



**Director's Newsletter
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Catholic Schools Week

This past week, Catholic schools across the country celebrated Catholic Schools Week. This is an annual celebration of who we are as a Catholic school community. It is important to realize how fortunate we are to even have the opportunity to choose Catholic education in our community. There are many Catholic communities across the country that do not have that privilege.

We, as a school community, are grateful to the administrators, faculty, and staff for their dedication and service to Catholic education in Owensboro, Kentucky.

We, as administrators, faculty, and staff, are thankful for the parents, grandparents, and parish communities for choosing to make the sacrifice to support the Catholic education of each of our 1340 students currently enrolled K-12.

We, as the Owensboro Catholic Community, sincerely appreciate the efforts of Bishop Medley, our Episcopal Vicar Fr. Pat Reynolds, Diocesan Superintendent Jim Mattingly, Diocesan Assistant Superintendent Anne Flaherty, the Pastoral Office, and the OCS Education Council to support and safeguard Catholic education in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Through continued collaboration and a unified effort, Catholic education will thrive for generations to come in Owensboro, Kentucky!



Re-enrollment

2017-2018 Re-enrollment Process for Current Families

The 2017-2018 re-enrollment process for current families is just around the corner. Please review the steps below to successfully re-enroll your students for the 2017-2018 school year.

February 20

K-12 Tuition, Tuition Assistance, and Registration Guide

Review the K-12 Tuition, Tuition Assistance, and Registration Guide. It will outline all the details of enrolling your child at OCS for 2017-2018. This document will be emailed to all current families on **Monday, February 20.**

March 6-17

Current Family Re-enrollment

Complete the online registration application/fee and the online tuition assistance application/fee (if you choose to apply). The online registration and tuition assistance applications will be live from **March 6**.

Families will receive notification of their tuition assistance award within 30 days of the submission date of the online registration application/fee and online tuition assistance application/fee (with supporting documentation).

Priority will be given to:

- 1) families who complete the online registration application/fee and online tuition assistance application/fee (with supporting documentation) by **Friday, March 17**
- 2) families with the greatest need

**To ensure the greatest opportunity for tuition assistance, it is important for families to complete the application process prior to March 17.*

To complete the re-enrollment process, tuition must be paid in full or a payment plan must be set up on FACTS.

Important Dates

March 6-17

-Early Registration (\$50 registration fee is applied to tuition)

March 20-31

-Regular Registration (\$50 registration fee is not applied to tuition)

April 3

-Late Registration (\$75 late registration fee is not applied to tuition)

March 20

-Open enrollment for new families begins

June 1

- Deadline for online registration (if not completed, students can not participate in extracurricular activities-online registration application, fee, and parish verification)
- Deadline to activate FACTS account for a 12 month payment plan

July 14

-Deadline for full tuition payment to receive the 3% discount

August 1

-Final deadline to pay tuition in full or to activate a FACTS account for a payment plan (2% penalty will be assessed if not completed by this date)



OCS K-12 Dinner and Auction

The OCS K-12 Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, February 18. This event will support 21st century technology in our classrooms and the OCS PTO. While tickets for the event are sold out, you may support the event by making a donation at bidpal.net/ocsvision or by placing bids online from your home. For more information, please contact Natalie Hayden, OCS Fundraising and Events Coordinator, for more details (natalie.hayden@owensborocatholic.org).

OCS Annual Funds

Our school community has several ways to support our school system. One way is to contribute to our annual funds. Our annual funds support special projects, tuition assistance, general operations, and endowments. To contribute to the K-8 program, please make a charitable donation to the **OCS K-8 Annual Appeal**, and if you would like to support the 9-12 program, please make a charitable donation to the **OCHS Phonathon**. Donations of any amount are much appreciated. Thank you for your generous support!

OCS K-8 Annual Appeal (Donations can be made at the Central Office)

OCHS Phonathon (Kicks off March 6)

We Need Your Support for the Home Raffle!

Owensboro Catholic Schools is asking for your support! OCS and St. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church have teamed up to support Catholic education through a Home Raffle. The drawing for the Home Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

Home Information

The home that will be raffled is a custom built all brick home by Martin Custom Building **valued at \$200,000**. It is located at 4135 Mayflower Drive on the west end of Owensboro. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home also features a spacious 2 car garage and beautiful open floor plan. A tray ceiling, crown moulding, granite countertops, custom cabinets, and new GE appliances are just a few of the amenities included with this beautiful home.

Tickets

Home Raffle tickets are available for \$100 each at any Owensboro Catholic location, the St. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church office, or stjpc.org. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold! Some lucky person will receive a \$200,000 home for just \$100!

Proceeds

The proceeds from the Home Raffle will directly benefit the school by providing funds for tuition assistance and by supporting St. Joseph and Paul's annual financial commitment to Owensboro Catholic Schools.

With the help from this fundraiser, OCS provides tuition assistance to over 280 families with an average tuition assistance award of over \$3,000 per family.

****We strongly encourage our families who are benefitting from our tuition assistance program to commit to selling 3 or more tickets.***

School Delays and Closings

As in the past, OCS will follow the DCPS delays and closings. In the case of a closing, please note that the Central Office and SCRIP Office will also be closed as well. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

****Our first make up day will be Monday, February 20, 2017.***

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education in Owensboro, Kentucky!

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