



Director's Newsletter
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The Start to the 17-18 School Year!

The start of 17-18 OCS school year is almost here! The first day of school is Wednesday, August 9. I hope all in our school community have been enjoying the summer break. We look forward to having our students back in our schools to start a fresh school year! Enjoy your last days of summer!



Important Dates in August

Tuesday, August 1	-7th Grade Orientation	9:00-11:00 AM
Tuesday, August 1	-8th Grade Pick Up Class Schedules	11:00 AM -12:00 PM
Wednesday, August 2	-Freshman/New Student Orientation & Picnic	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Wednesday, August 2	-4-6 Meet the Teacher	6:00 PM
	-4-6 Family Social	6:30 PM
Thursday, August 3	-K-3 Meet the Teacher	5:30 PM
	(Grades 1-3, unless you have a KN)	6:00 PM
Wednesday, August 9	-First Day of School	Bright & Early!
Thursday, August 17	-K-3 Curriculum Night	6:00 PM
Tuesday, August 29	-OCMS Curriculum Night	TBA
Wednesday, August 30	-4-6 Curriculum Night	6:00 PM

21st Century Technology @ OCS

Due to the gracious support of the OCS K-8 Annual Appeal, the OCS K-12 Dinner Auction, and the many other donors in our school community, OCS was able to provide the following:

- 1) New laptop computers for all of our teachers K-12
- 2) 265 new chromebook computers to facilitate student learning in our schools

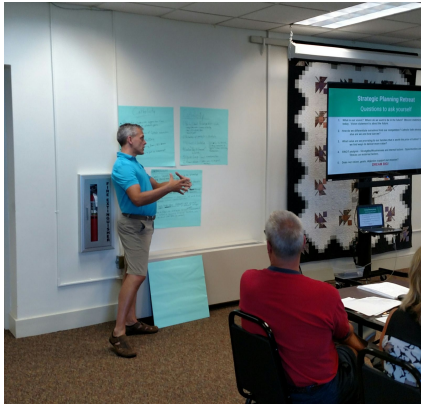
Additionally, to ensure our teachers have the tools and skills to provide a 21st century learning environment in our each of our schools, all of our K-12 teachers were provided a full day training on how to use Google Apps in the classroom to

motivate students and maximize student learning. All of this would not have been possible without your support! Thank you for supporting student learning through the OCS K-8 Annual Appeal and the OCS K-12 Dinner Auction. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our students!



OCS Strategic Planning Session

The Education Council, administration, and representatives from the faculty and staff met on Saturday, July 29 to develop a strategic plan to implement over the next 5 years. During this session, the group reviewed the stakeholder feedback of three surveys from the 16-17 school year: 1) OCS Parent Perception Survey, 2) OCS Parent Fundraising Survey, and 3) the OCS Stakeholder Strategic Planning Feedback Survey. Over 400 surveys were completed, providing valuable data from our school community.



As a result of the brainstorming discussions, the executive committee will develop a draft of a 5 year strategic plan. The draft will be reviewed and revised in the coming months and shared with 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.**

A special thanks to all who participated in the surveys and to those who attended the strategic planning session this past Saturday. With your continued feedback and support, OCS can effectively meet the needs of our school community!

Welcome the 17-18 OCS Education Council

The Education Council plays a critical role in the success and development of Owensboro Catholic Schools by ensuring accountability and effective long term school planning.

The members of the Education Council are responsible for the following: 1) staying informed of school strategic planning and decision making, 2) acting as a liaison between the school and Parish, and 3) providing a consultative stakeholder voice during the school management process.

Members	Parish
Fr. Pat Reynolds, Episcopal Vicar	Our Lady of Lourdes Pastor
Fr. Jerry Riney, Pastor Representative	St. Stephens/Blessed Sacrament Pastor
Karen Baird, Education Council Chair, Executive Committee	St. Anthony Representative
John Mitchell, Education Council Vice Chair, Executive Committee	St. Peter of Alcantara Representative
James Mayfield, Education Council Treasurer, Executive Committee	Blessed Mother Representative
Tiffany Powers, Education Council Secretary, Executive Committee	St. Alphonsus Representative
Joe Bob Jones	Immaculate Representative
Juli Stewart	Our Lady of Lourdes Representative
Rob Mitchell	St. Augustine Representative
Ben Lattus	St. Elizabeth Representative
Bridgett Stuart	St. Joseph and Paul Representative
Stacy Thompson	St. Martin Representative
Nancy Smith	St. Mary Magdalene Representative
Amy Silvert	St. Pius X Representative
Carl Lewis	St. Stephen/Blessed Sacrament Representative
Alissa Wimsatt	Precious Blood Representative

OCS 17-18 Academic Calendar

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

[17-18 Academic Calendar](#)



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