

2010-2011 School Year Parent Survey Synopsis

You'll soon be receiving information on how to access and complete the Parent Survey for the 2011-2012 school year. In anticipation of that, we wanted to provide you with feedback on last year's survey.

You probably noticed in one of the December newsletters an article on an assembly, "The Power of One" that all Nativity students attended on January 4, 2012. This assembly addressed bullying – what it is, what can be done about it and how "every child has the power of one, the power to report bullying when they see it". In response to comments made on last year's parent survey, the teachers have used our Nativity BeAttitudes this year to illustrate the caring ways for students to treat one another. The assembly further strengthened those ideals.

All results and comments related to the teaching staff are read, evaluated and addressed as needed by the principal and pastor. Overall the feedback was extremely positive and reaffirms the fact that we have a staff that is dedicated to the education and faith formation of our children.

The academic curriculum is always being evaluated and updated as needed. A new math curriculum was introduced in the middle school last year and a new math curriculum for K-5 is in the works as well, to be implemented next fall. The Archdiocese has a Technology Team in place that has been updating the technology plan for all schools; this includes equipment as well as curriculum. This new plan is scheduled to be put in place next school year.

There were a variety of comments on parents volunteering in their children's classroom. You should always feel free to check with your child's teacher regarding volunteer opportunities. Such opportunities will vary from class to class and will be dependent on the teacher's needs. Nativity school is lucky to have such dedicated parents in the community.

Some parents indicated a desire for pre-school and after-school programs. While these options would widen Nativity school's appeal, there is simply not enough space to add these programs in the present building.

There were many responses related to the school lunch and sports programs at Nativity and they ran the gamut from pleasure to frustration. As a reminder, these areas each have one paid employee dedicated to running the program. The remaining individuals that enable Nativity to offer these programs are volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome and encouraged.

Statistics from some of the Overview questions on the survey:

Overall, how would you rate your experience at Nativity School?

89.4% answered Excellent or Good

8.3% answered Fair

2.3% answered Poor or Undecided.

Do you think Nativity provides a safe PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT for your child?

94.5% answered Yes

5.5% answered No or Undecided

Do you think Nativity provides a safe SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT for your child?

89.9% answered Yes

10.1% answered No or Undecided

Are you satisfied with the communication from school to home regarding school-wide news and other important information?

90.8% answered Yes

9.2% answered No or Undecided

Overall, how would you rate your experience with Fast Direct?

90.4% answered Excellent or Good

6.5% answered Fair

3.1% answered Poor or Undecided

We hope this information helps to inform you of upcoming changes and give you an understanding of the purpose of various school policies.

Thank you for the time and thought you put into the survey each year. Your input is heard and valued. This information is reviewed and considered when implementing new programs and procedures at Nativity. We look forward to hearing your input on the 2011-2012 school year. Thank you.

The Nativity School Advisory Council