



Director's Newsletter
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The Strength of the OCS Community!

This past week, OCS was struck with challenging times. Tony Kraus, OCHS Religion Teacher, was hospitalized due to masses found in both his lungs and brain. Additionally, Wayne Payne, OCS Director of Maintenance, had a heart attack and triple bypass surgery. We have pulled together as a faith-filled community to pray for their health. Tony and Wayne thank all in the school community for their prayers and support. Continue to keep Tony, Wayne, and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Stay tuned for updates on Tony and Wayne via email and facebook.



Accreditation & Strategic Planning

OCS is accredited by the Kentucky Non Public Schools Commission (KYNPSC). To earn accreditation, OCS must demonstrate that our schools are meeting specific requirement for the following 12 standards:

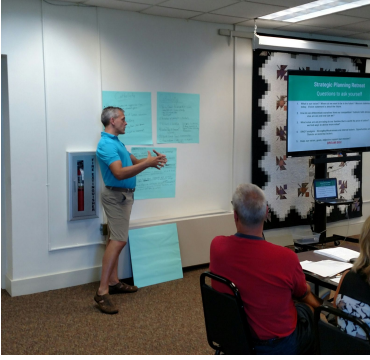


- 1. Mission
2. Governance
3. Finance
4. Plant and Facilities
5. Administration and Staffing
6. Curriculum
7. Instructional Improvement Plan
8. Climate
9. School community Relationships
10. Institutional Advancement
11. Indicators of Success
12. Co Curricular and Special Programs

Administrators from other Catholic schools in the diocese will serve on the accreditation visiting committee and will visit our schools in March 2018. During their visit, they will validate our school program by verifying if we are meeting all 12 standards.

Additionally, a major part of the accreditation process is collecting and analyzing data, feedback and input from our stakeholders to guide the process of developing a long term strategic plan. In addition to various informal modes of input and feedback from our stakeholders, the following surveys were conducted to gather data over the past year:

Table with 2 columns: Survey Name and Date. Rows include K-12 Program Parent Perception Data (Fall 2016), K-12 Learning Resources Faculty Feedback (Spring 2017), K-12 Fundraising Parent Feedback (Spring 2017), and K-12 Strategic Planning Stakeholder Feedback (Summer 2017).



The Education Council, administration, and representatives from the faculty and staff met on Saturday, July 29 to begin to develop a strategic plan to implement over the next 5 years. During this session, the group reviewed the stakeholder feedback and input. As a result of the July 29 meeting, the executive committee and Pillar Committees are developing a draft of a 5 year strategic plan. The draft will be presented to the school community for additional feedback and input. This plan will act as our road map for school improvement as we strive for excellence in **Academics, Catholicity and Discipleship, Extracurricular Activities and Athletics, and Stewardship.**

Kentucky Basketball Raffle

Raffle tickets are on sale at the OCS Central Office and school sites to see the Kentucky Wildcats play basketball against the Virginia Tech Hokies on December 16, 2017.



The package includes:

- 2 Tickets for the Game Saturday December 16, 2017 (Lower Arena Seating, Section 16 row V, Seats 7 & 8)
- One Night Stay @ Hilton in Downtown Lexington (walking distance of the arena)
- \$50.00 Gas Card
- \$50.00 Restaurant Gift Card

**Raffle tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the OCS Central Office and schools sites.
The drawing will be held Nov. 17th at noon at the OCS Central Office.**

Raffle proceeds will support continued & expanded Digital Learning Resources such as:IXL Learning, Dreambox, Accelerated Reader, Lexia and additional resources.

Don't miss the opportunity!!

World's Finest Chocolate

One of our biggest K-8 fundraisers is the World's Finest Chocolate sale. This fundraiser raises approximately \$30,000 each year to support our programs. World's Finest Chocolate was distributed to the K-8 classrooms today to be sent home! Thank you to everyone who is selling and thank you to those of you who chose the buyout.

Keep in mind the temperatures outside are pretty warm today and possibly this entire weekend. Please help your child not make the mistake of leaving his/her chocolate in the car or outside in the sun.

-Another reminder, please wait until the entire case of chocolate is sold before returning the money for the bars. Cash and checks (vs coins) are much appreciated!

If you have any questions about this sale, please contact Natalie Hayden at 270-686-8896.

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](#)



Have a great weekend!

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