

In The Loop

Annual Appeal Edition

OCS

Owensboro Catholic Schools

K-8 Annual Appeal April 2009

The Auspice Maria symbol -
"Under the protection of Mary"



Owensboro Catholic Elementary

K-3 - Annunciation

4-6 - Immaculate Conception

OCMS - The Holy Family

OCHS - Assumption

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HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

On Easter Sunday, the Church is recollected in contemplation of the risen Christ. Thus she relives the primordial experience that lies at the basis of her existence. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalene and the other women who went to Christ's tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life. Whoever had condemned Jesus, deceived himself that he had buried his cause under an ice-cold tombstone. The disciples themselves gave into the feeling of irreparable failure.

We understand their surprise, then, and even their distrust in the news of the empty tomb. But the Risen One did not delay in making himself seen and they yielded to reality. They saw and believed! Two thousand years later, we still sense the unspeakable emotion that overcame them when they heard the Master's greeting: "Peace be with you.".....

Christ's Resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs.

The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life.... Pope John Paul II





THE OWENSBORO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SHARE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN COOPERATION WITH FAMILIES TO PROVIDE A RELIGIOUS AND ACADEMIC EDUCATION WHICH PREPARES STUDENTS TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF FAMILY, CHURCH, AND COMMUNITY.



T-Shirt Slogan has “New” Meaning

SB ‘09 = Saving Babies 09

Often times, especially this time of year, many of our students travel to Florida for the annual



Spring flight to warmer weather. With this trek, is the nearly “mandatory” purchase of a souvenir T-Shirt that reads - SB 09 (Spring Break 09). This year, our Right to Life Club decided to give this age old design a new twist, having the shirts read “Saving Babies 09”. The idea stems from students wanting to bring about a greater awareness of life.

OCS Employee Sacrifice Equals Tuition Increase Reduction

The Owensboro Catholic Schools announced recently new tuition rates for the 2009-2010 school year. The previously published 8% increase to the base tuition rate will be reduced to a 4% increase. The reduction in tuition is a direct result of all OCS faculty and staff sacrificing once again for the benefit of our families by accepting a salary freeze for the 2009-2010 school year. This level of dedication to the development of our students and commitment to our families is a testament to their professional approach in fulfilling the OCS Mission every day.

New Student Information System to Lead to Efficiencies

At the request of the OCS Finance Committee early in 2008, we undertook an audit of our business related processes. We learned much about the way we do business. A robust accounting system allowing the integration of business office processes and functionality across OCS was identified as a necessary first step. Our current system is incredibly outdated and does not provide the analytical tools necessary for a comprehensive Catholic school system in today's economy. Given the current state of affairs, it is imperative that we find efficiencies in the way we do business so as to provide efficiencies in all that we do. Our parents, parishes, and donors who support us expect it.

We have spent the past several months researching the purchase of a Student Information System that will integrate and help us manage all aspects of OCS administration and student/family information. The system will share information and processes across OCS (student, parent, teacher, and staff). Of particular importance was to find software that will help us provide a set of solutions on the business side of the house (accounts payable, payroll, billing, etc.) that will bring symmetry and integration across OCS. Having identified the one that best fits our needs and budget, we are moving forward with the implementation and training.

Faith
IN EDUCATION

