



ST SETON'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

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8th June 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As the summer term draws to a close, our thoughts in St Seton's are very focused on planning for the 23/24 school year. We are very excited to welcome your child to our new school. New beginnings are very special and every student in St Seton's will be making history as part of the opening of our school in September.

We are pleased to inform you that it has been agreed that Ms Sarah Kennedy will be the Senior Campus Deputy Principal and Ms Catherine Turley will be the Junior Campus Deputy Principal. Both deputy principals will spend time on both the junior and senior campuses to ensure a smooth transition and to get to know and be familiar with the whole school community,

Information Pack

This information pack contains important details on getting prepared for the new school year, including:

- School Uniform Information and Further Uniform Fitting Dates (postcard)
- Book Rental Arrangements and School Charge Payments (Blue Page)
- St Seton's School Calendar 23/24
- Arrangements for Students Return to School (Green Page)
- St Seton's will be a Phone- Free School - Information on Yondr Pouches

Please read through the information carefully and if there are any follow up questions, please make contact with the office at St Seton's Junior Campus on 01-6264943.

Summer Construction Work

Preparations are underway for construction work to be undertaken on both campuses this summer. The work will begin in July. We will keep you updated on progress via social media so keep an eye on @stsetons Instagram, Twitter and Facebook for regular updates on progress within the two campuses.

Communication

As we move forward to the new school year, we will start communicating with Parents / Guardians via the new Compass App. We will support everyone to get online with us in August, ahead of the return to school.

We are deeply committed to making St Seton's a successful school where young people learn inside and outside the classroom and feel happy, supported and connected. We look forward to working in partnership with all families and welcoming you to our new school community in September.

With Kind Regards,

Principal

Deputy Principal - Junior Campus

Deputy Principal - Senior Campus



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Book Rental Arrangements

All students in St Seton's can avail of the Book Rental Scheme. The scheme operates like a library where students get their school books at the start of the school year and return them at the end of the school year. There is an annual book rental charge of €80. Once paid, students will be given the school books and workbooks they require for all of their subjects. The scheme covers school books only and does not include stationary and subject specific materials eg Copy Books, Art Materials, Cookery Ingredients. Students are responsible for the books they receive under the book rental scheme. Replacement fees will be charged for books that are lost / badly damaged and cannot be returned at the end of the school year.

School Charges 23/24

The following is a breakdown of annual school charges for St Seton's:

- Administration Charge: €25
- Mobile Device Charge: €40
- School Journal: €10
- Yondr Mobile Phone Pouch: €15
- Locker Fee: €5
- Mock Exam Papers (3rd & 6th Year Only): €25
- TY Charge: €100

An additional €25 subject surcharge for Art, Woodwork and Home Economics will apply to students who study these subjects to cover the costs of all materials and ingredients for the school year.

*1st Years will be asked to pay after subject tasting/selection is completed in September.

**This does not apply to TY students.

Total Amount Payable Per Year Group

(incl. Book Rental, excl subject surcharge for Art, Woodwork / Construction, Home Economics)

1st Year €175	2nd Year €175	3rd Year €200
4th Year €275	5th Year €175	6th Year €200

Payment Methods

Payments can be processed in the following ways:

- **Cash payments can be made at each office within the three amalgamating schools.** The school offices are open until the end of June and will reopen during the 2nd week of August. Please text 086 040 4411 if you need assistance outside of these date.
- **Card payments can be made at the office within St John's College (St Seton's Junior Campus 23/24)**
- **Bank Transfers can be made to the St Seton's Bank Account using the details below. Please ensure to include the student's name for the payment reference.**
 - St Seton's Secondary School, Bank Of Ireland, 177 Drimnagh Road, Walkinstown, Dublin, D12RX01
 - IBAN: IE40BOFI90028778525296
 - BIC: BOFIE2D
- **Payments can be processed through the Compass App once parents / guardians are set up from July / August.**



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Return of Students to School – September 2023

Students will be welcomed to St Seton's on a gradual return from 4th September 2023. Each Year Group (apart from our new incoming 1st Years) will be supported with three '**Settling-In Sessions**' before regular teaching begins, as per their timetable, from 11th September.

1st Year students will engage in a longer '**New Beginnings Induction Programme**' over two weeks. They will carry out a number of workshops and activities and gradually ease into their formal classes.

Below is the schedule of the initial '**Settling-In Sessions**'. For each of these sessions, students are expected to wear full school uniform. Each Year Group will have one session (12 – 2pm) that runs over the lunch break. A Hot Lunch will be provided for each student, free of charge, for this session. No students will be allowed to leave the premises for lunch.

Settling-In Session 1

- Assembly with Year Heads
- Rules & Routines with Tutors
- Timetable
- School Journal

Settling-In Session 2

- Team Building with Class Group
- Year Group Lunch
- Orientation

Settling-In Session 3

- Books & Lockers
- Materials Check
- Photo
- Final Prep for Classes

1ST YEAR JUNIOR CAMPUS	2ND YEAR JUNIOR CAMPUS	3RD YEAR JUNIOR CAMPUS	4TH YEAR SENIOR CAMPUS	5TH YEAR SENIOR CAMPUS	6TH YEAR SENIOR CAMPUS
Settling-In 1 Wednesday 06.09.23 9 – 11am	Settling-In 1 Tuesday 05.09.23 11am – 1pm	Settling-In 1 Monday 04.09.23 9 – 11am	Settling-In 1 Wednesday 06.09.23 11am – 1pm	Settling-In 1 Tuesday 05.09.23 9am – 11am	Settling-In 1 Monday 04.09.23 11am – 1pm
Settling-In 2* Thursday 07.09.23 12 – 2pm	Settling-In 2 Wednesday 06.09.23 12 – 2pm	Settling-In 2 Tuesday 05.09.23 12 – 2pm	Settling-In 2 Thursday 07.09.23 12 – 2pm	Settling-In 2 Wednesday 06.09.23 12 – 2pm	Settling-In 2 Tuesday 05.09.23 12 – 2pm
Settling-In 3 Monday 11.09.23 11am – 1pm	Settling-In 3 Friday 08.09.23 11am – 1pm	Settling-In 3 Thursday 07.09.23 1.30 – 3.30pm	Settling-In 3 Monday 11.09.23 11am – 1pm	Settling-In 3 Friday 08.09.23 11am – 1pm	Settling-In 3 Thursday 07.09.23 1.30 – 3.30pm

**There will be a 'New 1st Years Parents/Guardians Meeting' at this time too, followed by a family BBQ.*



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St Seton's will be a Phone-Free School with Yondr Pouches



How it Works



Students bring their pouch with them to school. Under staff supervision, students turn off their device and put it in their Pouch upon arrival or in the first class.



Students press the green button to secure their Pouch and hold on to it for the day. Students cannot access their phones.



Students tap their Pouch on the Base to open it as they exit. Students take their pouch home with them.

Tell us how you feel about it? Complete a short Parent / Guardian survey by scanning this code:



Benefits of a Phone Free School

Education

Students are less distracted in a phone free learning environment. Teachers can be teachers, instead of phone police.

Social

Without phones, students are much more talkative and relaxed with each other. Social skills are developed, something that can only help them in later life.

Emotional

The impact of phones on teenage mental health cannot be ignored. Yondr gives students the opportunity to experience how good a phone-free school day can feel.



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School Calendar 2023/24

DATE	DETAIL	TIME
24th August	Staff Return - Croke Park Staff Planning Day	8.45am - 3.30pm
28th Aug - 1st Sept	Staff Planning & Development Week	
4th - 8th September	Return of Students - Settling-In Sessions	See Schedule
21st September	St Seton's Open Day	2.30pm - 5.30pm
22nd September	St Seton's Opening Mass & Celebration	11.30am
25th September	Free Day - School Closed	
27th September	Junior & Senior Campus Assemblies	
10th October	JCT Training Day for Staff - No Classes for Students	
23rd - 27th October	Transition Year Work Experience (Week 1)	
25th October	1st & 3rd Year Parent Teacher Meeting (Senior Campus)	4.15pm - 6.45pm
30th Oct - 3rd Nov	Midterm Break	
9th November	5th & 6th Year Parent Teacher Meeting (Senior Campus)	4.15pm - 6.45pm
8th December	St Seton's Christmas Fair	10am - 12.30pm
11th - 15th December	St Seton's Christmas Celebrations & Big Quiz	
14th December	Carol Service	2pm
15th December	Big Quiz Final	
18th - 22nd December	Christmas Assessments	
25th Dec - 5th Jan	Christmas Holidays	
8th January	'A New Year Beginning' - Welcome Back Celebration of Feast Day of St Elizabeth Ann Seton.	
16th January	2nd, 4th & 5th Year Parent Teacher Meeting (Senior Campus)	4.15pm - 6.45pm



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29th Jan – 9th Feb	LC Pre-Leaving Certificate Examinations	
2nd – 9th February	Pre-Junior Cycle Examinations	
2nd – 9th February	Transition Year Work Experience (Week 2)	
5th February	Public Holiday for St Brigid's Day – School Closed	
12th – 16th February	Midterm Break	
29th February	Transition Year Variety Show	7pm
6th March	1st, 3rd & 6th Year Parent Teacher Meeting (Senior Campus)	4.15pm – 6.45pm
18th March	Public Holiday for St Patrick's Day – School Closed	
25th March – 5th April	Easter Holidays	
6th & 7th May	May Bank Holiday & Free Day – School Closed	
10th May	St Seton's Sports Day	9am – 1pm
15th May	'One' Exhibition Launch Night	7pm
16th May	Transition Year Graduation	
21st May	JCSP Graduation	
22nd May	6th Year Graduation	
27th – 31st May	Summer Assessments	
3rd June	Summer Holidays	
5th June	Junior Cycle & Leaving Certificate Exams Begin	