

Catholic High Parentlines

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

Owensboro Catholic High School

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OCS announces opening of school year

Catholic Schools are strong. Enrollment is strong. Even during this country's darkest times, our community continues to rally to make us strong.

At this point in time, there are still a lot of questions about when and how we will be returning to school. In Kentucky, the state superintendents have been given some options and some guidance about what returning to school might look like. But with the exception of a few systems, no definite plans have been made.

This unknown about the future has created a lot of uncertainty, anxiety, and frustration for many people in many different areas, but none so much as for those who have children of school age.

Just a couple of weeks ago, it was announced that Owensboro Catholic Schools is planning to resume school in person in August, but there could still be some uncertainty about what that will look like and how it will happen. At this point we don't know how

much flexibility we will have to make decisions. While it is the goal of principals in this system to bring our students back to school, we will need a process to deal with teachers and students who live at home with people who have comorbidities or with students who must use the bus for transportation to school.

It's going to take a lot of communication and work to develop a plan to meet the needs of Catholic High teachers and students. We will be compliant with state mandates, but we also want to be ready in case we are given the flexibility to open our schools. We want to make decisions that protect the vulnerable, but get students back into educational routines that maximize their potential. What's important is that we put forth the effort it's going to take to communicate with all of you, but all of you are going to need to respond to our efforts to communicate with you!

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Gates Settle,
Principal



make us strong. OCS has been tested in ways that it never has; however, with lots of prayers and through the work of our teachers, Central Office Staff and the Diocese, we are coming out of this crisis as strong as we have ever been.

As those of you with school age children prepare to make decisions regarding your child's educational and faith future, let's not forget the importance of the present.

At some point, we will be back to normal, our system will continue to thrive and another generation of students will be able to experience all the great things that Owensboro Catholic Schools and Catholic High provide.

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 .