

February Newsletter from the Guidance Counselor

Imitate Christ in All Things

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Our Guideline for Success for this month is part of the core of our beliefs and why we send our children to the Owensboro Catholic K-3 and 4-6 Campuses. Much thought and prayer goes into what we teach each child. Our day begins and ends in prayer. The Catholic faith is taught every day. Christ is the center of our lives and this is reflected in our schools. Through the guidance classes this month, your child will learn about who Christ is and how we can imitate Him in our daily lives. We will talk about the Golden Rule - how this applies to school, friends and family. We have just finished celebrating Catholic Schools Week, where we celebrate the Catholic identity of our schools. Now it is time to take that energy and put it to use! Let's put our Catholic faith in action!

As I have written before, parents are the first teachers to our children. A child will model what a parent does and says. As parents, we are responsible for imitating Christ in all we do. I know that personally I fall short of this and need constant reminders of "What would Jesus do?" With that in mind, I remember the poem, Children Live What They Learn. As a child, I can remember seeing this poem tucked inside my grandmother's bible. I knew it was important because it had been placed in "God's book." It makes even more sense to me now that I have my own children. I feel this sets a very good example of how Jesus would want us to treat His children.

Children Live What They Learn

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.