

Catholic High Parentlines

Supporting our parents in their role as the primary educators of the Catholic faith

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Message from new OCS President



Tom Lilly, OCS President

Following are excerpts from Tom Lilly's message to the Owensboro Catholic Schools family on his first day as President of OCS. To read his entire article, go to <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1CYGLmrTjB2sg36aDX2ieAWMnAC4mOmru>

It's been five years--almost to the day--that the fourth and last of the Lilly children graduated with a Catholic School Education. For over 25 years, I served alongside Catholic Education throughout the Diocese, and I even served Catholic Schools in Lexington and Evansville. So the day after the formal announcement, I used the last few days of the school year to visit sites, staff and work through numerous requests for input and discussion. I'm sure a lot more requests are coming. These last two weeks have been a tsunami of expressed celebra-

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Welcome back, Tom Lilly

Tom Lilly, formerly Vice President at Old National Bank in the Wealth Management Division as a client advisor and trust officer and recently named President of Owensboro Catholic Schools, moved to Owensboro with his family in 1988 to start the development program at Catholic High. In 1991, then Bishop John McRaith asked him to move to the diocesan Pastoral Center. Lilly did and there helped establish the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky. After 12 years at the diocesan level, he moved on to become St. Mary Medical Center's Senior Vice President and Executive Director of the hospital's foundation. His responsibilities there expanded beyond the foundation to management, ancillary construction, security, biomed, government advocacy, and social services. Lilly earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Indiana, and he did graduate equivalent courses on the campuses of Washington University, the University of Wisconsin and Harvard University that focused on finance, business, human resources, organizational structures, business advancement, not-for-profit management and business ethics. And his oldest daughter taught and coached at Catholic High.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new OCS President, Mr. Tom Lilly, to our system. Mr. Lilly is no stranger to OCS, having had all four of his children go through the system and graduate from Catholic High. His familiarity with OCS is not only as a parent, but also as an employee because he was also the first Director of Development for OCHS.

Having known Mr. Lilly for several years, I have no doubt that OCS is in great hands because his commitment, dedication, skill set and knowledge of OCS is a perfect fit to lead our system. It already seems as if there is a genuine feeling that we are all in this together to do what is best for our schools, and to help build upon the success of our system to continue to meet the spiritual and educational demands needed in this difficult world. He has constantly touted the value of a Catholic education and understands and has the utmost respect for those who have been entrusted to care for our children, and that is our

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Gates Settle, Principal



Tom and LaNell Lilly and family. Lilly has accepted the appointment as President of OCS.

In appreciation of our pastors

We take this opportunity to say “Thanks” and “Good bye” to two of our local pastors, who are also proud alumni of Catholic High: Fr. Tony Jones, '76, and Fr. Carl McCarthy, '85. Fr. Tony has been assigned to St. Romuald in Hardinsburg, and Fr. Carl has been assigned to Christ the King in Madisonville. Their new assignments will begin in June. As alumni of OCHS, both pastors were valued for their involvement in the activities here at the school.

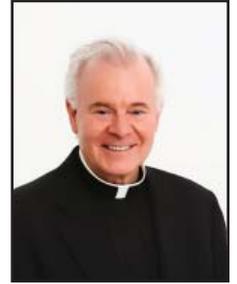
Fr. Tony was Mr. Pep Club during his four years as a student at OCHS, and he has kept that involvement as a pastor. He was at many of the games, especially football, girls softball, and both boys and girls basketball. He not only cheered them on to victory, but he was very involved in counseling them to be their best. Coach George Randolph was Fr. Tony's high school classmate and was very happy to have his friend in the dugout. Fr. Tony taught in our religion department for a couple of years when he returned to Owensboro as a pastor.

Fr. Tony and Fr. Carl, along with all the other Daviess County pastors, are immensely important to the life and mission of OCHS. The pastors contribute three million dollars to the annual budget of the OCS system. That is certainly a good reason to appreciate them. But their involvement doesn't end there. Each pastor comes to the school and distributes report cards to the students from his parish twice during the school. The pastors come to the school in the first and third quarters each year to hear confessions. And each pastor takes one of the weekly 10:30 Masses for the

entire student body. Students are known to point to the priest celebrating Mass and say, “He is my priest.” The students are happy to see their pastors and always give them a warm welcome to OCHS.

So with this, on behalf of the entire OCHS community, we say “Good bye” to Fr. Tony Jones and Fr. Carl McCarthy and “Thank you” to all the pastors who do so much to make Catholic High a great place.

**Fr. Ed Bradley,
Campus
Minister**



Fr. Tony Jones, Pastor at Owensboro Parish of The Immaculate, chats with Catholic High students from his parish before distributing report cards to them. Report cards are mailed home to parents after the semester grades (second and fourth quarters) are released. Pastors are invited to come in to distribute cards to students from their parishes after first and third quarters. It is a great opportunity for pastors to get to know their parishioners better and for the students to get to know their pastors better.

Settle: Welcome

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teachers. Mr. Lilly says, “Teachers are always the most powerful influence in an educational system, but that's especially true in a Catholic School, where we're free to integrate faith and knowledge,” and I couldn't agree more!

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Lilly back to Owensboro Catholic Schools!

When we say “yes,” do we really know what we are getting ourselves into?

Like many of you, I have spent the last few months watching the teacher protests on state capitols that were taking place across the country. As you are aware, they were marching for higher pay, better benefits and increased funding for their students. One of the news programs was having a typical two-sided argument with a variety of “experts.” One of them stated that teachers should not complain about low pay and benefits, because they knew what they were getting into when they agreed to sign on. As I contemplated that comment, I began to wonder if when we say “yes,” do we really know what we are getting ourselves into? I reflected on my role as a parent, and the fact that sometimes saying “yes” to our children can lead to a whole new set of concerns. “Yes, you can cross the street alone; sure you can borrow the car; of course you can go to the party.” When Mary said “yes” to being the Mother of Jesus, it opened up for her a lifetime filled with wonderful moments, but also

extreme heartache. She could have said “no” and avoided the pain of watching her son be ridiculed, scourged and eventually put to death. Saying “yes” is often times a lot harder than saying “no.”

This is one of the many reasons that I am continually amazed by the work of the Catholic High faculty and staff. No matter what they may be “getting themselves into,” this group of dedicated individuals are constantly saying “yes” to our students. “Yes, I’ll be here after school to go over those math problems again; sure, I’ll stay late so you can take extra batting practice; of course, I’ll chaperone the dance.” No matter what may be asked of them, our faculty and staff are always stepping up to further serve our students, and, in an effort to keep tuition in check, for significantly less pay than their public school counterparts. We are so blessed to have people who will say “yes” to the needs of students and parents alike. Mary said “yes” with a faith in God that transformed humanity. When our

**Kurt Osborne,
Assistant
Principal**



faculty and staff say “yes,” they may not transform humanity, but they can certainly transform the lives of our students.

As we end another school year and look forward to the next, I ask that you continue to pray for the students, faculty and staff of Catholic High. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to help us give your child the very best education we can with the resources God has given us. Together we can do our best to help your student achieve what God intended.

Randolph nominated and finalist for national Coach of the Year

After having served 22 years as head softball coach at Catholic High and after having retired recently, George Randolph has been nominated and is a finalist for the third time in his career for the National Softball Coach of the Year.

Randolph’s 20+ years leading his teams to five state championships and four state runner-up finishes is special almost beyond comprehension. And oh, by the way, one slowpitch championship. His teams won 17 regional championships in 22 years, including 42 consecutive victories in the Third Region Tournament. His teams won 67 of their 95 state tournament games.

During his years as Head Coach, he saw three of his players named All-American, 37 named All-State, and 34 move on to play college ball.

Randolph’s won-loss record stands at 678 victories and 220 losses (.775), the winningest record in Kentucky high school fastpitch softball history.

But in talking about the award, Randolph gave credit to his players and coach-

es, “It’s a great honor, a tribute to the hard work our team has put in, success they’ve had, and all the assistant coaches.”

The award, given by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, and

for which there are eight finalists from across the country, will be given June 27, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association nominated Randolph.



George Randolph with his team after their regional win last year, just before his announcement of retirement. Randolph recently achieved finalist status after being nominated as National Softball Coach of the Year. He retired from softball after 22 years, as the winningest coach in any sport in Catholic High’s history and as the winningest coach in the history of Kentucky fastpitch softball.

K-12 tax law changes for 529 savings accounts in Kentucky

May 2018

The following was prepared by Leisa Schulz, Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Louisville, from information provided by David Lawhorn, KHEAA. Below is information related to the K-12 tax law changes for 529 savings accounts and KY HB 434 that was passed this year with an enactment date of July 16, 2018, in Kentucky.

The following Kentucky web site will be updated with information as the July 16, 2018, enactment date in Kentucky draws nearer: <https://www.kysaves.com/buzz/?id=985>

Below is what currently appears on the web site above.

The tax plan signed into law on December 22, 2017 by President Trump includes provisions related to 529 college savings plans. Effective January 1, 2018, qualified withdrawals for federal tax purposes have been expanded to include up to \$10,000 in tuition per student in connection with enrollment or attendance at public, private, or religious elementary or secondary schools.

Only the federal tax treatment for qualified distributions was changed by the federal tax plan. At this time, states are reviewing the impact of the federal tax change to determine whether they require changes to state legislation. Additional updates pertaining to the state tax treatment for K-12 withdrawals are forthcoming.

We recommend you consult a qualified tax advisor about your own personal situation.

Parents and other individuals with 529 accounts in states other than Kentucky will need to consult with their financial advisors on the K-12 tax law changes for 529 savings accounts in those states.

Parents and other individuals, in consultation with their financial advisors, have the responsibility for initiating this process and keeping track of all paperwork related to it. Parents and other individuals will need to retain copies of their tuition bills as part of their documentation.

Current Kentucky Statutes that govern the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust refer to conforming to the IRS 529 tax code. The intent of the current Kentucky 529 state statutes is to follow the federal tax code. The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority Board of Directors, who administers the Plan, will be considering proposing statutory changes to clarify the use of 529 benefits for K-12 qualified tuition expenses for elementary or secondary schools at its next meeting. If this action is deemed necessary and appropriate, a bill sponsor would need to be secured in

order to introduce the changes in the General Assembly.

The recent federal tax reform law, the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act", has made changes to the IRS 529 tax code and requires conformity in state statute. The federal language expands the use of 529 college savings accounts to include tuition for public, private, or religious elementary or secondary schools, up to \$10,000 a year.

Link to HB 434 details and LRS His-

tory:

https://secure.kentucky.gov/billwatch/BillSummary.aspx?br_rsn=41461&ses_rsn=101

For more information, please contact David Lawhorn at the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA):

David Lawhorn
502-696-7383
dlawhorn@kheaa.com

Thanks to the families of the following for your help with our weekly bingo games

Our bingos put \$80,000 per year into the OCS general budget and \$70,000 per year into the high school and middle school athletic budgets.

The remainder of the income goes toward endowment. As we have talked about in past newsletters, our endowment has prospered--due to a number of contributors but also to the efforts of our bingo volunteers. And there are many of our parents and other friends who faithfully work our bingo sessions. For them and their help, all the rest of the OCHS family are enormously grateful.

If you would consider serving as a team coordinator or team member, please call the school and leave your name and number.

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Clara Bach
Jaden Bertke
Jayden Bickett
Kathleen Brocato
Maximus Byrne
Connor Calhoun
Sarah Clemens
Cecilia Clemens
Madison Clements
Logan Davis
Jarred Deno
Noah Edelen
Mason Estes
Ashlyn Farina
Alyssa Frey
Caitlynn Futrell
Caitlin Gillihan
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Natalie Goodwin

Austin Goodwin
Quanya Gray
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Nathaniel Johnson
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Mary Mullican
Matthew Murphy
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Caroline O'Nan
Spencer Osborne
Conleigh Osborne
Hannah Padgett
Luke Payne

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2018 – 2019 BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION DAY

Back to School Information Day for Catholic High students will be held in small gym on Wednesday, July 25 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm.

Parents will receive the student's class schedule. Guidance counselors will be in the main office to make any schedule changes necessary (elective courses for both semesters may only be changed prior to the first day of school).

The bookstore will be open that day also.

The school nurse will also be available to update student health records and discuss any student health issues.

Several clubs and groups will also have information available about upcoming activities.

Orientation for members of the Freshman class of 2022 will be held on Wednesday, August 1 at 9:00 am. Freshmen should report to Soenneker Hall where the Orientation program will take place. Students will be given another copy of their schedule and will have the opportunity to go through their schedules in order to find their classrooms and learn how to open their lockers. The bookstore will be open during Orientation from 9:00 am to 12:00 am. If parents would like to purchase books while their children are in Orientation, they should bring their student's schedule given out at Back to School Information Day on July 25.

Several clubs and groups will also have information available at Orientation about upcoming activities.

After orientation, the freshmen will be directed to the center courtyard where a picnic will be served for the students. This Orientation/picnic will probably last about three hours, so parents should plan to pick up their children around 12:00 pm.

Orientation for upperclassmen will take place on Friday, August 10.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Textbooks that need to be purchased this year are CIA, Grief Psychology, freshman religion (2), sophomore religion (1), junior religion (2), senior religion (1), and Driver's Ed. All other books will be rented

this year. Book rental will be \$10.00 per book per semester and class fees will be \$3.00 per class per semester. Parents will be billed for these fees at the beginning of each semester.

Some classes using rental books (including most of the AP classes) will also require the purchase of a workbook, including all Spanish and French classes. Vocabulary books will be needed for the pre-AP literature class and for all honors and CP core English courses.

A price list for purchased books will be available at Back to School Information Day on July 25.

Students may return paperback textbooks to the bookstore at the end of each semester to be resold the following year. The bookstore staff sets the price based on the condition of the book. Because NHS students help run the bookstore, \$1.00 is taken off the sale price for each book sold and put into the NHS scholarship fund. The main office will deduct any rental fees still owed to the school and then send the remainder to the parents.

The bookstore will be open during Back to School Information Day on July 25 (2:00-6:00 pm) and during Freshman Orientation on Aug. 1 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm). It will also be open before and after school Aug. 8-17.

ATHLETIC NEWS

The fall sports program at Owensboro Catholic will be getting underway soon.

Students must have their athletic physical turned in before trying out and/or practicing with any sport. Students are reminded that there is to be no contact between athletes and parents with coaches during the KHSAA Dead Period. The KHSAA Dead Period is June 25 through July 9.

Boys' Soccer - Boys Soccer will have open field every Monday and Thursday from 10 -12 pm for 4-12th grade boys beginning Monday, June 4. Any boy interested in playing soccer in the fall is welcome to attend. Please contact Coach Donohoe for more details. Boys soccer pre-season training will start July 16 with a parents/player meeting July 14. Anyone interested in playing will need to complete a KHSAA physical prior to participation in open fields

or preseason training. For more information you can email Coach Donohoe at andy.donohoe@owensborocatholic.org or call 270-929-8368.

Girls' Soccer – JV/Varsity – For girls entering 7th through 12th grade: If you have not been in contact with Coach Kelli email her to obtain the full schedule for July-October at kelli_brannock@hotmail.com. Practices begin at 7:30 AM on July 16th at Thompson Berry. There will be a program parent/player meeting on July 14th at the OCHS Gym at 6:30PM followed by a player/team event. Athlete must have school physical signed and 2 copies brought to the first practice.

Girls' Soccer – Middle School – For girls entering 4th, 5th, and 6th grade: If you have not been in contact with Coach Kelli email her to obtain the full schedule for July-October at kelli_brannock@hotmail.com. Please attend the program parent/player meeting on July 14th at OCHS Gym at 6:30PM and the player/team event that will follow. However, practices for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will not begin until 4:30 PM on July 30st at Thompson Berry. Athlete must have school physical signed and 2 copies brought to the first practice.

Volleyball - The Volleyball team will have try outs on July 16 at OCHS; Varsity from 3-5 pm. and JV and Freshman from 5-7 pm. For more information call Coach Brian Hardison at 270-302-2524. An updated school physical is needed in order to practice.

Cross Country - Regular season Cross Country practice begins at 7am on Monday, July 16 at Rudy Mines/Ben Hawes. An updated school physical is needed in order to practice.

Any boy or girl from OCHS and/or OCMS interested in running cross country should call Coach Scott Lowe at 270-929-8269 for further information.

Girls' Golf - Tryouts for the varsity and junior varsity girls' golf team will begin July 16. For more information call Stacey Schepers at 270-302-9423 or e-mail her at (stacey.schepers@daviess.kyschools.us) An updated school physical is needed in order to tryout.

Boys' Golf – Any boy interested in try-

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ing out for the boys' golf teams will need to contact Bretnea Turner-Thomas at 270-316-1884 or e-mail her at (Bretnea.turner-thomas@owensborocatholic.org). An updated school physical is needed in order to tryout.

Football -July 10 - Football Season Begins. Monday thru Friday practices 6:30pm-8:30pm at Steele Stadium.

August 3 - "Friday Night Lights" meet the Aces Football Night. Free Admission. Lots of fellowship, food, and fun starting around 4:30. More info will be coming out about this night.

August 8 - First day of school. Practices Monday-Thursday after school.

August 13 - First Scrimmage against Muhlenberg County at Home.

August 20 - First game against Daviess County at Daviess County.

An updated school physical is needed in order to tryout.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Coach Morris at jason.morris@owensborocatholic.org.

HEAD COUNSELOR SETS OFFICE HOURS

Mr. Scott Lowe, Senior Counselor, has set the official opening of his office for the new school year. His office will be open the following days: July 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 from 10 am to 1 pm, From July 23 thru 31 please call the school for an appointment.

"Students who think they may have problems with their schedules should wait until they pick them up at registration before seeing me or Mr Kurt Osborne about them," Mr. Lowe said.

ELECTIVE COURSES, FOR BOTH SEMESTERS, MAY ONLY BE CHANGED PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

He added, however, that any students new to OCHS who have not already received a schedule should see him before August 8.

REPORT CARDS

Student's report cards were mailed home mid-June. Report cards for families that still owe financial obligations such as:

book fees, fines, tuition, and/or Scrip will be held in the OCS office to be picked up.

We ask that these financial obligations be taken care of this summer so the student can begin the next school year with a clean slate. Summer office hours for **OCHS** are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Summer office hours for the **OCS** office are 8am to 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and from 8am to 3 pm on Wednesday.

SCRIP office is open 10 am to 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and closed Wednesday.

KY STATE IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH PHYSICAL REGULATIONS

Immunizations and certificates required by 902KAR2:060 **MUST** be kept current and on file at the school within two (2) weeks of the student's enrollment in school or proof an appointment with the health department or his/her physician must be presented.

Immunization certificates must have all age appropriate immunizations on a signed Commonwealth of Kentucky Immunization Certificate having a valid expiration date & the administration date of each immunization. Certificates not meeting these requirements will be returned to the parent/guardian for correction from the physician or Health Department official.

New immunization regulations will be in effect for 18-19 school year. This affects all children in KY grades K-12. The 2 new required immunizations are as follows:

- Hepatitis A Vaccine – All students K-12 are now required to receive a 2-Dose Series of Hepatitis A Vaccine, administered 6 months apart. The 1st dose is required before the 1st day of the 2018-19 school year.

- Meningitis Booster —Students are required to receive a booster vaccine no later than 2 weeks after their 16th birthday.

Any student initially entering any KY school must have a School Entry Physical Exam by health care provider and be current on all required KY immunizations regardless of age or grade level. For example, if a student is transferring into 9th grade from out-of-state, the student will be

required to have all vaccinations that were required when entering 6th grade in the state of Kentucky.

The School Entry Physical Exam must be on the approved KDE form. This is different than a "Sports Physical" which cannot be accepted as the school entry physical. The healthcare provider will complete the Sports Physical on a separate form.

Completed immunization certificates and health physicals may be brought to the OCHS Main Office any time during the summer or submitted when students pick up their schedules in July.

In Owensboro, Immunizations may be obtained from:

a. Contact your Pediatrician's Office to see if in-office immunizations are offered.

b. Several Owensboro Health Medical Group clinics offer in-office vaccines. To see if your OHMG provider offers this service, visit <https://www.owensboro-health.org/health-resources/vaccinations/vaccination-requirements/>.

c. Nation's Medicines Hwy 54 has a Vaccine Clinic located inside their pharmacy at 3000 Alvey Park Dr West in Owensboro. Please call to speak with any of the pharmacists (Phone 270-926-4080).

d. Green River District Health Department, located at 1600 Breckenridge Street in Owensboro. Please call to make an appointment: 270-686-7744 (extension 2049). The Green River District has the Vaccine for Children program. This offers vaccines to Medicaid or MCO's, no insurance, underinsured, American Indian and Alaskan Native. If your child has health insurance that covers vaccine you will need an appointment with your child's doctor. If you have not received vaccines from Daviess County clinic please bring your immunization record with you.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER

On Wednesday, Oct 3, a financial aid workshop will be held for senior parents whose students will be filing for college financial aid for the 2018-2019 school year. The event will be from 7:00 p.m. in the OCHS Computer Lab.

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Lilly: On the first day on the job

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tion, concerns, issues, and a daily reminder of how passionate we are about our children and our faith!

I know we have financial, relational, and some perception issues about our school system. But then I also know that in this community, some of our brightest and best have benefitted from a Catholic Education and would serve in advisory capacities. I know we still have the commitment of parishes and parents. We have actively engaged boards. And most importantly, we have many dedicated and vocation-based teachers and staff who take the business of

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Because the FAFSA will be completed at the workshop and because filling out the FAFSA requires completed tax forms, parents need to bring with them their tax forms for 2017 (e.g., 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ). Parents should also bring information on untaxed income, investment value, and business value. If parents have not filled out tax forms by the time of the workshop, they should bring in their W2 forms.

Final Notes

To complete the FAFSA, parents must fill out tax forms, but these tax forms do not have to be mailed, just completed.

The importance of completing a FAFSA form cannot be stressed enough. The form must be completed in order for students to be considered for state and federal aid as well as for aid distributed through colleges and universities (scholarships, grants, loans, etc.). Also, a FAFSA form must be completed by those interested in Federal Work Study.

Some schools may also require that a CSS Profile be completed along with the FAFSA. Students are responsible for contacting the schools they may attend to determine if this form is also required.

Even if you don't feel that your son or daughter will qualify for financial aid, apply anyway. You never know if you qualify or for how much you qualify if you never apply for aid at all.

education very seriously. I'm not trying to sugar coat some Pollyanna-ish description of reality. We have issues. No person in the system reflects our values perfectly. Finances have always been an issue. But the data is very clear. Catholic Schools are a powerful and effective system that permanently changes lives. Just read last week's Wall Street Journal! So I consider it a blessing and an honor to be asked to serve this incredible mission. This role is a gift to my family.

I'll close with a couple of theological musings. Though I've plowed through most of Thomas Merton's works and part of the first book of Thomas Aquinas' *The Summa Theologica*, I spend a lot more time these days with Shel Silverstein! Sometimes in our fervent beliefs we feel that those who lean to the left or the right have some spiritual inside track. He wasn't the first, but Aquinas espoused "virtus in medio." He said to find that radical spot in the middle. Weigh each issue very carefully against the many works and teachings of the Church. But be very cautious about judging the acts of others. That's dangerous work. The problem is that sometimes when you're trying to be a radical voice from the middle, both sides kick you off the team!

I love our faith, the liturgy, my traditional forms of prayer, and 2000 years of tradition. It gives me great solace to know that only one person was created perfectly, and the rest of us should use our journey to try and model that behavior. It's a lot easier applying basic Christian concepts to others than it is myself.

My other favorite philosopher wrote a book that I used to give every board member who served at St. Mary's Hospital. It's Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*. My favorite part of the book is the ending where the reader is left wondering if the little boy who benefitted from the tree's generosity ever really appreciated the sacrificial giving of the tree. It makes me pause to examine my own spirit of appreciation, and how well I've thanked others for the sacrificial effort they have given me, my own children, and who are now giving to my grandchildren.

Thank you all for the well wishes. I've put it in writing so you can hold me to it! I'm excited about becoming part of an effort that changes our world one child at a time. I'm aware of the legacy that's been passed down to our care, and I'm looking forward to serving all of the great people involved. Help me do a good job!

GRADUATES AND PARENTS

If you have no other children attending Owensboro Catholic High School this upcoming school year, this issue of Parentlines will be the last copy that you will receive. If you enjoy reading about the various activities occurring at Catholic High and would like to continue receiving the Parentlines, please e-mail charlotte.cecil@owensborocatholic.org or complete the following form and return to:

OWENSBORO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
1524 W PARRISH AVE
OWENSBORO KY 42301

Yes, I would like to remain on the Catholic High mailing list to receive the monthly Parentlines.

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Owensboro Catholic Schools share in the mission of the Church in communion with families and parishes to provide excellence in Catholic faith formation and academics which prepare students to become responsible members of family, Church, and community.

We at Owensboro Catholic High School believe that each person is sacred and individual, and both called and destined by God for continued growth of all his or her faculties, abilities and awarenesses, both spiritual and material.

We believe, therefore, that it is the primary responsibility of the school to create a truly Catholic environment in which each student is afforded the opportunity to become aware of his or her own worth and be inspired to seek fulfillment in all levels of his or her existence .

SOME IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

Jun 25- Jul 9 KHSAA Dead Period
Jul 25 Back to School Info Day
for OCHS students
2- 6 p.m. at OCHS
Jul 27 Diocesan PD @ Blessed
Mother
Aug 1 Freshman Orientation and
Picnic
9:00 am. – 12 pm
Faculty PD
Aug 2 Opening day for faculty
Aug 6 Faculty Day of
Recollection @ Gasper
Aug 8 First day of classes
Aug 15 Opening Mass 10:35 am
Aug 17 Magazine Drive begins
Sep 9 Senior Ring Mass

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Isabella Payne	Jackson Staples	Cameron Woodward
Alexander Peach	Forrest Steele	Lucille Wright
Macy Peak	Cody Stelmach	Isabella Wright
Justin Phillips	Benjamin Strehl	Bev Bertke
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