



Director's Newsletter

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Thank You for a Great First Week of School!

As the new Director of OCS, I would like to extend my sincere thank you to our school community for a successful first few days of school. Due to the hardwork and cooperation of our building principals, faculty, staff, parents, and students, we had a great start to the new school year. As I visited each campus on the opening day of school, it was wonderful to see the faith-filled environment our schools provide.

Without a doubt, our Catholic faith is the foundation of who we are. As we start a new school year, it is important to remind ourselves that OCS exists because of Jesus Christ. We are all very fortunate to be part of something so very special. We truly are Christ-centered!

Growing Enrollment

We recognize our families make great sacrifices when they choose a Catholic education for their children, but the reward of a Catholic education is eternal. As we start a new school year at OCS, our school community should be confident and proud of the growth that we have demonstrated. OCS K-12 enrollment has increased from 1288 students at the start of the 15-16 school year to 1317 students as we start the 16-17 school year. Due to the desire to provide their children with a faith-filled learning environment and a quality academic program, more families are choosing a Catholic education in Owensboro. Thank you for supporting OCS and for choosing a Catholic education for your children!

Join Us for Mass

Parents are always welcome to celebrate weekly Mass at our campuses. Please join us for Mass on Monday, August 15 for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

OCS K-3	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
OCS 4-6	9:00 AM	Blessed Mother Catholic Church
OCMS	9:00 AM	Immaculate Catholic Church
OCHS	10:30 AM	OCHS Gym

After School K-8 Shuttle Bus Proposal

To better serve the needs of our families, OCS is considering an after school shuttle bus service.

One Pick Up Point for K-6

The proposed service would offer after school transportation to and from the OCS K-3 Campus and the OCS 4-6 Campus. This would provide families who have children at both campuses with one after school pick up point.

OCMS Bus for After School Activities at OCHS

Additionally, the service would offer after school transportation from the OCMS Campus to the OCHS Campus. This would provide OCMS students with convenient after school transportation to the OCHS Campus for after school activities (band, athletics, etc.).

Please provide feedback regarding an OCS K-8 after school shuttle bus service by completing and submitting the following online feedback survey by Friday, August 19. [Click Here for Survey!](#)

Stakeholder Feedback and Input

As I start as the new Director of OCS, I will be seeking your input and feedback regarding the needs of our school community. In the coming weeks, a comprehensive parent perception survey will be sent to all parents to provide a channel for valuable input and feedback which will guide our school improvement efforts. Together, we can work to effectively meet the needs of our families in regards to the ACES Pillars of Success: Academics, Catholicity/Discipleship, Extra-Curricular Activities/Athletics, and Stewardship. I look forward to collaborating with the stakeholders of the school to make OCS the most effective school system it can be!

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