



SETON-LACROCE LEARNING CENTER

MISSION

The mission of the Seton-LaCroce Learning Center is to provide Academic Support, Direct Intervention, and Guidance for children attending Pre-K through 8th grade at Mother Seton School.

ABOUT THE SETON-LACROCE LEARNING CENTER

In 2012, Mother Seton School opened the Mother Seton Learning Center, an instructional program that provides academic, social, and consultative support. The student assistance process centers around a core team of trained educators (teachers, a student support advisor and the resource coordinator). This group works together to identify students who require instructional support, assess those students' instructional needs, and then respond in a coordinated effort using academic support strategies and scientifically proven intervention programs.

In 2020, the Learning Center was re-dedicated in honor of Julianne and Eugene LaCroce. Mr. and Mrs. LaCroce are devout Catholics dedicated to supporting Catholic education and the mission of Mother Seton School. Their five children were educated at Mother Seton School, beginning in 1966 and through 1988 when the youngest LaCroce child graduated. In addition, Mrs. LaCroce taught Middle School Language Arts at Mother Seton School for seven years (1977-1984) and in 1986, was hired at St. John's Prospect Hall (now known as St. John's Catholic Prep). She taught English literature for seventeen years, retiring in 2004 before she came back as a guidance counselor for a brief period, retiring for good in 2006.

True to the spirit of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's first school in Emmitsburg, Mother Seton School operates and serves students through the Seton-LaCroce Learning Center at no additional cost to families.

SETON-LACROCE LEARNING CENTER STAFF

Ann Beirne, Reading Specialist

- B.A. Elementary Education and Social Sciences, University of Rhode Island
- M.S. Counseling Education, Western Maryland College
- Additional coursework in Differentiated Education, Reading, Writing Instruction completed at Trinity College and Maryland State Dept. of Education
- Maryland Certification (Advanced): Grades 1-8, Reading, Guidance Counseling
- 30 years of teaching experience, including elementary grades 3-5 and Middle School English

Alexis Burns, Elementary and Special Education Teacher

- B.A. Fine Arts, Mount St. Mary's University
- M.A.T. Special Education, Mount St. Mary's University
- 10 years of Special Education experience

Sister Patricia Dunne, D.C., School Support Liaison

- B.A. Mathematics, Marillac College, St. Louis, MO
- MSW, Loyola University, Chicago, IL
- ACSW Member
- 10 years of counseling at Catholic Charities, Nashville, TN

FACT SHEET

- The Seton-LaCroce Learning Center serves 67 students (SY 2019/2020) with math/reading support or enrichment for students performing above grade level in reading
- Several teachers are trained in Orton-Gillingham for reading intervention
- We have a sensory path in our hallway to help with behavior and focus

For press inquiries, please contact Lynn Tayler, Marketing and Communications Specialist, or Jennifer Buchheister, Director of Advancement, at advancement@mothersetonschool.org or by calling 301-447-3165.

**NO STUDENTS MAY BE FILMED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SETON-LACROCE
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