

Catholic High Parentlines

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

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Sherry Orth and Martha Luckett retire

By Lyndsi Orth Ebelhar

Lyndsi Orth Ebelhar, herself a teacher at OCS K-3 and an OC alum, is Sherry Orth's daughter.

Four long-time OCHS staffers are retiring this summer: Sherry Orth, Martha Luckett, David Blanford, and Josie Hagan. See pages 6-7 for more stories and comments by Principal Gates Settle.

After many years of teaching and endless dedication to the Owensboro Catholic High School family, Martha Luckett and my mother, Sherry Orth, will hang up the many hats they have worn throughout the years and settle into a new chapter of life. Mom has decided to retire after 37 years at OCHS to spend more time with her family and, most importantly, her grandbabies. Martha has also decided that after 31 years at OCHS and 40 years in education, it is time to begin a new journey in the life of retirement.

Though my mom and Martha graduated together in the OCHS Class of 1975, they didn't become such close friends until the pair joined up in the Catholic High Religion Department in 1988. Over the years, Martha has become an "adopted" member of the Orth family. Her laughter and sense of humor light up a room, and she is always there to offer encouragement, give advice, or lend a listening ear. But more importantly, she has loved and supported

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Door always open for discussion

I mention at graduations that one of the neatest things I get to do as principal is to have an "exit" interview with all the seniors before they leave us. Really, this is just another form of communication from those who know best what it is like to be a student at Catholic High--and that is the students themselves! I feel that seniors are very honest and open because they really don't have much to gain or lose from what we discuss.

However, I am able to get a lot of information about a variety of things, and students just reaffirm all the great things that do happen here. I also give them the opportunity to make suggestions, to give us ideas about areas they see that need improvement, and to complain if they choose. Thankfully, there aren't that many negative issues, and some of them are trivial, for example, parking, which we really can't do much about. But when they are legitimate concerns and complaints, we take them seriously, and I address each one of them with staff, especially if it is something that is mentioned by multiple students. Over the years, there have been some changes and some improvements because of these conversations and they continue to be helpful to me in ways other than just getting to

know a little bit more about each senior

Communication in the form of ideas, suggestions, or complaints is not limited to students but from all stakeholders in this community. I have always had an open door policy to discuss many different topics. That has not changed. It doesn't always mean there will be agreement or that we will be able to accommodate requests, but at least, ideas will be heard and discussed.

The least effective way to be heard is through an anonymous communication. Through the years, I have received what I am sure are well-meaning, unsigned letters, but without being able to discuss, question, or investigate a topic, it is impossible to explain what is sometimes inaccurate information. And although every correspon-

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**Gates Settle,
Principal**



Students performed the traditional Holy Thursday tableau again this year. Pictured in the representation of the Last Supper here are students Nolan Clark, Rudy Clouse, Hank Dotsey, Hagan Edge, Matthew Graviss, Max Hein, Beau Ingram, Jace Kessler, Reisz Krampe, Hannah Padgett, Griffin Rudy, Cody Stelmach, Karley Tucker, Sean Whitehouse, and Sam Wilson.

Students donate time, talent and treasure to help others

Over the past few months, the students of Catholic High have donated time, talent, and treasure to help others in the local community, as well as those across the world. The following describes examples of such efforts made on behalf of our students.

During November, the students had a fundraiser for Crossroads homeless shelter called No-Shave November/No Uniform Mondays. The boys paid \$5 for growing a beard, while the girls paid \$5 for jean day Mondays throughout the month. At the end of the month, there was also a penny war for the best beard.

I am proud to say that the students raised \$2,517.97 for their efforts. Our wonderful band students also raised \$340 for Crossroads during their Christmas Band Concert.

More recently, one of the recipients of the third quarter Coke-A-Week donations was the Our Lady of Lourdes Backpack Program for three- and four-year-olds at Seven Hills Preschool.

Two children were chosen from each classroom by the teachers based on the greatest need. Many of these children rely on school breakfasts and lunches as their main sources of nutrition and do not have enough food on the weekend. Because of the generosity of our students, 22 children had food for three weekends.

Lastly, the monies raised by our daily Coke-A-Week helped to build a well for one of the 40 countries assisted by Cross Catholic Outreach. Cross Catholic Outreach is a Catholic relief and development ministry that provides food, shelter, medi-

**Sherry Orth,
Religion Chair**



cal care, water, education, self-help programs, care for orphans, and emergency relief to the poorest of the poor in dioceses around the world in the name of Christ.

Great job, students! We are proud of you!

Catholic High students named to the Governor's Scholars Program

Owensboro Catholic High School is proud to announce appointment of four juniors to the 2019 Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program: Claire Hauke, Alex Scheithe, Katie Hayden, and Grace Hauke (pictured here, left to right). The up-coming seniors have all been named Governor's Scholars for the summer of 2019. This is a very prestigious five-week program held at Kentucky colleges and universities to challenge and inspire some of Kentucky's best and brightest.

The Governor's Scholars Program is predicated upon the belief that one of the Commonwealth's greatest resources is its academically talented young people. Consequently, a five-week summer program for approximately 1,020 of Kentucky's brightest rising high school seniors will be conducted this summer on three college campuses: Bellarmine University in Louisville, Centre College in Danville, and Morehead State University in Morehead.

The emphasis of the Governor's Scholars Program is on the students' de-



velopment of critical thinking, adaptability, creativity, widened horizons, future-orientation, and constructive responses to the ambiguities of life.

The curriculum of the Governor's Scholars Program has been built with

the recognition that talented students have a wide variety of interests and concerns. The curriculum provides opportunities to develop both general and specific intellectual skills and talents.

Handbook changes for 2019-2020

At the end of each school year, faculty and staff review the handbook to see if there needs to be any changes or if anything needs to be added to the student handbook for the upcoming school year.

The student handbook does not propose to cover all situations, nor is it intended to be a work of perfection. It is, however, a beginning and has been put together at the request of the students and faculty alike.

It is the hope of the administration that it will be of help to all the students of Catholic High in its use as a reference in relation to school policy and expectation.

Here are a few items that have been added to the 2019-2020 student handbook.

1.3 OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES:

Students are allowed to take classes off-campus from any of the local colleges or another high school in order to enrich their educational experience, but only if that class is not offered at OCHS. Students will have to meet specific criteria set by the different institutions in order to be admitted to their different programs. Students and parents should also be aware of the following concerning how those classes will transfer to OCHS:

1.6 ACADEMIC LETTER REQUIREMENTS

In order to earn an academic letter, a student must:

1. Have achieved a GPA of 3.75 or higher for the entire preceding school year.

**Tim Riley,
Dean of Students**



14.1 CLASS AND BOOK RENTAL FEES

Additional fees have been placed on these classes:

- Horticulture \$25.00/per class
- CIA \$25.00/per class
- Nutrition \$25.00/per class

Catholic High SCRUBS students asked for input

Three of our SCRUBS (Students Creating Respect Using Better Solutions) students were invited to City Hall recently to give an educational presentation about JUULing/vaping at the Alliance for a Drug-Free Community meeting. This group is made up of a wide variety of professionals and leaders in our community, including Larry Conder, one of our City Commissioners.

Catholic High SCRUBS Co-Sponsor Sherry Krampe said of the group and their presentation, "I cannot say enough about how great of a job these students did. They represented OC very well. They presented their program with great poise and professionalism, yet appearing to be very relaxed but confident and fielded questions very appropriately. You would've been so proud of them!"

There was a lengthy group discussion afterwards among the Alliance members. The Alliance group often stopped to get input from our students concerning their opinions on the effectiveness of various strategies for addressing the JUULing/vaping

crisis among young people. Larry Conder especially seemed interested in taking the students' input on to city and county governments in hopes of addressing the issue

locally.

The SCRUBS students pictured are Elizabeth Ford (SCRUBS President), Faith Hogg, and Rudy Clouse.



Important news, notes, and dates for parents

2019 – 2020 BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION DAY

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

Students' class schedules will be available for pick-up at this time. 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 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 2023 will be held on Wednesday, July 31st 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 pm. 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 9.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Textbooks that need to be purchased this year are CIA, Grief Psychology, Freshman Theology (2), Sophomore Theology (1), Junior Theology (2), Senior Theology (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 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 July 31 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm). It will also be open before and after school Aug. 7-16.

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 AM till noon for 4-12th grade boys beginning Monday, May 27. 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 13. 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 Lindsey email her to obtain the full schedule for July-October at lcoverby@gmail.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 Lindsey email her to obtain the full schedule for July-October at lcoverby@gmail.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 30th 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 15 at OCHS; Varsity from 3-3:30 pm. and JV and Freshman from 5-6:30 pm. For more information call Coach Brian Hardison at 270-302-2524. An updated school physical is needed in order to practice and be registered with the school.

Cross Country - Regular season Cross Country practice begins at 7am on Monday, July 15 at OCHS. 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 - Practices for the varsity and junior varsity girls' golf team will begin July 10. For more information call Stacey Schepers at 270-302-9423 or e-mail her at stacey.schepers1026@gmail.com. An updated school physical is needed in order to tryout.

Boys' Golf – Any boy interested in trying out for the boys' golf teams will need to

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contact Bretnea Turner at 270-316-1884 or e-mail her at bretnea.turner@owensborocatholic.org. An updated school physical is needed in order to tryout.

Football - July 10 - Football Season begins. Monday thru Friday practices 4:30pm-7:30pm at Steele Stadium.

August 9 - "Friday Night Lights" meet the Aces Football Night. Free Admission. Lots of fellowship, food, and fun starting around 4:30. First scrimmage against Union County at home. More info will be coming out about this night.

August 7 - First day of school. Practices Monday-Thursday after school.

August 23 - First game against Ohio County at home.

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 15, 16, 17, 18, from 10 am to 1 pm. From July 22 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 Back-to-School Day 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 7.

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., starting May 28th.

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 REGULATION

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.

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.

Students are required to receive a meningitis booster vaccine no later than 2 weeks after their 16th birthday.

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.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP TO BE

HELD IN OCTOBER

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, a financial aid workshop will be held for senior parents whose students will be filing for college financial aid for the 2019-2020 school year. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the OCHS Computer Lab.

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 2018 (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.

Important dates for parents

6/25-7/9	<i>KHSAA Dead Period</i>
7/25	<i>Back-to-School Info Day for OCHS students, 2- 6 pm</i>
7/31	<i>Freshman Orientation and Picnic 9:00 am. – 12 pm</i>
8/5	<i>Opening day for faculty</i>
8/7	<i>First day of classes</i>
8/15	<i>Opening Mass, 10:35 am</i>
9/8	<i>Senior Ring Mass</i>

Religion teachers Orth and Luckett retire

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our family as her own.

Growing up in the Catholic High family, I have watched Mom give countless hours of her time to OCHS. My mother has been a mother to her students and to members of the school staff. She has loved, supported, and at times fought for her students. Without hesitation, she sacrifices her own wants and needs for her children at home and at work. Although her roles have changed over the years, her fierce love for the OCHS community and her advocacy for her students have been unwavering.

As a valuable member of the OCHS family, Martha has found her second home at Catholic High and formed many life-long relationships. During the school year, Martha puts in many hours counting lucky bucks for the Magazine Drive, helping freshman adapt to high school life, and cheering on her students at their sporting events. Martha is the perfect example of what it means to bleed green.

Martha and my mom have been fixtures in the Catholic High Religion Department for many years. Some of their favorite memories include leading senior retreats together. I look back in awe at the number of lives they have touched on these special retreats with senior students. Martha and my mom have led many students to a deeper relationship with Christ and a more thorough understanding of the Scriptures. As a mother and teacher myself, I understand the lasting impact a teacher has on the life of a child. This dynamic duo has served as such positive role models for students navigating through their high school years. Knowing that they have impacted thousands of students throughout their time at Catholic High inspires me to follow in their footsteps and continue to advocate for my students with the same heartfelt compassion and dedication.

Although they are retiring and moving onto the next chapter of their lives, I know Martha and my mom will continue to keep all of the students and staff of OCHS in their prayers. I am sure they will always look back with fond memories of their years teaching together at OCHS and look forward to new ways to support the Catholic High family during their retirement!

On behalf of many in the Catholic High family, I would like to thank Martha and my mother for setting a positive example for all of the students and staff at Catholic High, using your God-given gifts to serve others as you spread the Gospel message.

You have both been an inspiration to me and will be remembered by many people because of your humility, dedication, and faithful service to God's children. May God abundantly bless you both in your next season of life!

Library Assistant Josie Hagan retires

By Marilyn Pace, Librarian

When Principal Joe O'Bryan told me in the summer of 1986 that he had hired someone named Josie Hagan to be the new library assistant, I remember thinking, "Oh, I hope she is easy to get along with." I had nothing to worry about. For 32 years Josie has shown nothing but patience and kindness as she worked with teachers and students and me.

Fortunately for me not once did I ever hear Josie say, "That's not in my job description." When I was asked to run the bookstore, Josie agreed to become a 50/50 partner. We had a few "Lucy/Ethel" moments during those years that we have chosen not to share with anyone!

These are incidents that we still laugh about. When I was a class sponsor, Josie counted cheese and sausage orders, helped keep track of numerous forms, tied bows for two proms and held down the fort at school while I was decorating the day before prom. She also had to take over when I was at library conferences, chaperoning at KUNA and had a hip replacement. Josie has worn many hats.

We even survived the big media center flood in the spring of 2018. When one of the teachers heard that Josie and I had worked together for 32 years, she said, "Wow, some people don't stay married that long!" Thank you, Josie. It has been fun!

Athletic Director David Blanford retires

David Blanford came to Catholic High in 1976. He has since taught history, social studies, and driver education.

Soon after he began teaching, Blanford instituted soccer as a club sport at Catholic High. Then in 1984, he began coaching golf. When soccer moved to a full-fledged school-supported team in 1984, he continued as an assistant coach. During that time, he also began girls' golf at Catholic High, coaching that team from 1988 to 1994.

In 1989, Blanford was named social Studies Department Chair. A year later, under Principal Joe O'Bryan, Blanford moved to the office of the Dean of Students, where he remained until moving to the Athletic Director's position in 2000 under Principal Harold Staples. He has served in that position longer than any Athletic Director in the school's history--with the exception of Harold

"AD" Mischel.

Of course, as with many Catholic High staff, Blanford has performed a number of other duties, from KUNA and KYA sponsor to department chair, to transportation coordination, to technology committee, to bingo manager and coordinator.

Generally considered to be the original architect of the boys' soccer program and the girls' golf program at Catholic High, Blanford has been very successful in maintaining and upgrading athletic facilities throughout the school. One of his more noticeable and more recent upgrades has been a complete rebuild of the school's outstanding weightroom and strength facility on the first floor of the Parrish Avenue wing. Before that, he directed the remodeling of the large

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

Our bingos put \$80,000 per year into the 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 (270-684-3215) and leave your name and number.

Claire Augenstein	George Flood	Savannah Lewis	Max Pride	Kennedy Warren
Molly Ballard	Alyssa Frey	Clayton Lewis	Kevin Ralph	Ji' Airius Webb
Jayden Bickett	Will Fulkerson	Kaylan Logsdon	Porter Randi	Sam Wilson
Madelyn Blandford	Caitlynn Futrell	Ashton Logsdon	Landon Reffitt	Cambron Woodward
Kathleen Brocato	Alexis Gehring	Anna Lovekamp	Kevin Renshaw	Isabella Wright
Connor Calhoun	Ella Goetz	Leann Lyon	Whitnee Rice	Lydia Wright
Dre'mail Carothers	Kinsley Goetz	Ben Marshall	Chandler Riley	April Flood
Cassidy Carrico	Aiden Goodwin	Anna Meyer	Andrew Riney	John O'Bryan
Lincoln Clancy	Natalie Goodwin	Katelyn Mitchell	Alex Scheithe	Kevin Renshaw
Sarah Clemens	Quanya Gray	Nolan Murphy	Samuel Self	Brandon/Ashley Bracato
Cecilia Clemens	Abby Hagan	Matthew Murphy	Maleigha Shelton	Kenny Self
Samuel Clements	Andrew Hartz	Garrett Nealen	Emma Silvert	Melissa Osborne
Camille Conkright	Olivia Hayden	Dylan Nichols	Isabella Sloan	Eddie Phillips
Kaleb Daugherty	Madelyn Hempen	Kinsley Norris	Zeke Smith	Kim Phillips
Gabriel Davis	Reece Higdon	Nick O'Bryan	Nicholas Steele	Jeanette Goodwin
Logan Davis	Emilee Hutchison	Spencer Osborne	Sailor Stich	Stephanie Higdon
Jarred Deno	Chance Jones	Colton Overstreet	Caitlin Sullivan	Holly Farina
Chyrslan Doughty	Genarose Jones	Bailey Padgett	Elijah Thompson	Paul Stich
Matthew Durbin	Kolby Kemper	Braedon Parker	Russell Tichenor	Jennifer Schultz
Noah Edelen	Elise Kerr	Luke Payne	Ashten Tignor	George Warren
Mason Estes	Kendall Kessler	Reece Peach	Nicholas Tillerson	Kendra Gehring
Ashlyn Farina	Natalie Kramp	Justin Phillips	Karsen Tipmore	Stephanie Higdon
Lincoln Ferguson	Hadley Latham	Kevin Piedrahita	Lindsey Warren	

David Blanford retires

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gym. And even before that, he was a major force in the partnering with Kentucky Wesleyan and the hammering of the agreement by which KWC and OCHS share Steele Stadium.

Principal Gates Settle comments on retiring staffers

David Blanford served 43 years at OCHS as a teacher, coach, Dean of Students and Athletic Director. He is one of the most, if not the most, dedicated people I have seen. His commitment to making things better, not only for athletics but for the entire school, rises to an elite level. That probably is what stands out most for me since I have known him. He does things not for credit or praise, but because they need to be done. His 19 years as AD is unheard of in this generation.

Catholic High alum Josie Hagan has served 32 years as Librarian Assistant. She is known for being one of the nicest and sweetest people in our building. She is always helpful and interacts with students and staff in such a caring way and is another person who is totally dedicated and committed to Catholic High.

Martha Luckett also has a long history with OCHS as a graduate and serving 31 years as a religion teacher. Her love and concern for Catholic High have always been her highest priority. She also has a long history of spearheading the magazine drive with her excitement, prodding, pleading, and motivating students, which has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the school. And that has helped keep tuition down for everyone across the system.

Sherry Orth, who also is an OCHS alum, has a long history with the school, having taught all 37 years here. Her time as Co-chair and Chair of the Religion Department ranks as the longest in OCHS history. This position certainly carries its share of challenges, which Mrs. Orth has always handled with dignity and respectfulness. Serving in this position for this period of time is quite a testament to her leadership, dedication, and commitment to OCHS. In addition, the number of retreats, class sponsorships, baccalaureates, and graduations she has helped organize and been involved with, have added a level of specialness at Catholic High.

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Philosophy and mission

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 .

Settle: Discussion

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dence is read, those without legitimate facts go unanswered.

As I have mentioned many times over the years, I will talk to anyone about almost anything regarding Catholic High, especially if it has to do with ways to improve, or things I need to know in order to address them.

We want to be able to listen to and pay attention to any of the needs of our school community, and I think we have responded with some very positive additions, improvements, and changes over the years. Once again, if there is something that you would like to discuss for the betterment of OCHS, please feel free to set up an appointment or email me!

GRADUATES AND PARENTS

If you have no other children attending Catholic High this upcoming school year, this issue of Parentlines will be the last copy that you will receive. But 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
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