



**Director's Newsletter
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A Great Start!

The 17-18 school year is off to a great start! It was great seeing all of our students, faculty, and staff back in our schools after summer break. A sincere thank you to all of our families for choosing to make the sacrifice to provide a Catholic education for their children and to our dedicated faculty and staff for all they have done to prepare for the start of the school year. Prayers for a great school year!

Consistent Enrollment, Beating the National Trend

While enrollment is down a bit from last year, it has been consistently between 1250 and 1350 for the past decade. This trend runs counter to a consistent drop in Catholic school enrollment across the country. We are grateful to our families who continue to choose Owensboro Catholic Schools for our faith-based program, academic excellence, and award winning extracurricular activities and athletic programs.

First Day Enrollment	
OCS K-3 Campus	352
OCS 4-6 Campus	290
OCMS 7-8 Campus	193
OCHs 9-12 Campus	447
Total	1282



OCS Google Ambassadors

To ensure our teachers have the tools and skills to provide a 21st century learning environment in our each of our schools, all of our K-12 teachers were provided a full day training on how to use Google Apps to motivate students and maximize student learning.



While all of our teachers are encouraged to utilize technology in the classroom, some of our faculty have volunteered to be **Google Ambassadors** for their respective schools. OCS Google Ambassadors are teachers who made a commitment to implement Google Apps to facilitate student learning in their classrooms. Google Ambassadors serve as a resource to their colleagues by sharing their knowledge and skills during faculty meetings. Utilizing Google Apps will not only motivate students during the learning process, but it will also streamline communication and foster 21st century technology skills.

Stay tuned for news and updates from our classrooms about how we are using Google and Chromebooks to maximize student learning at OCS!



Thank you for providing a 21st century learning environment for our students!

OCS Google Ambassadors	
OCS K-3 Campus	OCS 4-6 Campus
Lori Hodskins (3rd Grade) Andra Montgomery (3rd Grade)	Shannon Luttrell (4th Grade) Amanda Kauffeld (6th Grade)
OCMS 7-8 Campus	OCHS 9-12 Campus
Amanda Van Bussum (English/Literature) Kristin Dorth (Religion) Emily Hays (English/Literature) Nicole Mowen (Math)	Ginny Coomes (Math) Aryn Dauby (English)

[Click Here-The Google Revolution!](#)

Important Dates in August

Thursday, August 17	-K-3 Curriculum Night	6:00 PM
Tuesday, August 29	-OCMS Curriculum Night	5:30 PM
Wednesday, August 30	-4-6 Curriculum Night	6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 5	-K-8 PTO Executive Committee Meeting (K-3 Campus)	5:00 PM
Tuesday, September 5	-K-8 PTO General Meeting (K-3 Campus)	5:00 PM

Opening School Masses

Please join us for one of our opening school Masses on Tuesday, August 15.

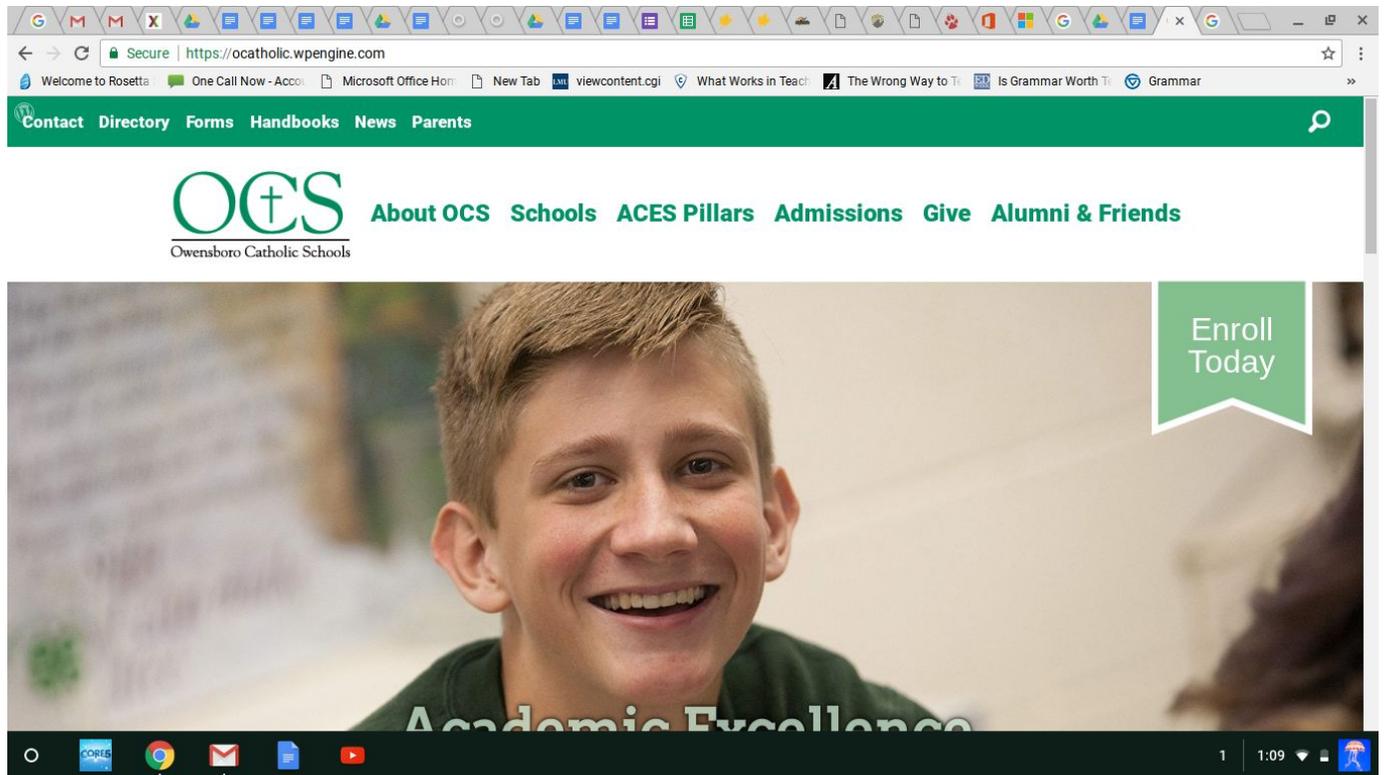
OCS K-3	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Lourdes
OCS 4-6	9:00 AM	Blessed Mother
OCMS 7-8	9:00 AM	Immaculate
OCHS 9-12	10:35 AM	OCHS Gym

New OCS Website-Coming Soon!

Owensboro Catholic Schools is launching a new website. The new website will streamline communication from our schools to our parents. There will be two main menus on the website: **1) Top Left Menu** and **2) Top Center Menu**.

Top Left Menu-Current Parent Information

The **Top Left Menu** is for current parents. In this menu, you will find calendars, lunch menus, school newsletters, forms, etc This information will be updated on a daily basis as needed.



Top Center Menu-Prospective Parents, Alumni, and Friends Information

The **Top Center Menu** is for prospective parents, alumni, and friends who are seeking general information about our schools. It will also include information about fundraising, school community events, etc. This information will be updated periodically as needed.

Stay tuned for the launch date of our new website!

SCRIP Volunteers Needed

Due to your support, the OCS SCRIP Program has been a very successful program for our school community. SCRIP is a “volunteer run” program for families to raise money to support their children’s tuition through rebates earned on gift cards. Currently, the SCRIP Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. To maintain these hours, we are in need of volunteers to assist with the program. If you are interested in volunteering in the OCS SCRIP Office, please email Lisa Kyle at lisa.kyle@owensborocatholic.org. Thank you for your help!



OCS 17-18 Academic Calendar

Please click below for the OCS 17-18 Academic Calendar!

[17-18 Academic Calendar](#)



Blessings,

**Gerald E. Schoen, Director
Owensboro Catholic Schools**

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. For the Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9