

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 2008-2009 PARENT SURVEY RESULTS
115 SURVEYS RETURNED

Many thanks to the parents who took the time to share your opinions on the PTO-sponsored events and activities within our school. The PTO has reviewed the results and has an action plan based on your feedback.

- 56% of respondents attended one or more PTO meetings in this school year. The main factors affecting attendance are family activity conflict and childcare.
- 48% of all respondents would more likely be able to attend an 8:00 a.m. drop-off meeting time. Others indicated that Tuesdays are not always their best days for attendance.

ACTION ITEM: The PTO has varied its meeting schedule a bit to accommodate family conflicts with meeting times to enable more families to share in the meetings.

- 59% of respondents would like to have a PTO-Specific email sent to them about PTO events; 51% would like to also receive their information in the Principal's Letter. And 40% would like a Newsletter sent home. (Note: Respondents could select more than one answer)

ACTION ITEM: The PTO will be utilizing a new PTO email newsletter to get its information out to families. Additionally, Dr. Wannemuehler can share PTO-event information through her Principal's Letter. Lastly, flyers will continue to be sent home in Wednesday folders.

- 90% of respondents who attended Casino Night would like to see this event held again in the future.
- The most popular PTO-sponsored activities are Bingo Night, the Jolly Elf Trail Run and the Auction. Parents indicated a love for those events that involve the whole family.
- 74% of respondents expressed extreme or some interest in holding a "Holiday Market" event with local vendors and booths.

- 80% of respondents are extremely or somewhat interested in StMS hosting a "Farmer's Market" event with local farmers' products such as produce/flowers, etc.

ACTION ITEMS: The PTO is forming a committee to explore the logistics of putting a "Holiday Market" and/or a "Farmer's Market" together for families in the future.

- 43% of respondents would still attend the Auction if it were to be held on a Friday night versus Saturday night, and 35% would prefer to keep it on a Saturday night. Feedback indicates that parents encourage the most cost-effective Auction possible.

ACTION ITEM: The next school Auction will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Prestonwood Country Club, due to the ongoing construction of the new StMS gymnasium/classroom/cafeteria building. The PTO anticipates future Auctions will be held at the new StMS building and that most school families will attend this exciting event.

- Families indicated that personal organization and/or finances were the key reasons affecting their regular participation in the Angel Bucks program.

ACTION ITEM: Angel Bucks chairs are investigating whether on-file credit-card numbers will be both helpful to parents and easy to implement.

- Parents were very enthusiastic about wanting to learn about new topics with subject-matter-expert speakers. 52% of respondents want to discuss sexuality and helping our kids make good choices; 44% want information on effective parenting; 43% want to discover a better God/family/work balance; and 37% want to explore better Internet safety. Much good feedback on Mary Ronan's visit in the spring.

ACTION ITEM: PTO is looking into options for the most-desired topics for discussion.

- 62% of respondents who attended the Spring Luncheon rated the event a "7" or higher. Those who were not able to attend mostly had scheduling conflicts.

- 71% of parents are satisfied with the StMS After-School Clubs offered to students. Feedback indicated that more parents would like to see a few more options for the K-2 student set.

ACTION ITEM: The PTO will continue to explore all Club options for the students.

- 83% of respondents are extremely or somewhat satisfied with how the PTO funds are being spent and reported to our school community.

- 79% of all respondents are very satisfied with the Light the World stewardship program for students. Several parents indicated a desire to reduce the number of drives/collections in the lower grades and find alternative projects to drives.

ACTION ITEM: The Light the World chairs have reduced the number of drives planned for the upcoming school year and have made several modifications to the program to further enhance one of our foundation Catholic activities of service.