratory system in *Health 6 for Young Catholics* with special emphasis on the pre-born child.

(Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day* is available as an alternate choice for an additional fee.)

Spelling

In *Spelling 6 for Young Catholics*, students learn their spelling words in 36 lessons by various exercises and then read them in paragraphs covering saints and Old World history. There are also exercises in alphabetizing and syllabication of words.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary 6 for Young Catholics begins each lesson with a fun and entertaining story. Each story introduces 15 new vocabulary words which become the basis for the week's lesson. Students are more apt to learn new words when they see them in the context of an entertaining story.

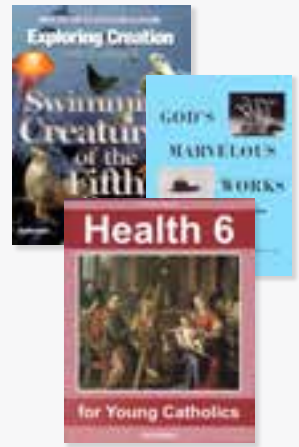
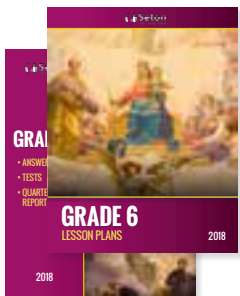
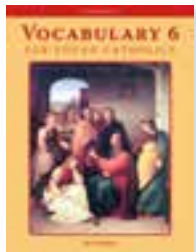
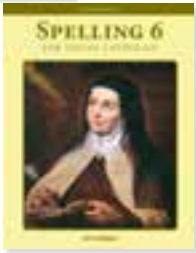
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Tip from a Seton Mom

"Plan, organize, and stick with it. Start each day at the same time and do subjects in the same order. Take breaks (recess) at scheduled points during the day. My children are more inclined to stay focused knowing that they have a scheduled break."



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I'm the General Elementary Counselor at Seton. I homeschooled my daughter from the 7th Grade through the 12th Grade and now, I am here to assist you. I can answer your Elementary Math and general curriculum questions. I can also counsel you on how to homeschool, and offer encouragement as you get started.

You can call me if you wish to be in contact with other Seton families in your area. I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can!

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Parenting advice from Sacred Scripture

“But if any of you needs wisdom, then you should ask God for it. God is generous. He enjoys giving to all people. So God will give you wisdom.”

(James 1:5)

Look inside all these books, and preview the study lessons!



The Value of Your Enrollment

In Seventh Grade your student will begin preparation for success in High School. Students are learning about clauses in English and have online video tutorials to help understand how to diagram them.

In Reading, they are learning about plot, characterization, theme, and motifs. In the Lesson Plans, there is *Paragraph-Writing Handbook* for reference. It is an exciting year as students are learning to work more independently.

Art

In this art appreciation course, students will study New Testament scenes by renowned Victorian artist, James Tissot. Inspired by the visions of Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerich, each picture in *Art 7 for Young Catholics* is accompanied by commentary and meditations written by the Catholic artist.

English

Students study outlining in depth and learn principles that will enable them to outline compositions of any length as they read and write. Using the *English 7 for Young Catholics* text-workbook, students build on their previous knowledge of punctuation, the eight parts of speech, phrases, clauses, and sentences.

Students are introduced to relative pronouns, adverbial objectives, complex sentences, and learn to diagram sentences containing adjectival and adverbial subordinate clauses.

History

Our Catholic Legacy, Volume II helps students appreciate the richness of our Catholic heritage. Students learn about Michelangelo, St. Catherine of Sienna, Queen Isabella of Spain, St. Joan of Arc, Rembrandt, Cardinal Mindszenty, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and others.

Also included in the course is *Maps, Charts, and Graphs G: The World*. Topics covered include using an elevation map, reading a population map, and using a map and a graph together.

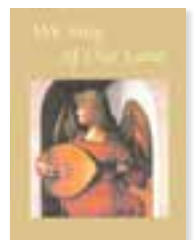
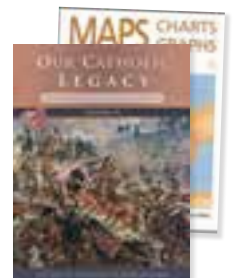
Math

Using *Saxon Math 76*, students improve their skills in working with fractions, decimals, and percents. They show proficiency in working with time, money, and area; exhibit skill in basic geometry and graphing; and improve their accuracy and understanding in problem-solving.

Students simplify expressions containing parentheses, perform operations with signed numbers, solve word problems with powers and roots, and learn about statistics and probability.

Music

In *We Sing of Our Land*, children learn musical notation. They will learn a collection of over 100 songs, including songs for every liturgical season, and parts of the Mass in Latin.





Reading

Seventh Grade reading builds students' abstract thinking and analysis skills. The *Reading 7 for Young Catholics: Thinking Skills* and *Reading 7 for Young Catholics: Comprehension* workbooks are central in introducing new literary elements: conflict, motifs, and theme. Students learn to identify these and other literary elements in classic short stories and in episodes from the life of St. Margaret Mary, preparing them to analyze full-length novels for these elements later, in High School. Each of the four book reports uses the five-paragraph format employed in previous years. This year the student incorporates a thesis statement into the essay to tie it together. The opening paragraph and topic sentences for the following paragraphs are still provided for these first two book reports. Book choices for the first two quarters are: *The Singing Tree*, *Men of Iron*, *Johnny Tremain*, and *Augustine Came to Kent*. For the third and fourth quarter reports on saint biographies, students choose two saints books from the list of Seventh Grade saints books on page 31.



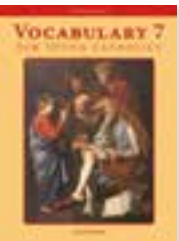
Religion

By working through *Religion 7 for Young Catholics* as well as *The St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism No. 2*, students build their understanding of the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments, the creation of the angels and of man, grace, and the Holy Spirit. Special emphasis is placed on the study of the Sacrament of Confirmation with the book *Confirmation Preparation for Young Catholics*. In *Bible History*, students grow in their knowledge of major events, people, and teachings in the life of Jesus Christ from the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.



Science

Science 7 for Young Catholics introduces students to chemistry, physics, aeronautical engineering, geology, and rocketry. Students do hands-on activities that require only household items. (Apologia's *Exploring Creation with General Science* is available as an alternate choice for an additional fee.)



Spelling

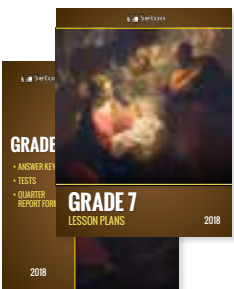
Students learn to spell by completing 36 lessons with exercises on the makeup and definition of the words, and then read the words in sentences and paragraphs. Stories focus on the saints and other influential Catholics throughout history. In *Spelling 7 for Young Catholics*, students cover such concepts as double letters, multi-syllables, consonant digraphs, diphthongs, prefixes and suffixes, science-specific words, and words from Greek, French, Spanish, and Latin.

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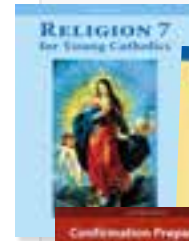
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Greetings! John Thorp here, at your service in the Admissions Department to help you enroll in our school. Whether it's transitioning from a public/private school, re-enrollment, or pursuing a High School diploma, I am here to assist you in making the right decisions with your family's homeschooling plans.

I hold a Master's degree in Education, a BA in Liberal Studies, and have been a credentialed teacher in California, Texas, and Hawaii. As a proud Seton homeschooling father of five children, my wife and I have dealt with many of the same questions you may have. Helping you begin and succeed in your homeschooling journey would be a great honor for me. I truly look forward to hearing from you.

Tip from a Seton Mom

"Having the same daily routine helps tremendously! ...Having flexibility is important too, but the routine helps everyone know what to expect each day, and makes planning so much easier!"

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“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.”

(James 1:2-3)

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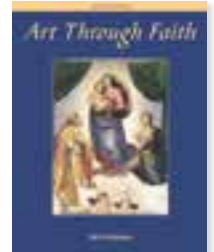
Eighth Grade provides the final touches to your student’s education before entering High School. The Reading class focuses on plot, characterization, theme, and motif. In History, they study American History as well as do assignments based on their own state.

In English, the entire second semester is dedicated to writing compositions and the Lesson Plans walk the students step-by-step through the process of writing a five page research report. By the end of Eighth Grade, students are well prepared for success in High School.

Art

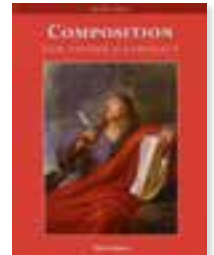
In *Art Through Faith*, students see full color reproductions of Christianity’s greatest religious art with insightful comments to point out religious meaning.

The Junior High student is introduced to the works of different artists in this truly unique collection. Artists include Fra Angelico, Bellini, Botticelli, da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Rubens, and the Pre-Raphaelites.



English and Composition

Using the *English 8 for Young Catholics* workbook in the first semester, students do a fast-paced review of grammar concepts learned in previous years. Topics reviewed include the eight parts of speech, adjectival and adverbial prepositional phrases, principal clauses, adjectival and adverbial subordinate clauses, and diagramming. Noun clauses are also introduced this year.



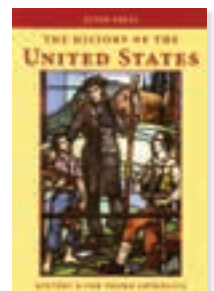
Composition for Young Catholics is the second semester component of the English course. Students focus on expository writing using examples, details, and reasons to support ideas.

In the final quarter, students go through the steps of writing a practice research report, which include taking notes, constructing a bibliography, and citing sources. These skills will be especially valuable in the High School years.



History

The historical period from the discovery of America to the 2008 election is covered in *The History of the United States: History 8 for Young Catholics*. Review questions throughout the 32 chapters and end of chapter questions help the students focus on the important content.



Math

In *Saxon Math Algebra 1/2*, students demonstrate solid arithmetic skills in such areas as factoring, absolute value, signed numbers, order of operations, exponents, ratios, and proportions. Students learn problem-solving skills related to elementary geometric concepts, basic algebraic concepts, unit multiples, business math, statistics and probability, while developing a basic grasp of rectangular coordinates.



Music

Children learn parts of the Mass in Latin and musical notation and to play and sing songs from the liturgical seasons, as well as short plays in *We Sing of Our World*.





Reading

Students improve comprehension and literary analysis skills using *Reading 8 for Young Catholics: Comprehension* as they continue to identify characters, plot, theme, and other elements that they will later encounter in High School Literature courses.

In *Reading 8 for Young Catholics: Thinking Skills*, students apply these skills both to classic short stories and selections from the life of St. Joan of Arc. Each quarterly book report requires a thesis statement that is supported in the five-paragraph analysis. The opening paragraph and topic sentences for the remaining paragraphs are provided for the first two book reports. Readers included in the course are *The Yearling*, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, *The Hidden Treasure of Glaston*, and *Outlaws of Ravenhurst*. Third and fourth quarter books reports are written on saint biographies. The student will pick two saints books from the list of Eighth Grade saints books on page 31.

Religion

In eighth grade, special emphasis is placed on the study of Church history using *Witness to the Faith: Religion 8 for Young Catholics*, from the founding of the Church through the twentieth century. In their final year of working with *The St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism No. 2*, eighth graders increase their understanding of the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith: the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments, and Prayer.

Science

Students study *Life Science 8 for Young Catholics*, an engaging, comprehensive life science program, written and reviewed by Catholic medical doctors. It uses hundreds of high quality diagrams, photos, and illustrations to make even challenging concepts easy to understand. The first semester covers the science and chemistry of life, beginning with cells and progressing through the plant and animal kingdoms. The second semester focuses on human biology. The course is designed to prepare students for High School Biology.

Spelling

Students learn to spell by completing 36 lessons with exercises on the makeup and definition of the words, and then read the words in sentences and paragraphs. Stories focus on the lives of the saints and other religious stories. In *Spelling 8 for Young Catholics*, students cover such concepts as words derived from Latin, Greek and French, clusters and diagraphs, prefixes, suffixes, and scientific and mathematical terms.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary 8 for Young Catholics begins each lesson with a fun and entertaining story. Each story introduces 15 new vocabulary words which become the basis for the week's lesson. Students are more apt to learn new words in the context of an entertaining story.

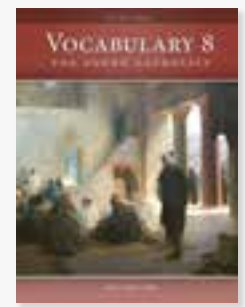
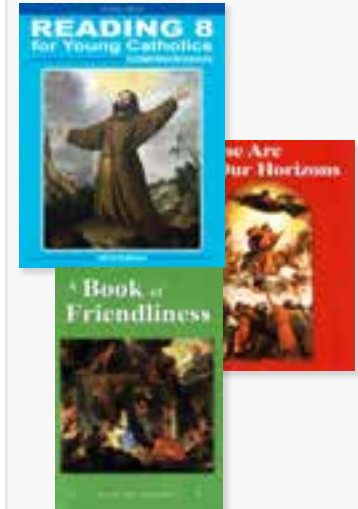
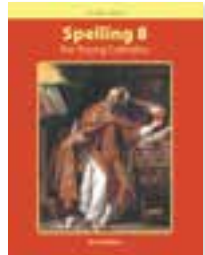
Eighth Grade Lesson Plans

The detailed Lesson Plans walk you through day-by-day instructions and activities with your student. Answer Keys, Tests, and Quarter Report Forms are included.



Explore more choices for your 4 book reports.

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Tip from a Seton Mom

“Staying connected with seasoned Seton home educators, via Facebook, Seton message boards, etc., is invaluable. Between the home educators who have gone before me, and the Seton staff, there is abundant assistance, advice, and prayerful support!”



Staff Profile: Manuel Vicente

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I've been serving Seton families since 2003. As a member of the academic counseling team, I assist with Math, Science, and Spanish. I am the proud father of four children, all of whom my wife and I have homeschooled with Seton. I graduated with a B.S. in meteorology from Florida State University and have worked as a forecaster with the US Air Force and as a Spanish-language forecaster on radio and TV in Miami.

For many years I've been involved in developing Science and Foreign Language curricula for Seton. I'm excited to bring that experience to the Counseling Department, and to work one-on-one with Seton families.



Frequently Asked Questions

About My Enrollment

When can I enroll my children for school?

Enrollment can be done at any time of the year.

What happens after I enroll my children?

Upon enrolling, you will receive online assessment tests for all students (Grades 2-12) who had not been enrolled in Seton in the previous grade. A counselor will contact you once the tests have been reviewed. The box with all of the books, Lesson Plans, tests, answer keys, etc. will then be shipped out to you.

In some cases, the assessment test results might suggest the student would be more successful at a different grade level in some or all subjects. In those cases, the counselor would discuss the options with you and give you the chance to make changes before the books are shipped.

We will send a request for school records form so that we can receive the student records from any previous school (High School transcripts need to be received before the enrollment process is complete).

Do I need to take any assessment tests?

When first enrolling, it is recommended that students take an assessment test so you can be certain they are receiving materials appropriate to their level.

Whom do I contact with admissions questions?

We have several counselors in the Admissions Department who can be contacted with general admissions questions by email or phone: admissions@setonhome.org | 866-280-1930.

Do I receive a discount for multiple students enrolled in Seton?

Yes, for multiple students enrolled in Grades 1-12, there is a discount which increases for additional students enrolled at the same time: \$50 for the second student, \$100 each for the third and fourth, and \$160 for each student after the fourth. Large families are a great blessing and Seton strives to be affordable for all families.

How can I afford the cost of the enrollment AND the books?

You don't have to! The books are included with the enrollment! You get the books along with all the other services we provide when you enroll, all included in the cost of your enrollment.

Does Seton offer a payment plan?

Seton currently offers an 8-month payment plan for full enrollments.

Frequently Asked Questions

About My Curriculum

Will my child be challenged?

The curriculum is thoroughly Catholic and academically challenging. Seton has gone through the rigorous accreditation process to ensure that the curriculum will give your children the quality education they deserve.

Can I call the counselors any time during the work week to discuss academic and homeschooling problems?

Yes! Call us; email us; whichever is more convenient for you. Don't be afraid to contact us. Knowledgeable staff members are on hand from 9AM-5PM ET, Monday through Friday to help you.

Sometimes, families call us and say, "I wish I had called sooner, I was just embarrassed to call and I thought you might be busy." We say, "We are busy...busy answering your phone calls, and gladly doing it!"

What if unforeseen circumstances cause my children to fall behind?

The counselors are here to help, and as one homeschooling Dad likes to remind parents: **"The goal of homeschooling isn't to finish in a certain time frame. The goal is to give your child a good Catholic education that will prepare him or her to live as a Christian in the world. You are only behind if you are not making progress toward accomplishing that goal."**

I think if you look at Seton as a whole, allow the counselors to help you, and realize that the Lesson Plans are a guide instead of being set in stone, you and your children will do very well. After all, family togetherness is one of the best things about homeschooling with Seton.
—Maureen S.

"I wanted to say how much I love Seton! This is our first year homeschooling and you have made my family as a whole so happy. My kids now love waking up to "go" to school. Thank you again!"
—Beckie W.

Seton also offers flexibility in that we are able to school wherever we are, be it on extended trips or even relocation.
—Jody B.

Can my student take a class that might not be in his/her grade level?

Yes, there are many students who might be in a particular grade level for most subjects, but might need a more or less challenging course in Reading or Math, for example.

Does Seton provide a diploma for Junior High or High School graduates?

Seton provides a diploma for High School graduates. Certificates for Junior High graduates are available upon request.

Do transfer students need to submit transcripts?

Yes. However, for elementary grades, they may be sent after enrollment.

Do I need to return all of my student's materials at the end of the school year?

No. The textbooks are yours to keep. However, we do request that all Lesson Plans be returned upon completion of the school year.

Do you have a program designed for students with Special Needs?

Yes. Upon request, this program can be customized for your student with one of our Special Needs counselors. See page 42-43 for more detail.



Special Services

Serving students with special educational needs.

Seton's initiative to offer special services has made homeschooling possible for children challenged with learning or medical problems. With over ten years experience adapting Lesson Plans, modifying assignments and creating original material, our specialist counselors have helped thousands of families make homeschooling an option.

Our goal is simple: if a student is having difficulties with homeschooling, we work to make the experience a success. Students who come to us for help in Special Services usually have a learning disability. Sometimes the parents have received a formal diagnosis for their child and other times not. Other students need assistance due to medical problems. A small but steady group of students do not have any learning or medical problems. This is often the case in High School.

1. Adapted Lesson Plans

In order to help students be successful with Seton's program, we have created adapted Lesson Plans and modified assignments to go along with many of the regular courses. These adapted assignments include short objective tests in place of essay work and quarter tests, various levels of adapted book report forms to help elementary students learn the process of putting together a book report, and structured essays with an outline to help High School students continue to develop their writing skills.

Since the goal is to have the students use as much of Seton's regular curriculum as possible, the last ten years have been spent creating these adapted materials which previously did not exist. The response from parents and students has been overwhelmingly positive. Parents have been thrilled to see their students learn from challenging materials such as Seton's American History, Biology, and Religion courses, but be tested in a way that was manageable for their students.

2. Remedial Program

In some cases, of course, using a Seton book may not be a good fit, at least not yet. Prerequisite skills may need to be addressed. This is often the case with Seton's challenging English grammar books in Grades 1-8. For students who are not ready to work with these, we offer a few different grammar programs that will allow the student to build up a foundation. We also have a composition program to teach writing skills to Elementary and High School students in a step-by-step fashion. We carry alternate materials in other subject areas as well.

3. Dyslexia DVDs

If there is one thing that parents have heard about Special Services, it is that we have a DVD program for helping children with dyslexia learn to read and spell. That is true, but we actually have two different dyslexia programs that we have been using successfully for close to 20 years. It is a blessing to be able to offer them to students who need them, and phone calls from happy parents whose children are finally learning to read are amongst the greatest joys we receive from being Seton counselors.

4. Customized Curriculum

If a student needs a customized curriculum, the course modifications are discussed in a phone conference call where the parents and Special Services staff agree on what is best for the student. Each course is discussed in turn and all of the options available are compared. Thus, while evaluations that have been sent to Seton (if any) are certainly consulted, the input of the parents is of the utmost importance.

5. Additional Resources

Special Services is pleased to offer a few additional resources that you may find helpful. Our website now has a number of videos recorded by Dr. Catherine Moran on differences in learning styles, recognizing learning disabilities, and ADHD. We also sell a book titled *Homeschooling Children with Special Needs* by Sharon Hensley. The book is a good introduction to numerous aspects of educating a child with special needs at home, and it provides references to further reading as well.

6. Seton Diploma

You may be wondering if working with Special Services will prevent your student from graduating or receiving a diploma. Absolutely not. Actually, we offer four different diplomas; the Basic, Vocational, General, and Academic, to assure that regardless of the student's level of achievement in Grade 12, there is a diploma option for them.

If you feel Special Services may be able to help you, please email or call us. We would be happy to discuss the particulars of your situation and let you know what we can do to help.



Stephen Costanzo
Director of the Special Services Department.

Stephen holds a Master of Teaching in Special Education and, since 2004, has designed thousands of adapted curricula for struggling Seton students of all ages. He has taught children with learning difficulties in the public school system and has experience administering and interpreting achievement tests and designing and implementing IEPs. He is married with eight young children.



Kathleen Hunt
General & Academic Counselor

Kathleen's teaching career spans eighteen years and includes time spent with children in both regular and special education. Her teaching experience and B.S. in Elementary Education enable her to act as an Academic Counselor as well as offer support and encouragement, so often needed when homeschooling a child with special needs. She is married with two children and five grandchildren.



Student Success: Tait

One of the best examples of student success that the Special Services Department has encountered.

A member of a large homeschooling family in California, he was first enrolled in Special Services for his 9th Grade year in April of 2004.

Tait was diagnosed with dyslexia during his elementary school years (around Grade 2), and he completed at home a remedial literacy program designed for students with dyslexia.

Years later, he was enrolled in our Special Services Department so that he could begin High School. Though the literacy program had helped him improve his reading, he was still reading at only a 6th Grade level at the beginning of Grade 9. Consequently, his 9th Grade curriculum materials were chosen accordingly.

As the years passed, Tait decided that he wanted to achieve the same level of academic success as his older siblings, who had previously completed Seton's standard High School program. In

10th Grade he asked to receive a copy of both the adapted and non-adapted versions of *A Tale of Two Cities*, the final piece of literature for the year. The regular version must have impressed him.

For his Junior and Senior years, he decided that he did not want to use adapted/abridged literature anymore; he indicated that he would rather use standard literature as part of his customized program, even if it meant that High School would take him longer.

Tait took advantage of the flexibility that homeschooling offers and made use of adapted schedules to complete his courses. He amazed his mother and Seton Counselors with the quality of the essay work he was completing at the end of High School. He ended up being accepted to several colleges and plans to study history before possibly entering the military.

Tuition & Fees

Ways We Make Your Enrollment Even More Affordable

Multiple Student Discounts (Grades 1-12)

Most families have multiple students enrolled with Seton. In order to make tuition more affordable for large families, when paying in full we offer a \$50 discount on the second student, a \$100 discount on the 3rd and 4th students, and \$160 off each additional student who are enrolled at the same time. (The payment plan has similar discounts.)

Book Credits

The tuition includes all of the textbooks, however if some of the books are not needed (many can be re-used), tuition is reduced for each book that Seton does not send.

Conference Discount

Families who enroll at a Catholic homeschool conference can receive a \$30 discount per student.

Military Discount

Active military families can receive a \$30 discount per student.





Tuition Estimates

Tuition prices shown include common math book fees, and are for individual students with the up-front payment discount. Multiple-student discounts, book credits, or other discounts would reduce these prices.

Pre-K and K:	\$210
Grades 1-3:	\$510
Grades 4-5:	\$545
Grades 6-7:	\$595
Grade 8:	\$630
High School:	\$840

Payment Plan

Seton offers an 8-month payment plan option, though there is a discount for paying tuition up-front.

Tuition prices are subject to change. Families that have not been recently enrolled with Seton pay a \$30 New Family Fee.

What Is Included With Your Enrollment:



All of the books you will need for your school year



Lesson Plans which guide you through the curriculum



Grading of key assignments



Access to academic counselors if you need them



Transcript and record keeping



Assessment testing



Online resources

Succeeding after Elementary School

As you work through the 8th Grade Year, you should be making plans for High School. Most people consider High School to be the transition to and preparation for college. There can be no better preparation for college than Seton Homeschool High School.

What makes a Seton High School education such a good preparation for success in college?

Colleges expect their students to be able to work on their own. College professors expect students to spend a minimum of two hours working independently for every hour spent in classes. For these two or more hours outside of class, the student is working on his own, often in the college library. Seton students develop the skills and habits of working on their own.

Colleges also expect students to have excellent research and writing abilities. Unlike most freshmen, Seton students enter college with the skills and work habits of college upperclassmen. The Seton High School curriculum builds top level research and writing skills. The Seton English program helps students develop the type of analytical and critical thinking skills that colleges cherish.

The college success of Seton students is well documented. The average SAT and ACT scores for Seton students far exceed those of most public and Catholic schools. Many Seton graduates receive college scholarships. Seton graduates are sought after by all of the Seton partner colleges, such as Christendom College in Virginia, Thomas Aquinas College in California, and Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio.

Many Seton graduates have been accepted into one of the National Military and Service academies every year. Seton graduates have been accepted to top level universities and colleges like M.I.T., and the Ivy League colleges, and many, many others around the nation. Seton graduate, Jonathan Bate, graduated from West Point as the Honor Graduate, that is first in his class. Yes, Seton graduates do get into, and succeed well in college.

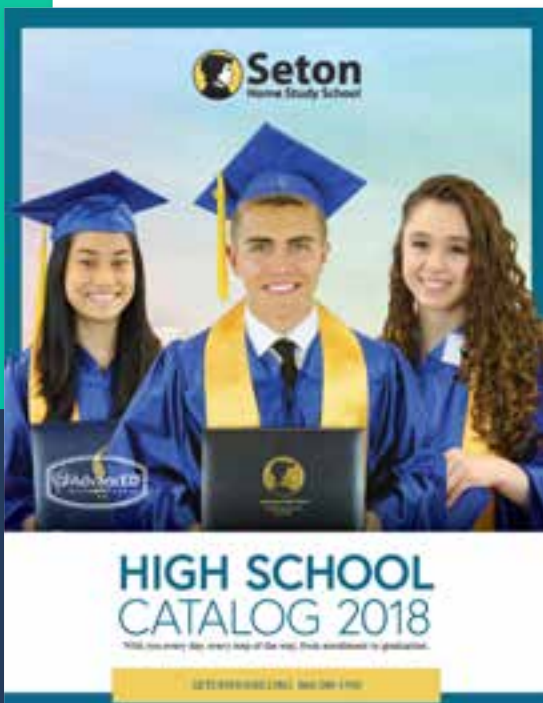
As in Seton's Elementary School, the Seton High School experience includes daily Lesson Plans, with many built in resources, and services like counseling, grading and record keeping. Seton is accredited by AdvancED, one of the premier accrediting agencies in the country. Seton is also accredited internationally. High School counselors have degrees in the subjects that they counsel, so if you have science questions, you get a degreed Science counselor for help.

Seton also has many extra resources to help too, including video and audio tutorials and lectures, and class notes. Seton is now developing interactive online courses, and will be adding more every year.

To top it all off, Seton has a great graduation weekend at the end of May every year. You can graduate, make new friends, and go to a family-style graduation dance.

The perfect ending to a great education!

Ask for more information
about our High School Program!



Photos of Seton 2015 Graduates.
Left to right: Naomi Raagas, Anton Rechner, Sara Steinel



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