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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Seton Catholic Prep Offers Expanded Curriculum in New Fine Arts Building, Announces Grand Opening Events**

CHANDLER, Ariz., Sept. 12, 2011--Fine arts students at Seton Catholic Preparatory High School are settling into their new classrooms in the latest building to open as part of the school's "Building for Excellence" Capital Campaign: the Fine Arts and Academic Classrooms Building.

With an expanded fine arts curriculum underway for the 2011-'12 school year and a jam-packed performance calendar for the building's new 400-seat theatre, Seton also has a series of grand opening events planned for the new Fine Arts Building:

- 7 p.m., September 24, in the Fine Arts Theatre: *Dodging Bullets*, the theatre's inaugural performance and solo show written and performed by Arizona State University theatre professor David Barker. A champagne reception hosted by the Seton Fine Arts Association, will take place at 6 p.m. in the new building lobby. Tickets are \$25 for this fundraising performance and are available at [www.setoncatholic.org](http://www.setoncatholic.org).
- 4 p.m., September 27, in the Fine Arts Theatre: A dedication ceremony and blessing by the Most Reverend Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted. Seton Students will perform at the event which will be followed by a reception. Remarks will be delivered by Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Superintendent of Schools MaryBeth Mueller, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. Building tours will be provided by Seton student ambassadors.

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## **Seton Catholic Prep Offers Expanded Curriculum of Fine Arts -- Add One**

"We're truly blessed to begin this school year on a high note with the opening of our new Fine Arts Building," said Patricia Collins, principal of Seton Catholic Prep. "The new building and a wide-ranging fine arts curriculum for our students are a testament to our commitment to an excelling academic and well-rounded Catholic secondary education in the East Valley."

Seton's new Fine Arts and Academic Classrooms Building houses a 400-seat theatre, 14 multi-purpose classrooms, a music computer lab, two art rooms for painting and ceramics equipped with pottery wheels, a film production studio and a fully-equipped dance studio.

### **About the Department of Fine Arts**

Seton's Department of Fine Arts provides classes in drama, choir, band, orchestra, dance, visual arts and computer graphics, film production and photography. Musical theater and drama play performances are held in the fall, winter and spring; six Fine Arts Nights are held throughout the school year to hone students' performance skills. There are band, choir and dance festivals and community events, including a Hip Hop Competition. Established in 2009, the Seton Fine Arts Association is a group of parents who support the Department of Fine Arts through volunteer hours, fundraising activities, and corporate or individual member sponsorships.

### **About Seton Catholic Prep**

Seton Catholic Preparatory High School is a coeducational, college preparatory high school open to students of all faiths. Located in Chandler, Arizona, Seton Catholic Prep has served East Valley families since 1954. For more information, visit [www.setoncatholic.org](http://www.setoncatholic.org).

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