



**Director's Newsletter**  
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***Tis the Season to be Thankful!***



As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it is important to take time to reflect on all of our blessings as a school community. As I reflect on my first several months as Director of Owensboro Catholic Schools, we have so much to be thankful for.

We are fortunate to be part of a long standing tradition of quality Catholic education in Owensboro, Kentucky.

We are thankful for the support 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.

We are grateful for the generosity of the Parishes in the Owensboro Diocese who support our schools through faith formation, spiritual guidance, and financial support.

We are grateful for the dedicated principals, faculty, and staff who faithfully serve our schools by promoting Catholic teachings and discipleship.

We are thankful for our families who sacrifice to provide their children with a Catholic education.

We are thankful for our wonderful student body who continually work hard and strive for excellence in all they do.

We are appreciative of the many individuals in our community who continue to support our mission in various ways. Serving on committees, giving monetary donations, and volunteering in our schools, the overwhelming support for Catholic education in our community is greatly appreciated.

This Thanksgiving holiday, please take the time to reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed upon our school community. Be sure to thank those who have made a difference in our Catholic community.

Blessings to all in the Catholic community this Thanksgiving holiday!



### ***Thank You for Completing the OCS Parent Perception Survey!***

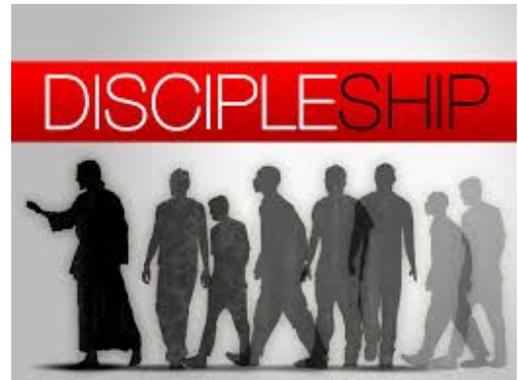
A special thanks to all in the school community who took the time to complete the OCS Parent Perception Survey. Please know your input and feedback will be reviewed by the school administration. Furthermore, it will assist in effective decision making in our schools. A summary report will be provided to the school community by the end of the semester. This report will include strengths, growth areas, and actions to be taken by the school community. Stay tuned for the summary report!

***Thank You  
for your Feedback!***

### ***Creating a Culture of Discipleship***

Fostering a culture of discipleship is the single most important thing we do at Owensboro Catholic Schools. Together with our families, we foster the importance of living a life in accordance with the Catholic teachings.

In an effort to help promote discipleship in our schools, an *anonymous* online ***OCS Discipleship Reporting Form*** has been created. This form provides a channel for students and parents to report misbehavior in our schools. As citizens of the school and Disciples of Jesus Christ, it is our responsibility to report any such incidents. The following are examples of misbehavior that should be reported: teasing, threatening, intimidating, harming, and/or disrespecting students/teachers; destruction of school/teacher/student property; or any other behavior that does not represent a Disciple of Jesus Christ.



By reporting misbehavior in our schools, you will help the administration, faculty, and staff provide a Christ-centered learning environment for the school community.

Please follow the link below to access the ***Discipleship Reporting Form***. It will also be located on the school website for future reference.

**[OCS Discipleship Reporting Form Click Here!](#)**

**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***