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Opelousas Catholic School ANGEL APPEAL 2017 - 2018



**Praying for "Helping Hands"
to invest in the future
of God's children!**

**You are invited to contribute to
a growing Foundation Trust Fund
and to vast opportunities for the children
with technology at their fingertips!**

Dear Family and Friends of Catholic Education:

As faculty members and current/former parents of OCS students, we begin by expressing our genuine gratitude for the continued assistance from so many of our enduring supporters of this annual Angel Appeal Drive. Again, we ask for your "partnership" with the school by participating in this Angel Appeal 2017-2018.

The love and support given in past years has helped to maintain a strong and growing Foundation Trust Fund for OCS where yearly earnings distributed to the school assist with day-to-day operations. In addition, each year a special target area is selected for benefit. We are excited that this year's specific objective is for Chromebook technology to enhance our academic program from elementary through high school.

Thus, we appeal to you to make a meaningful gift to the children of Opelousas Catholic and to help us enhance our solid academic program for these impending leaders of our society. The rewards of gifts will be both instant and ongoing, advancing current students and those who will be enrolling for future years. It is also very comforting to see the foundation of faith offered to our children as we guide them through life, striving to help them reach Heaven.

We ask all alumni, parents, grandparents, parents of alumni, parishioners, and friends to assist our children's growth in their education and in their spiritual life, developing into confident young Christians who serve God, their family and friends, their community and each other. We pray for multitudes of helping hands from Catholics and Christians locally and around the country reaching out to Opelousas Catholic School.

Please read over the remainder of this brochure for more details about our central effort. After prayerful consideration, we trust that you will want to become "an angel for Catholic education".

We send in advance our appreciation for your financial gifts and prayers. Be assured of an even brighter future for our Opelousas Catholic School children as we continue our quest for their faith, academic, character and service-minded development ... all in a safe and loving environment. Let us make that INVESTMENT as we raise our hands in tribute to God and His angels and saints!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Tanisha B. Everett
Tanisha Everett
High School

Sara Cart
Sara Cart
Junior High

Hope Charles
Hope Charles
Elementary



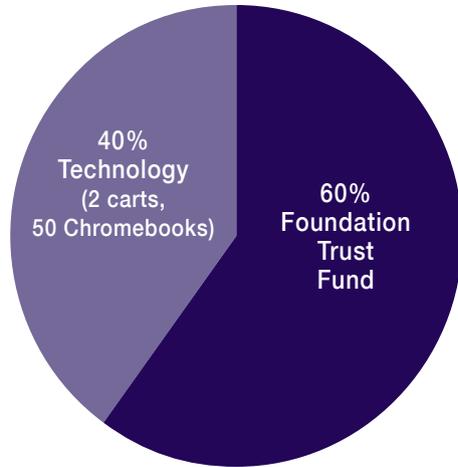
AIM for 2017-2018

To take care of the children on their journey, this year's Appeal 2017-2018 gifts will be designated for the following areas:

60% to the Foundation Trust Fund

40% to the General Fund for purchase of two Chromebook carts, each holding 25 Chromebooks

(Faculty members will check out the carts for use in their elementary through high school classrooms for special projects and research with their students, an excellent tool to enhance academics.)



We pray that our prayers are answered through the generous gifts of the 2017-2018 angels ... parents, grandparents, alumni, parents of alumni, and friends in the community ... making these dreams come to life!

"Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints!

Angel of God, my Guardian dear,
to whom God's love entrusts me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
Amen



About our Faculty Chairpersons

Tanisha Everett

Married to Shawn Everett
Parents of 2 children
(1 OCS graduate)

Hope Charles

Married to Blake Charles
Parents of 3 children
(all current OCS students)

Sara Cart

Married to Darren Cart
Parents of 4 children
(3 OCS graduates/1 current student)



Hope Charles, Tanisha Everett, and Sara Cart

And their Commentary!

With a renewed sense of optimism and enthusiasm, the faculty chairpersons (in conjunction with all faculty members) express to you their eagerness to use these Chromebooks in their classroom.

Tanisha Everett, teacher of high school English I, II, and III

"Using the Chromebooks would enrich the vast amount of information readily available to my students from information on authors to historical backgrounds on novels, short stories, and plays. What a huge impact it would have on their studies and on the time saved in their research! As examples, their study of the Holocaust would be enhanced by actually hearing survivors' stories and visiting the Holocaust virtual museum. We could also take a virtual tour of The Globe Theatre in London as we study Shakespeare. While reading Homer's Odyssey, my students could use an interactive map and follow Odysseus on his journey back home!"

Sara Cart, teacher of 6th grade Language Arts and Science

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to incorporate the Chromebooks into my lessons! The kids will have immediate access to the many interactive websites and apps to further enrich their experiences. I plan to take advantage of this in order to reinforce, reteach, and further develop skills and concepts in language arts and science. Students will have the opportunity to work within their level, and they will also have access to their online texts. In science, I would include virtual/simulated labs that are available across the science curriculum. We could also embark on virtual field trips right from our classroom!"

Hope Charles, teacher of 4th grade Mathematics

"I am so excited to have access to a set of Chromebooks to supplement my math lessons. There are many apps available to enhance any math lesson. Students could watch videos to reinforce skills taught in the classroom or use apps to reinforce and review skills in a visual digital way. In addition, Chromebooks could be set up to teach my students who may be on different learning levels. There are apps designed to challenge high achieving students, while other apps are created to reteach concepts to those who may need it. I am looking forward to learning even more ways to use Chromebooks with my math students."

We need "Real-Life Angels"!

Please pray for Catholic education and consider a gift to help OCS continue to guide our young people on their "Journey with Jesus", educating their mind, body and spirit!

Simply return the enclosed envelope with your gift, large or small. Gifts received by May 31, 2018 will be acknowledged in the 2018 summer newsletter to alumni, family and friends.

***You may now submit your gift online ... visit the OCS website at www.OCSvikings.com.**

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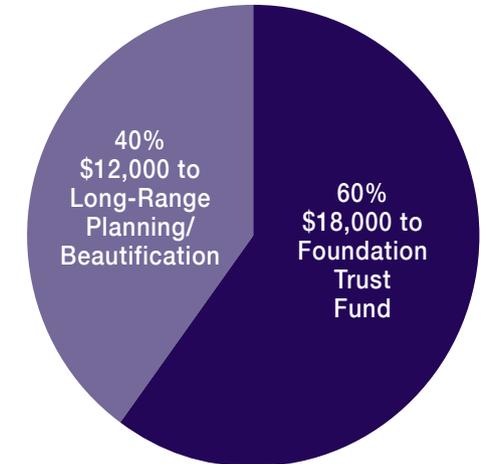
Report on 2016 Appeal Drive

In last year's drive, we were blessed by Appeal gifts totaling an approximate \$30,000.00. Forty percent of these gifts helped in funding our community-driven Long Range Strategic Plan for the future at Opelousas Catholic School in addition to some much needed campus beautification projects.



Due to this generosity in 2016, OCS hired a local consultant from Development Innovations 360 who guided us through the process of constituent surveys and interviews including the "Vision, Vitality, Vikings Summit" in February. OCS is now clear with its focus on managing curriculum standards for continued improvements in all academic areas. In addition, Development is transitioning to Advancement with more committee involvement to advance various elements in moving the school forward.

Several campus projects have been completed through the leadership of the Facilities Committee, such as cleaning, painting, and repair work needed. May God bless our Appeal 2016 angels who answered our prayers and made our goals a reality!



Foundation Trust Fund Status

The Foundation Trust Fund maintains its growth facilitated by the Appeal gifts, direct Foundation gifts, Tasters' Dinner earnings as well as memorial offerings received during the year. As of June 30, 2017, the balance of the Trust is **\$1,916,217.00**.

The 2016/2017 earnings for the school were **\$88,913.00** (85% of earnings). Since May 1997, OCS has received a total of **\$1,012,384.00** from the Trust thanks to many generous supporters.

The goal of \$1 million became a reality in 2005! With continued angelic generosity, we expect to reach the \$2 million mark by the end of the 2017-2018 school year. This will allow sustained spiritual and academic excellence at Opelousas Catholic School.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above."
James 1:17

