



**Director's Newsletter  
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**Friday, May 5, 2017**

**End of Year Events**

OCES K-3

K-3 Mass with the Bishop	Thursday, May 11	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Lourdes
K-3 Accelerated Reader Picnic	Friday, May 12	8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Legion Park
K-3 Spring Fling	Tuesday, May 16	8:30 AM-1:30 PM	K-3 Gym
K-3 Closing Mass	Thursday, May 18	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Lourdes
K-3 Last Day Dismissal	Thursday, May 18	11:00 AM	

OCES 4-6

4-6 Excellence Assembly	Tuesday, May 16	12:30 PM	4-6 Gym
4-6 Accelerated Reader Picnic	Wednesday, May 17	9:00 AM-1:30 PM	Panther Creek
4-6 Closing Mass/Grade 6 Reception	Thursday, May 18	9:00 AM	Blessed Mother
4-6 Last Day Dismissal	Thursday, May 18	11:00 AM	

OCMS Events

OCMS Graduation & Mass	Thursday, May 17	7:00 PM	Immaculate
OCMS Closing Mass	Thursday, May 18	9:00 AM	Immaculate
OCMS Last Day Dismissal	Thursday, May 18	11:30 AM	

OCHS Events

OCHS Graduation	Sunday, May 14	2:00 PM	Sports Center
OCHS Baccalaureate Mass	Sunday, May 7	2:00 PM	Immaculate
OCHS Last Day Dismissal	Thursday, May 18	2:00 PM	

**Technology Initiative for 17-18**

Due to the generous support for the K-8 Annual Appeal and the K-12 Dinner Auction, OCS is able to implement a K-12 Technology Initiative to support a 21st century learning environment in each of our schools!



**2017-2018 K-12 Technology Initiative**

- New laptops for all faculty
- 265 additional Chromebooks to facilitate and support 21st century learning in our classrooms
- Ongoing professional development to ensure our new technology is used effectively by our faculty
- Ongoing support for effective internet connectivity to support technology use in our classrooms

Thank you for supporting our schools!

**Buildings and Grounds Committee Members Needed**

OCS is seeking individuals in our school community who are interested in serving on our Buildings and Grounds Committee. The committee will meet approximately 4 times per year to review our facility needs and contribute to developing a 5 year maintenance plan for our buildings. If you are interested in learning more about serving on this committee, please call the main office at 270-686-8896 or email [gerald.schoen@owensborocatholic.org](mailto:gerald.schoen@owensborocatholic.org).

Thank you for your consideration!

## OCS Parent Fundraising Feedback

It is important to understand our tuition revenue and parish subsidy do not cover the full cost of our K-12 program. From athletics to academics, faith programs to facilities, OCS relies on fundraising to support the quality programs we provide our families. Certainly, fundraising is an integral part of the success of OCS.

Please take a few minutes to complete the OCS Parent Fundraising Feedback Survey. Please know your input and feedback will be carefully reviewed and strongly considered as we plan our fundraising efforts for the 2017-2018 school year.

Without a doubt, the success of our fundraising efforts are due to the strong parent and community support for OCS. We sincerely thank you for your time, talent, and treasure!



**[Fundraising Survey-Click Here!](#)**

## OCS Tuition Assistance Update!

Thank you to all families who successfully registered for the 2017-2018 school year and applied for tuition assistance through the online FACTS tuition assistance management program.

As you know, Owensboro Catholic Schools is now using FACTS for tuition assistance management. In the past, the school used PSAS for this service; however, when PSAS was recently bought out by FACTS, the school was forced to make this change. This transition has resulted in some tuition assistance awards that are inconsistent with previous year's awards. This is due to the the process and formula that FACTS uses to determine each family's financial need, which differs from that of PSAS.

Please know the process is being reviewed and discussed. While an outside third party is essential to objectively determine financial need, we want to make every effort to meet the financial needs of our families. It is our goal to distribute our tuition assistance funds equitably to support the needs of our school community and steps will continue to be taken to achieve this goal. Please continue to utilize the following procedures for tuition assistance.

## Important Tuition Assistance Reminders

- Families must complete the registration process before tuition assistance will be awarded.
- Families will receive award notifications via email.
- Families will be asked to accept or decline the tuition assistance award by clicking "accept" or "decline" when they receive the award notification. Awards will not be applied unless they are accepted.
- Families may apply for a tuition assistance appeal to receive additional assistance if they qualify.

***[Families need to accept their initial award to be eligible for the appeal process.](#)***

## **Families with Additional Need**

### **Tuition Assistance Appeal Process**

In the event of extenuating circumstances that result in additional need for tuition assistance, families have the opportunity to meet with the director to apply for a tuition assistance appeal.

#### **Appeal Conditions**

- Loss or change of job resulting in a decrease in income
- Health or medical issues resulting in unexpected costs
- Catastrophic accident resulting in property damage/injury and unexpected costs
- Divorce or separation resulting in a change of financial support and unexpected costs
- Other circumstances that demonstrate additional financial need

***If you feel you need additional financial assistance for any reason, you are encouraged to apply for an appeal.***

#### **Appeal Steps**

1. Meet with the Director
2. Update financials in FACTS
3. Complete the online tuition assistance appeal application  
<https://goo.gl/forms/m19WFY5BqxHBcSE72>
4. Allow a maximum of 14 days for the appeal board to review your application.

\*Families will be notified of their appeal award via email and mail within 14 days of completing the application.

***\*Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions or to schedule a time to meet with the Director if you feel you qualify for a tuition assistance appeal (270-686-8896).***

**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***