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Field Day showcases family traditions

Students and faculty treat this day like the OCHS family reunion

There are certain events that come around every year that I really dread: yearly visits to the doctor, tax time. And let's face it, birthdays certainly aren't what they used to be. At Catholic High, the event that I dread the most is Field Day. Reintroduced several years ago by Mrs. Lambert, this is a day for all students to get up and moving in a variety of events, enjoying each other's company, and taking a deep breath before the final push toward semester exams and graduation.

But keeping 430 students interested and

**Kurt Osborne,
Interim
Principal**



occupied for that length of time can lead to a whole other set of issues. With the threat of storms this year, moving the activities inside was an even bigger undertaking (kudos to Mr. Miller). And that is where my dislike for this day originates. Always on edge, always wondering what can go wrong, and how bad can it be.

And that is when our students, yet again, continue to amaze me, and where we see our true "family traits" coming out. You begin to see students and faculty treat this day like the OCHS family reunion. With food, snacks and cold drinks, it is truly a picnic atmosphere (when we can get outside), and with any family reunion, a little friendly competition never hurt. It is great to see students cheering for each other with every victory, and razzing each other with every defeat. Students are battling each other to the very end in the dizzy bat competition, and then helping each other up from the floor.

Like any family, we are sometimes more competitive with each other than with anyone else, but at the end of the day we have each other's backs, we stop and pray, and we are still family. And every year, I leave Field Day thinking that this is one of my favorite days of the year.

As we approach the end of another academic year, I ask that you continue to keep our students and faculty in your prayers. And I ask that you especially pray for our seniors: that wherever life may lead them that they always know that the Lord will hold them in the palm of His hand.

With a prayer for you and your family,
Kurt



Catholic High mothers (L-R) Kathy Buntin, Tina Gough, and Jennifer Fullenwider pose for a picture recently. The three served lunch to the OCHS faculty during Catholic Schools Week. Arranging and sending dishes were Kim Mullican, Mary Hall, Julie Garvin, Tina Gough, Mary Margaret Hayden, Mary Lopez, Marc Swift, Karen Booth, Rita Jacobs, Tina James, Suzie Mattingly, Trisha Frey, Diana Wall, Laura Mattingly, Nicole Elder, Carol Murphy, Cathy Ramsey, Margaret Windle, Theresa Wethington, Carol Goedde, Denise Richardson, Julie Crowe, Felicity Polio, and Cathy Franey.

The Third Edition of the Roman Missal

As many of you already know, on Sunday, November 27, 2011, all Catholic parishes across the United States will begin using a new translation of the Roman Missal. The Roman Missal is the official prayer book we use for Mass in the Catholic Church. It is the book the priest reads from at the altar and it is called the sacramentary. The missalette is an abbreviated version of the contents found in the Roman Missal and it is used by the people during mass.

There are basically two reasons for changing the Roman Missal. One is that the Missal is being updated with new prayers and instructions. The other is that the Vatican has changed its thinking on how prayers should be translated from the original Latin into English.

What this means for the people will be a change in their responses during Mass and also in some of the prayers. Specifically in the greeting to the priest, the Creed, and the Gloria. As a result, this means that we will have to relearn many of the parts that we already have memorized.

To help in this transition we have already ordered enough pew cards for every student and teacher at OCHS to be used next fall after the first Sunday in Advent. They will be passed out at the beginning of each Mass and used until we have once again memorized our responses.

Many have asked if these changes only affect the Mass, and for now, the answer is yes. Eventually however, these changes will filter into the other sacraments and prayers

**Sherry Orth,
Religion Department
Chair**



that we say as a church, as well as the other ceremonies that occur in the Catholic Church. God's Blessing,
Sherry Orth

Adapted from a Q&A with Fr. Paul Turner of the Diocese of Kansas City.

Penny Melton: delivering impressive technical support to our teachers and staff



**By Mary Hilda
McFarland**

Penny Melton

"My favorite part of my job is all the exciting projects I get into! No day is ever the same as the day before.

Nowhere in my previous jobs did anyone ever ask me to stop what I was doing on a computer to come participate in a pep rally! Whoever would have dreamed a computer geek could be Diana Ross?" That was Penny Melton's answer when she was asked what part of her job at Owensboro Catholic High School was the best. For those who didn't have a chance to enjoy the Excellence Rally in September, Mrs. Melton pantomimed as the Supremes star with two backup faculty members.

Mrs. Melton refers to herself as a "computer custodian," the manager of the computer labs and mentor for the student techies. She says she is just one of a team that she likes to think provides "impressive technical support to our teachers and staff. We want them to feel confident when they walk into their classrooms that they are going to have exactly what they need and it is going to work. Our teachers are excellent at their jobs and love our kids so much. It is an

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Mrs. Melton is a graduate of Apollo High School, and of Murray State University where she received a degree in Computer Science. After graduation she worked with several places as a Computer Programmer and Systems Analyst, eventually working her way into more management positions and ending up at UniFirst as Systems Manager. Keith Melton is a native of Calvert City and met Penny while they were working for the same company in Paducah. They have been married twelve years and have two sons: Oliver who is eleven and Elliot who is nine. She left her job to raise the boys when they were smaller.

It was Mrs. Melton's sister, an OCHS office volunteer at the time, who suggested she might be interested in a position at the high school which had been offered to her but which she had turned down. Mrs.

Melton had been considering returning to the work place once her sons had started school. Her application was accepted and Mrs. Melton says, "The timing was just right. By taking this job instead of going back into the business sector, I am able to work on the school calendar instead of year round. God's timing is amazing!"

Mrs. Melton says the hardest part of her job comes when the techies and other seniors leave. As she puts it, "Just when you really get to know them and develop a relationship with them...they graduate!" She adds, "I have been privileged enough to work on two senior boys retreats. It is just a blast to get to know the boys better. I pray that we are planting seeds that will continue to grow far beyond their time here at Catholic High."

For anyone who is considering applying for a position at OCHS, Mrs. Melton has this advice: "They better be ready for the job to rock their world! I don't think a person can do Catholic High half way because it will get into your blood. There is something about being part of this family that is very addicting!"

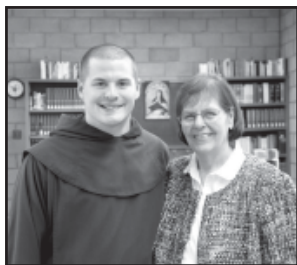
All those who benefit from the attention and assistance of this savvy, self-proclaimed computer geek will assure you they are glad she is addicted to OCHS.

Bishop Medley visits Catholic High

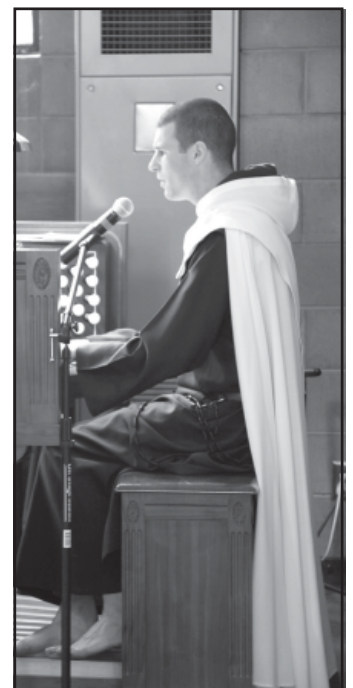
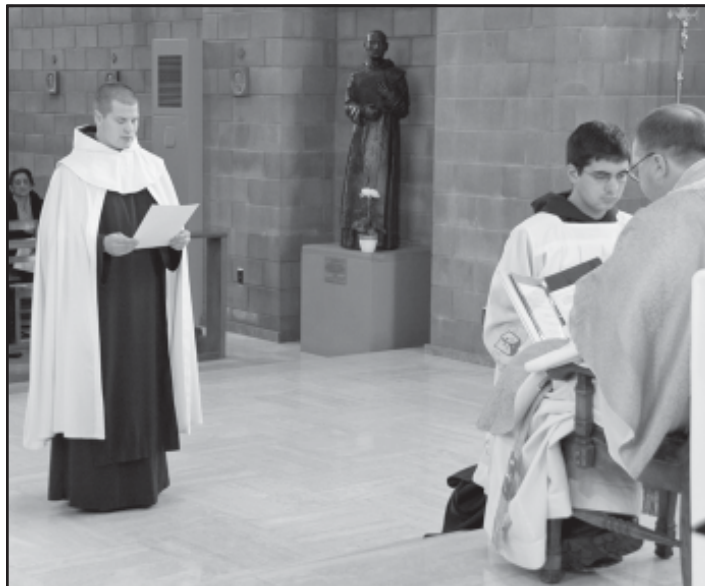


Bishop William Medley, upper left and upper right, speaks recently with the Catholic High senior class in Soenneker Hall. After his opening remarks, the students were free to ask questions concerning absolutely any topic. Bottom right, he and Catholic High Chaplain and Campus Minister Fr. Brad Whistle chat with freshman server Jasmine Lancaster. Fr. Brad is also Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Former OCHS student Dusty DeLacy makes first profession of vows



Dusty DeLacy, a former OCHS student, plays the organ before his first profession of vows as Bro. John Pio of the Most Sacred Heart recently. Upper left, DeLacy poses with his mother, Margo.



Guidance Department News

HONORS PROGRAM TO BE HELD

Owensboro Catholic's annual honors program will be held the evening of April 28th at 7 pm in the small gym.

Mr. Kurt Osborne, principal, commented, "We especially like having the honors program in the evening because it allows more parents to see their sons and daughters honored."

Students to be honored include those receiving departmental awards from each academic department, seniors receiving academic letters based on the first semester, students receiving leadership awards, and seniors receiving scholarships.

Mr. Osborne said the program's attendance is by invitation only. Parents whose children are to be honored will receive an invitation by mail.

SENIORS' FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

In May, Senior Guidance Counselor Scott Lowe will administer a survey to seniors in order to determine, among other things, what post-secondary institution they will attend. The response given on that survey will determine where a student's final transcript is mailed by the Guidance Office.

As a result of the survey, it is not necessary for graduating seniors to notify the Main Office during the summer that a final transcript needs to be sent to his or her post-secondary institution.

A senior's first final transcript is mailed free of charge; however, a \$3.00 fee is assessed for each transcript request thereafter.

Because grades from all students must be received by the Main Office and entered into the grade program before transcripts can be run, final transcripts will most likely be mailed the second week of June.

FEE ASSESSED FOR AP CLASSES

Students taking Advanced Placement courses for next year are advised that they will be assessed a fee of \$100.00 for the course. This fee will cover the additional materials used in the classes as well as to pay for the test given to students upon completion of the course. This fee is non-refundable if a student chooses to drop an AP course.

KEES UPDATE

The next submission of grade point aver-

ages to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program will be made in June. Students should thereafter receive a preliminary award notice from the Department of Education.

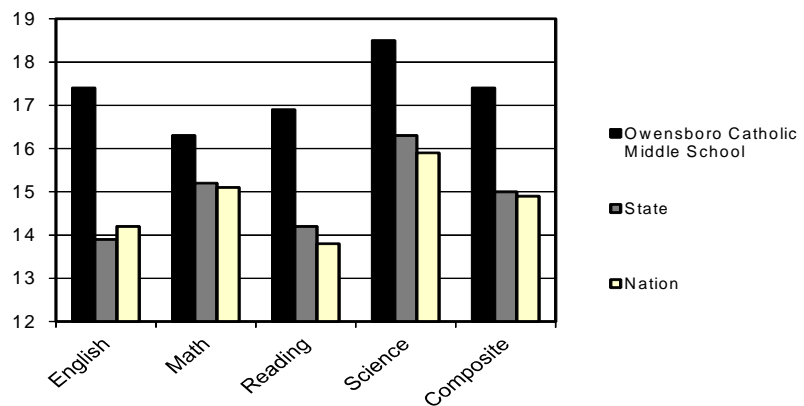
SENIOR HEALTH RECORDS

Some colleges and universities will require health and/or immunization records. If your child's college or university requires your student's health and/or immunization

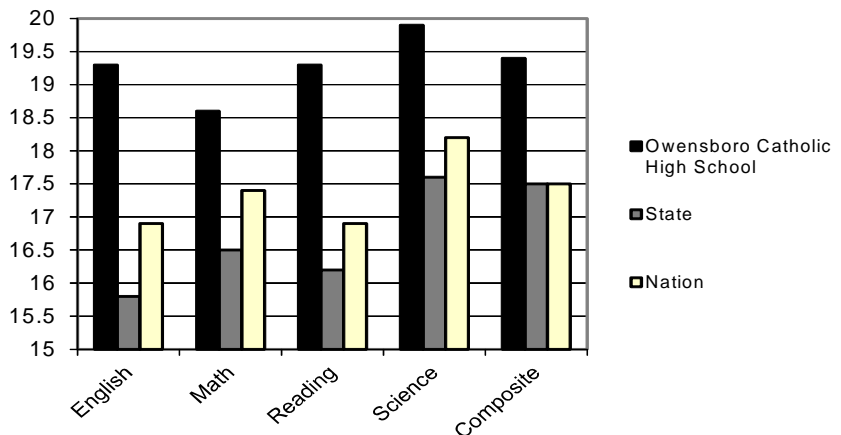
records, students or parents may pick them up from the OCHS main office beginning the week of June 8. Please call before coming in to pick these records up.

Senior Parents: Please send a copy of notification of all scholarships to Mr. Lowe to ensure your student is recognized at both Honors Night and Graduation.

EXPLORE test results 2010-11



PLAN test results 2010-11



Owensboro Catholic Schools are pleased to report the academic success of their students as is evident on standardized test results. The EXPLORE and the PLAN are part of ACT's curriculum-based assessment designed to assess academic progress, provide early indicators of college readiness, explore career options, and assist students at critical decision points in their academic planning. EXPLORE is administered in Grade 8 near high school entry and PLAN in Grade 10 as a midpoint review of academic progress in high school. The test results provide longitudinal assessments of college readiness standards and provide teachers and administrators with a comprehensive analysis of academic growth.

Important news, notes and dates for parents

EXAM DATES SET

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take their exams according to the following schedule:

Fri., May 27 Exams for periods 1 & 3
 Tues., May 31 Exams for periods 5 & 7
 Wed., June 1 Exams for periods 2 & 4
 Thurs. June 2 Exams for periods 6 & 8

EXAMS SCHEDULE

8:20 - 9:35 Review for exam
 9:35 - 9:40 Break
 9:40 - 11:15 Exam
 11:20 - 11:25 Homeroom
 11:25 - 11:55 1st Lunch
 12:00 - 1:15 Review for exam
 1:15 - 1:20 Break
 1:20 - 2:55 Exam

2nd Lunch

11:30 - 11:55 Review for exam
 11:55 - 12:25 2nd Lunch
 12:30 - 1:15 Review for exam
 1:20 - 2:55 Exam

Exam days are regular school days in the expectation of students being at school by 8:15 am. Students will have the review in the same classroom where the next exam will take place. Students must be present and on time for the review prior to the exam in order to be allowed to take the exam. Students will remain in the classroom until the exam period is over. Those finished early will not be dismissed. Students must be in uniform to take exams.

The last day of school for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be June 2.

Seniors were given a permission slip, stating the dates and times they are not required to be in attendance, for end of year activities for parents to sign and return.

EXAM POLICY STRESSED

As underclassmen prepare to take semester exams, parents should make themselves familiar with the school's exam policies, Mr. Kurt Osborne, Principal, said.

This is the policy as stated in the school's student/parent handbook planner:

Students who miss exams will be permitted to take them late with no penalty only if the following conditions are both met:

1. The student or student's parent/guardian calls the Principal's office in advance of the missed exam(s) so that teach-

ers can be notified.

2. The absence is excused. Excused absences are given during exams only upon receipt of doctors' excuses or discretionary permission of the Principal or Dean.

Mr. Scott Lowe, Director of Guidance, said that any student not meeting both of these conditions will not be permitted to take the missed exam(s) and will receive a score of zero for that exam(s).

For second semester exams, the teacher will send the exam to the office for administration and grading. Students must take missed exams within one week - unless prior permission is granted by the Principal.

STUDENTS' FINAL REPORT CARDS TO BEMAILED HOME

Report cards for students—including graduating seniors—will be mailed home the week of June 13, Mr. Scott Lowe, Director of Guidance, said.

Report cards are also mailed home at the end of second quarter. At the end of the first and third quarters, pastors come to the school to distribute cards.

SUMMER SCHOOL DATES

Students will be able to take summer school classes with Rick Triplett at The Triplett School, 801 Old Hartford Road. There are a couple of options for The Triplett School.

1. If you know your student needs to make up a class now from a previous semester, call The Triplett School as soon as possible at 683-8814 to get started right away. You can call Bev Howard or Scott Lowe at Catholic High to check on which class/semester needs to be made up by your student
2. Summer school will run through the month of June and the cost is \$175.00 whether you begin now or at the end of school.

Credit letters will be sent out by the OCHS Counseling department the week after school is out to let parents know which classes need to be made up in summer school. **Parents are strongly advised to take the OCHS credit letter to the school at which their child plans to register for summer school. Stated in the credit letter is the course and semester needed to make up a failed credit.**

Mrs. Howard added that summer classes offer "a basic level of instruction in core courses needed for graduation. The credits

needed to satisfy OCHS's Honors diploma requirements are not offered."

OCHS will not offer summer school for Religion or Driver's Ed classes this year. If a student has failed a Religion class he/she must make it up during the next school year.

Daviess County High School will be offering Driver's Ed classes, as pass/fail only.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Catholic High's summer office hours will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Ryan Knott,
OCHS Class of
2009

Ryan Knott, a member of the OCHS Class of 2009, is currently a sophomore at the University of Kentucky. Ryan recently sent Religion Department Chair Sherry Orth the following note.

Mrs. Orth,

I hope everything is going well at Owensboro Catholic High! All is well at UK in Lexington. I just wanted to see how everything was going for you. I was at Mass today and thought of something that I wanted to share with you.

I counted 10 Owensboro Catholic High graduates at the Newman Center for Ash Wednesday Mass. Later in the afternoon in the library cafe, I noticed an additional 5 Owensboro Catholic alumni with ashes on their foreheads. It made me realize that everyone at OCHS does an outstanding job in preparing students for their spiritual life after high school. Many of my friends that went to a different Catholic school rarely go to even Sunday mass. Almost every time I have gone to weekday Mass at the Newman Center, I have seen at least one other fellow OCHS graduate. Each day I become more and more thankful for my OCHS education!

Please tell the other Religion teachers hello for me and send them my praises. Enjoy the semester!

Joan Perry: an era comes to an end

By *Mary Hilda McFarland*

An era will end in June when a historical period that began in the fall of 1968 comes to a close. For those 42 years Owensboro Catholic High School has been the beneficiary of the devotion, the labor, the knowledge, the love of Joan Perry. After years in the classroom, at proms, at senior retreats, with blood donors, on class trips, guiding graduations, practicing with Acettes, she will finally have some time for herself. Joan Perry will retire.

Through the years Joan (she was rarely called Miss Perry) sponsored seven classes: 1973, 1976, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1989, 2005. Several of her former students in those classes have made a tribute-type contribution to this salute. They are the ones who could tell the tales of Joan's sponsorship.

"I remember enjoying her chemistry class and how much fun and enthusiasm she had for everything...and of course, that Boston accent." That's how Barbie Berry Howard summed up all that Joan was to the OCHS

family back in 1973: chemistry, fun, enthusiasm and the Boston accent, which she has managed to maintain over the decades.

By the time Joan agreed to sponsor another class, it was the Class of 1976 and Chris Reid and John Walker were two of the young men who kept her on her toes. Chris' salute reads like this: "She was very devoted to the class of '76 and taught me some very important lessons that have contributed to my development as a leader at Independence Bank.

"I watched Ms. Perry in amazement as she worked very hard to make our senior year fun and everything it was meant to be. Many wondered why she cared so much for such a misfit class as ours. Perhaps she realized that every person has the ability to achieve greatness; every person has the strength to be courageous; every person has the heart for incredible kindness; every person has the soul to be a Christian.... Like most 18 year olds many of the class of 76 were uncertain of their future path. Ms. Perry worked so hard for us she inspired many to

follow in her path to better the lives of those around us. It was many years later that I understood the final part of her lesson - the Christian seeds you plant will enrich your life on a daily basis but so will the bad seeds. You must also work hard every day to cultivate those seeds. These were great lessons for me - believe in everyone's potential, inspire them to be great, work hard to follow the Christian path, weed your life when needed and share your time and talents with others. You will reap what you sow in life."

John's contribution takes a second view: "Who could ever forget Joan Perry? The indelible mark that she left on so many Owensboro Catholic High students is immeasurable. I had the good fortune of having her for homeroom soon after she started at OCHS which afforded an opportunity to get to know her very well. Early on, most of us had a bit of a communication problem with Joan due to her distinctive Boston accent. Our tender Western Kentucky ears sometime struggled with her 'gat ta bannaahs atta ya heahs!' that she often uttered at us when we couldn't understand her (translation - get the bananas out of your ears). It took some time, but we soon began to understand her. We also began to love her for the untiring energy and unlimited time that she dedicated to our school. Joan added to the culture and community at Owensboro Catholic in so many ways. Over the years, she academically enriched thousands of students and sponsored hundreds of activities that touched the lives of so many kids. One especially fond memory that I have is that she was one of the founding sponsors of the girls' dancing team. What boy at OCHS could ever forget the Acettes - all those dancing legs! Joan was also the sponsor of our graduating class. She got us ready for what life would throw at us after high school for which we are eternally grateful. In return, we gave her a nick



Joan Perry



Joan Perry teaching one of her classes in recent years. Ms. Perry, after sponsoring seven classes and teaching innumerable classes and students, is retiring--42 years after coming to Catholic High. Former student Chris Reid said of Ms. Perry: Her lessons "... were great lessons for me--believe in everyone's potential, inspire them to be great, work hard to follow the Christian path, weed your life when needed and share your time and talents with others. You will reap what you sow in life."

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April 24 - June 04, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 24 Easter Easter Sunday - No Activity	April 25 Tape St Coun/CI Off speeches 7:30am BB Fr/JV (Apollo) 4:30/7P	April 26 Tape St Coun/CI Off speeches 7:30am Balfour Ring Orders 8-10am & 4-6pm Breezeway Conf. Rm. Big Staff Mtg. -Media Ctr. BB JV/V @ DCHS 5:30/7:30P SB V/JV (Apollo) 5:30P TK City/County @ OMS 5P TN Hanc Co @Moreland 4P	April 27 Tape St Coun/CI Off speeches 7:30am Mentor Mtg - 1st lunch Admin Coun 3:20pm SB Fr (Breck Co) 5:30P TN OHS @Moreland 4P	April 28 Mass 10:35 am Sr Picnic FFA officer inter- views 3pm TN Cloverport @KWC 4P	April 29 Afternoon off for Mag Dr quota busters BB Fr Apollo@DCHS Trn 7P BB V DeSales@Male 6P BB V Tates Ck@Male 8:30P SB Fr (OC Fr Trn) WarrenE 6:30P Tk Panther inv @ E-town 5:30P	April 30 BB V @Male 11A Prom SB Fr (OC Fr Trn) WarrenE 6:30P
May 1	May 2 Show St Coun/CI Off speeches -HR Vote St Coun/CI Off - HR BB Fr/JV @Apollo 4:30/7P SB Fr @Muhl Co 5:30P TN Muhl Co @Moreland 4P	May 3 AP Spanish am Staff Meeting @ 1st lunch BB V @Apollo 7P SB V/JV @Apollo 5:30P TK Tri-meet @Hend TBA	May 4 AP Calc am Faculty Mtg 3:20pm BB Fr/JV (DCHS) 4:30/7P SB Fr (Butler Co) 5:30P SB JV/V @Castle 5:30P TN DCHS @Moreland 4P	May 5 7:45 am Fac Mtg M/U AP English am BB JV @Heritage Hills 6P BB V (Greenwood) 6P SB Fr (Union Co) 5:30P TN Butler Co @Moreland 4P	May 6 AP US Hist am BB Fr/Fr (Hend) 5:30/7P BB V All A State @Lex TBA SB V (Sports Ware- house Classic) TBA TK @Hend Co Inv TBA	May 7 SAT Test BB V All A State @Lex TBA SB V (Sports Ware- house Classic) TBA TN Derby Day Doubl- es @Lex TBA
May 8 BB V All A State @Lex TBA Mother's Day - no activity	May 9 AP Biology am SB Fr @Butler Co 5:30P SB V/JV (Gibson S) 5:30P TN Grayson Co @Moreland 4P	May 10 AP French pm Staff Meeting @1st lunch BB Fr/JV (OHS) 4:30/7P SB JV/V @Boonville,IN 5:15P TK Fr/So Roundup @DCHS 5P TN @Apollo 4P	May 11 Ment or Mtg - 1st lunch Dept Mt 3:20pm FFA Parent/Member Banquet - sm. gym BB V @OHS 7P TN @Hend 4P	May 12 Mass 10:35 am -tentative Honors Night 7pm BB Fr/JV (DCHS) 4:30/7P SB Fr (Apollo) 5:30P	May 13 Sr Day of Recoll BB JV (Cath JV Trn) TBA BB V @Dunbar 8P SB V/JV (Mater Dei) 5:30P TK @DCHS Inv TBA	May 14 BB JV (Cath JV Trn) TBA BB V Eastern @Dunbar 10A BB V Scott Co @Dunbar 12P SB Fr @Grayson Co Trn TBA
May 15	May 16 Staff Meeting @1st lunch Spring Band Concert 7pm Immac. BB JV/V (Breck Co) Sen nite 5/7:30P SB Fr (Hend Co) 5:30P SB V/JV @ Union Co 5:30P TK Regionals TBA TN Reg Trn @Moreland TBA	May 17 No School - Election Day BB JV/V (Ohio Co) 5/7:30P TK Regionals TBA TN Reg Trn @Moreland TBA	May 18 Admin Coun 3:20pm BB Fr @Whitesville TBA SB Fr @Apollo 5:30P SB V/JV Senior Nite (SSpencer) 5:30P TK Regionals TBA TN Reg Trn @Moreland TBA	May 19 Mass 10:35 am TK Regionals TBA TN Reg Trn @Moreland TBA	May 20 Bacc. Practice - St. Stephens 12:45pm BB V (St. X) 6P TK Regionals TBA	May 21 SB V (OCHS Round Robin) TBA TN Semi State Paducah TBA
May 22 Baccalaureate Mass (tentative)	May 23 BB V Dist @DCHS TBA SB V Dist Trn TBA	May 24 Staff Meeting @ 1st lunch SB V Dist Trn TBA	May 25 SB V Dist Trn TBA	May 26 Mentor Mtg - 1st lunch Sr. Grad. Practice @Sportscenter 8:30-3pm SB V Dist Trn TBA TN State Trn @Lex TBA	May 27 Exams (tentative) Sr. Grad. Practice @Sportscenter 8:30-3pm TK State @ UofL 1P EST TN State Trn @Lex TBA	May 28 TN State Trn @Lex TBA
May 29 Graduation (tentative)	May 30 No School - Memorial Day BB V Region @Muhl Co TBA SB V Region Trn @Meade Co TBA	May 31 Exams (tentative)	June 1 Exams (tentative)	June 2 Exams (tentative) Last Day for Students (tentative)	June 3	June 4 SAT Test

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The Owensboro Catholic Schools share in the mission of the Church in co-operation with families to provide a religious and academic education which prepares 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.

Perry: share your time and talents with others

name - something I bet she hasn't heard in quite some time. So, the next time you see Joan, call her 'Brick' and help her remember the Class of '76!"

From the Class of 1980 comes these words of appreciation from Kathy Rector Wright and John Wright, both members of Joan's next sponsorship venture: "Joan Perry had a great influence on our desire to stay connected with the Catholic Schools and to serve the children in our schools. Through our years in high school, her devotion to and love of the students was evident. She gave an example of all students having worth and encouraged the students to reach and be a part of bigger things. Her guidance on projects outside the classroom helped make her very approachable and helped ignite a desire in us to want to make a difference in the lives of children. Thank you Joan, for all your years of hard work and may they be multiplied by those you taught!"

The class of 1982 came next. And then there was the Class of 1985. Gene Schadler was a member of that class and he remem-

bers Joan: "One of my favorite memories about being in the class of 1985 is having the gift of working with Joan Perry with her Bostonian accent and Bruce Embry, our class sponsors. Joan was there to guide our faith, leadership, and giving of ourselves to help others. She led by her example, regularly attending daily mass in the chapel, being with the class of '85 at all of our events, helping us build the chandelier for prom using glass rods, building our Snoopy's dog house/Gingerbread house Christmas floats, our graduation events and maintaining contact with many of us long after graduation. Thanks Joan for gifting us with your life!"

The Class of 1989 was next to enjoy Joan's leadership. The seventh and final class sponsorship came many years later, in 2005. Elizabeth Wathen was a member of that class and she remembers: "Catholic High has many traditions. One of those traditions has been Ms. Joan Perry teaching chemistry to juniors. One tradition in my family is having Ms. Perry as a homeroom teacher. My dad, Doug Wathen '76, had her as a

homeroom teacher. I was also fortunate to have her as a homeroom teacher and so was my sister, Kristen Wathen '09. My class had numerous class sponsors in our first couple of years. Then Ms. Perry stepped up and was our sponsor until we graduated. We greatly appreciate Ms. Perry's devotion to our class."

If the tributes to Joan from past faculty members were included here, you would still be reading tomorrow. Perhaps one, from a faculty member who left OCHS 23 years ago can serve for all those who have such glowing words. Mike DiPietro, now a teacher at Henderson County High School, sends her this message: "Tell Joan that I've missed her terribly and think about her often. Tell her to take some time for herself and enjoy! She has earned the freedom to do whatever she wishes to do."

Come June, there will be no Joan Perry at Catholic High. But there will be evidence that she has been there. And that evidence will challenge those who come after to be a Joan Perry to future classes.