

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2016 Willis Lane Keller, TX 76248

Office Hours: 7:30am-3:45pm School Hours 8:00am-3:15pm

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Fact Sheet 2010-2011

Clubs and Activities: Boy scouts and Girl scouts, Art Club, Yearbook, Destination Imagination and Running Club depending on age, 6th-8th graders can join Safety Patrol and Student Council. 7th and 8th grade students who qualify can participate in the National Junior Honor Society. Additional information is announced in weekly FYI as it becomes available.

Communication: School calendar, family handbook, directory, newsletter, announcements and much more are available on RenWeb. This school management software on the web provides you with the ability to e-mail teachers, look at assignments, view progress reports, and class lists. 3rd-8th grade parents can check grades anytime, anywhere they have access to the web. To take advantage of this feature you must provide an e-mail address on your Directory Release enclosed in the Registration Packet. The RenWeb downloading information sheet will be available at Orientation in August.

Community Service: Students in 5th grade are strongly encouraged to perform 10 hours of community service. 6th-8th graders are required to perform 40 community service hours each school year (form available on web site). Many opportunities are available throughout the year for families to participate in community service (Beautiful Feet Ministries, Community Store House, Angel Tree...).

Computer Lab: Students in 3rd-8th grade attend computer class.

Curriculum: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is accredited by TCCEC (Texas Catholic Conference Education Commission). All diocesan schools follow the Diocese of Fort Worth curriculum guidelines utilizing the Hartford Curriculum.

Extended Day: Hours are 7:00am-7:45am and 3:15pm-6:00pm when school is in session. \$75.00 annual registration fee per family is due upon enrollment at Orientation in August. Cost is \$5.00 an hour per child with a one hour minimum. Extended Day is not open when school is closed (i.e. teacher in-services, holidays...). Only those students enrolled at SEAS School may attend Extended Day.

Fees: All fees and tuition are non-refundable. There is an 8th grade promotion fee and 6th-8th grade Science Lab fee due by 6/16/10, and extended day registration fee if applicable, paid in August. In lieu of fund raising, there is a mandatory \$150 fee per family for the "Check Writing Program" due by 12/10/10. Please note: additional fees may arise and be in effect for the 2010-2011 school year.

Field Trips: Teachers plan field trips based on their educational value. The fee varies depending on the cost of the activity and bus rental. Bus rather than parental transportation is preferable but teachers will notify parents if they are needed to drive for a field trip. Parents must have a current Keeping Children Safe (renew every 3 years), Criminal Background Check, Driver's Information Sheet and a copy of their insurance card and driver's license and declaration page on file with the school office. Diocesan minimum insurance standards required to drive. Siblings may not attend field trips. 7th graders may take an all day trip to Austin and 8th graders may participate in an approximate week long educational trip at an additional cost.

Library: The library houses over 6,000 books, periodicals, and electronic databases. PreK 3 through 8th grade attend library on a regular basis; students in Kindergarten and above may check out books. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the library as well as get a library card. The library hosts two book fairs annually, the Birthday Book Share, Parent Read Aloud and Accelerated Reader programs. Accelerated Reader is a reading practice program offered to 2nd – 8th grade that encourages reading for pleasure while increasing comprehension and student reading levels. **Summer reading is required in grades 1-8 and is posted on our website each May.**

Learning Lab: The Learning Lab was designed to meet the individualized needs of our students. Some of the services provided by the lab include oral testing (only if it is a required accommodation), small group learning, content mastery, and individualized tutoring in skill-based activities. The Learning Lab does not provide before or after school tutoring or homework assistance.

Lunches: Students have the option of purchasing lunch from Educational Catering, Inc (ECI) or bringing lunch from home. Please send your child with the proper utensils if "brown bagging". ECI form on website must be submitted to open account. Checks are made payable to ECI or credit card payment online. Monthly menu is posted on school website. PreK through 3rd graders purchase the balanced meal while 4th-8th grade have the

option of purchasing ala carte items. A table is reserved for those occasions when parents choose to eat lunch with their child.

Non-discrimination Policy: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal statutes of non-discrimination in its employment and admission.

Parent Involvement: Parental involvement is encouraged with many avenues being available: School Advisory Council (SAC), Parent and School Association (PSA), Gala, Golf Tournament, library, room parents and classroom volunteers... Volunteers must have a current certificate on file from the diocesan "Keeping Children Safe Seminar" (renewal every 3 years) in addition to a completed criminal background check.

Registration: Returning students and siblings register in January with returning students having priority over siblings. **2010-2011 registration dates are:** SEAS returning students and siblings, 2/1/10-2/3/10; SEAS Parishioners, 2/8/10-2/12/10; Catholic non-parishioners, 2/16/10-2/19/10; open registration begins 2/22/10. **New students must have all required paperwork to apply.** Registration packets contain step-by-step information and are available from SEAS School Office. NOTE: Money is only accepted if space is available. It does not cost to go on wait list. If enrolled, we do not place on wait list for 1st choice (i.e. prefer PK4 MWF but enroll in PK4 TTh due to availability, you can't be on PK4 MWF wait list too). New Kindergarten-8th grade students are required to be assessed.

Religion: All students receive religion instruction daily as part of the curriculum. Students in Kindergarten-8th attend Mass every Wednesday at 9am. 3rd-8th graders attend confession on a rotating schedule. It is the parent's responsibility to make sacramental prep arrangements for 2nd graders through the church office.

School Store: The School Store is open Monday-Friday, 7:45am-8:15am. It is located in the foyer outside of the preschool wing. School "spirit" items are available in the store. Order forms are available on our web site.

School Supplies: School supply lists are posted on SEAS School website.

Scrip: Scrip gift certificate order forms are sent home weekly and are available online. Scrip is just like going to a store and buying a gift certificate except by buying through the school we receive a percentage from the vendors. This parent service is an easy way to raise money for our school and gym fund. Participation in the Scrip Program can also earn tuition credit. Scrip is sold in the school store. Contact Frances Frederick at ffrederick@seascc.org for details.

Specials: In addition to the core curriculum, students in Kindergarten through 8th grade participate in art, music and physical education. PreK 4 Monday-Friday classes participate in music and physical education. PreK 4 Monday-Friday thru 5th grade have one semester each of Spanish and French. 6th-8th grade is departmentalized and choose one foreign language for the year and one elective choice for the year. Electives can vary but typically students choose from art, band or choir.

Spirit Day: Every Friday is Spirit Day provided it's not a Mass or field trip day. Students may wear school spirit T-shirts with their uniform shorts or pants. Spirit shirts are available in the School Store.

Sports Facilities: SEAS Sports Complex consists of a baseball/softball field and a soccer field surrounded by a track. Younger grades also have their own playground.

Sports: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School participates in the Diocese of Fort Worth Interscholastic Sports Program for 6th-8th graders. \$150.00 Sports Registration Fee required in August. Annual sports physical required to participate. Sports offered through the diocese are co-ed volleyball and soccer, girls/boys basketball, softball/baseball and track. \$100 Cheerleading fee covers the whole school year. Coaches must have current Keeping Children Safe and criminal background checks on file. 6th-8th grade boys are eligible to participate in the Fort Worth Christian Youth Football Program.

Testing: Each fall 1st-8th graders take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), 4th and 7th graders take the CoGAT. 5th and 8th graders take the ACRE Test (Assessment of Catechesis/Religion Education).

Uniforms: Required for Kindergarten-8th grade. Uniforms must be purchased through Parker School Uniforms Company. Uniform information is available online at www.parkersu.com, Web ID code: FW392902. Parker Uniform offers annual sales in June and December. There are specific sock and shoe requirements. Used uniforms are sold from parent to parent and ran by parent volunteers. They are stored in the SEAS School Store. Used uniforms can be dropped off Monday and Friday between 7:15am-8:15am. Used uniforms are available for purchase on Tuesday and Wednesday's from 7:45am-8:15am.