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Annual Parent Meeting
April 28, 2009

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Welcome

John LaRoche
Principal

Opening Prayer

Fr. Tom Rzepiela
Pastor

Agenda

- Introductions** – Geri Ruzbasan
- The Year in Review** – Geri Ruzbasan
- Parent Survey Results** – Mike Klein
- Finances and Enrollment** – Chris Fisher
- Fundraising** – Conrad Bertz
- Website Redesign** – Mike Klein
- Promoting the School** – Eli Flores / Pat Page
- The Joy of Volunteering** – Kate O'Connell
- Closing Prayer** - Fr. Tom Rzepiela

STV School Board

John LaRoche – Principal

Fr. Tom Rzepiela – Pastor

Geri Ruzbasan – Chair

Members

Conrad Bertz – Secretary

Chris Fisher – Finance

Eli Flores – At Large

John Hake – Fundraising

Connie Hickey – Alumni

Mike Klein – Web Design

Kate O’Connell – Marketing

Pat Page – Co-Chair

STV Family School Association

John LaRoche – Principal

Tom Nicholas – Chair

Ken Cervenka – Treasurer

Catherine Heidrich – Volunteers

Debbie Sardina – Track-a-thon

Mary Beth Brucks – Lottery

Connie Hickey – Lottery

Laura Fritz – Secretary

Beth Matijevic - Volunteers

Mary Obernesser - Volunteers

Marita Szyska – Athletic Director

The Year in Review

Geri Ruzbasan

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Living the Mission - Spiritual

- Kindergarten:
 - Learned the Our Father and Hail Mary prayers
- 1st Grade:
 - Wrote and read petitions for first Friday Mass during Lent
 - Wrote and read reflections about ways to be better during Lent
- 2nd Grade:
 - Prepared for and celebrated First Reconciliation
 - Performed the Last Supper play in April
 - Prepared for and celebrated First Holy Communion

Living the Mission - Spiritual

- 3rd Grade:
 - Planned and participated in the Grandparents Day Mass
- 4th Grade:
 - Students made a Stations of the Cross book and a clothes pin crucifix during Lent
 - Students participate in the devotion of the Rosary during October and May

Living the Mission - Spiritual

- 5th Grade:
 - Trained to become Altar Servers and began serving Mass in Spring
 - Daily scripture study with a focus on applying learning to everyday life
- 6th Grade:
 - Study Old Testament as God's Covenant with us
 - Perform monthly service projects
 - Fleece blankets for Linus Project
 - C.A.R.E. packages for overseas military
 - Food drive for STV Food Pantry
 - Car wash for Kay's Animal Shelter

Living the Mission - Spiritual

- 7th Grade:
 - Bake bread for Mass
 - Perform service projects
 - Helped raise money for Heifer project and Contemplatives in Action
 - Worked at the Santa Sale
- 8th Grade:
 - Burned palms for Ash Wednesday
 - Prepare for and receive Confirmation
 - Preparation includes 13 hours of service work
 - Plan for and participate in the Graduation Mass

Living the Mission - Spiritual

- All-School Activities
 - Weekly Mass
 - Family Advent Project
 - Christmas Program
 - Angels for Angela
 - Grandparents Lunch
 - Food Drives
 - School Supply Drive
 - May Crowning
 - Silent Soup

Living the Mission - Academic

- Kindergarten:
 - Start the year learning to write
 - End the year knowing how to read
 - Learn to count money and tell time
- 1st Grade:
 - Expand reading & writing ability
 - Writing a Dr. Suess-style story
 - 100's week writing activities
 - Learn basic math principals
 - Estimating centers during 100's week

Living the Mission - Academic

- 2nd Grade:
 - Legoland Fieldtrip
 - Learn about gravity, force and motion
 - 100's Week
 - Work on place value and number order with K & 1st
- 3rd Grade:
 - Spring Valley Nature Center Pioneer Program
 - Made "What states have you been to?" maps
 - First year for Terra Nova testing

Living the Mission - Academic

- 4th Grade:
 - Year-end States Test
 - States and Capitols song
 - Downtown Boat Trip w/Mass at Holy Name
 - Cultural and architectural history of Chicago
- 5th Grade:
 - Springfield trip
 - Capitol, Lincoln's home
 - First year to participate in Science Fair
 - PowerPoint presentation on 13 Colonies
 - Terra Nova testing

Living the Mission - Academic

- 6th Grade:
 - Lorado Taft Trip
 - Participate in Science Fair
 - Participated in their first Scholastic Bowl
- 7th Grade:
 - Timberlee Trip
 - Participate in Science Fair
 - Katie McGarvey advanced to IJAS State Fair in May
 - Participate in Scholastic Bowls
 - Came in 1st place at Driscoll H.S. in November
 - Terra Nova testing

Living the Mission - Academic

- 8th Grade:
 - Washington, DC Trip
 - Participate in Science Fair
 - Nick Brucks & Johnny Paprocki advanced to IJAS State Fair in May; Johnny won a \$100 Old Crow award
 - Participate in Scholastic Bowls
- JR High:
 - Student Council Officers
 - Work on School Newspaper & Yearbook
 - Provide leadership for all-school service projects including spirit chains, Pennies for Lincoln, Heifer project, and food pantry collections

Living the Mission - Physical

- Cross Country Skiing (K-5)
- Bowling (4-5)
- Mini Courses (7-8)
- Field Day (1-8)
- Bike Trip (4-5)
- Team Sports (5-8)
- Downhill Skiing (6-8)

Living the Mission - Physical

- Secretary of State Presentations:
 - Pedestrian/Bike Safety (K-4)
 - Alcohol/Traffic Safety (5-8)
- Palatine Police Presentations:
 - Bully Safety and Strategies (1-8)
 - Bike Safety and Rules (4-5)
 - Cyber Safety (Jr. High)
 - Drug Awareness and Safety (Jr. High)
- Chinese Acrobats

Living the Mission - Social

- Buddy System for K-8
- Mother's Day Tea (K-1)
- Field Trips
- St. Theresa Pen Pals (3rd grade)
- Student Council
- Team Sports (5-8)
- Band (4-8)
- Jr. High Dances
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- School Newspaper
- Santa Sale
- Track-a-thon
- Spirit Week

STV 2009 Survey Results

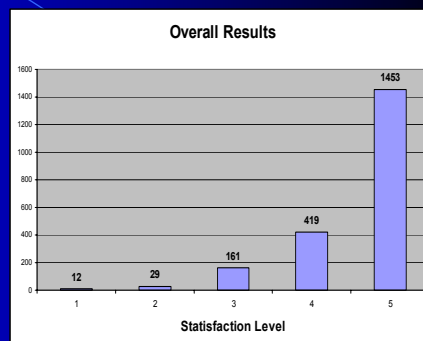
Mike Klein

Why Do A Survey

- Determine level of satisfaction with our school
- Identify Areas for Improvement
- Let our voices be heard

Overall Survey Results

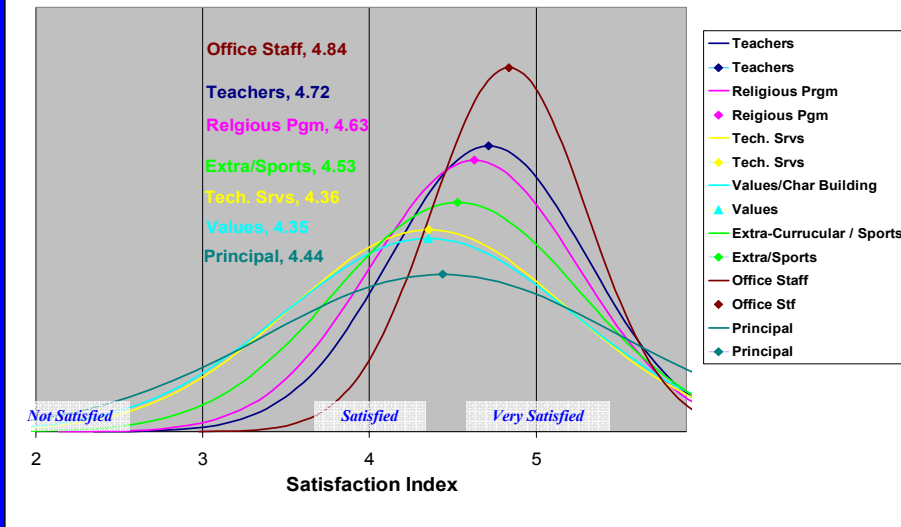
- **71 Surveys Returned**
 - ~50% response rate
- **90% Answered Very Satisfied or Satisfied with most aspects of our school**
- 10% are Not Satisfied with some aspect of our school
- 12 Very Unsatisfied Responses
 - 1 Response for Values/Character Section
 - 2 Responses for Technology Services Section
 - 9 Responses for Principal Section
- Office Staff section had highest average (4.8)
- 3 sections tied for lowest average (4.4)
 - Technology Services *
 - Values / Character Building
 - Principal



Very Satisfied		
5	70.06%	1453
4	20.20%	419
3	7.76%	161
2	1.40%	29
1	0.58%	12
Not satisfied		

Overall Survey Results

Survey Results Normalized Curves per Category



Summary of Comments

- Over 20 (typed) pages of comments
 - Thank You!
- Common Comments
 - Likes
 - Faith based, family-like community
 - Small School Atmosphere
 - Feeling of belonging
 - Interaction between the younger and older grades.
 - Field trips, Washington, DC, Lorado Taft and Timberlee
 - Can Do Better
 - More faith/ethics/respect activities/programs
 - Better communication of Principal/Administration's plan/vision for the school
 - Better & more frequent communications between parents and teachers/Principal.
 - Communicate / Manage Volunteer program better
 - Better and more consistent discipline system
 - More Gifted Programs, Advance Students Challenges, Academic extra-curricular activities
 - Keep some STV traditional activities

Why Do A Survey / What was Learned

- Determine level of satisfaction with our school
 - Most people are satisfied
- Identify Areas for Improvement
 - Communicate, Communicate, Communicate
 - More Faith / Ethics / Respect
 - Make sure academics prepare students for the next level
- Let our voices be heard
 - All comments will be reviewed by Pastor, Principal, & School Board
 - All comments will be kept confidential
 - Use results and comments to guide plans to improve the school

Fund Raising

Conrad Bertz

Fund Raising Perspective

- STOV School Lottery
 - \$xxxxxxx in 2008/2009
- Track a Thon
 - \$xxxxxxx in 2008
- Dollar Shopping Requirement
 - \$xxxxxxx Budgeted
- The last 2 years in the fall Father Tom and the Parish let us have a “School Designated Fundraiser”
 - Late Nite Catechism raised \$xxxxxxx in 2008 and xxxxxxxx in 2007.

Why Fund Raise?

- To raise money for the church and school
- Build Fellowship
- Key to vitality for church and school!
- Next year the church will **invest** \$ xxxxxxxx in its largest ministry, our school!
- When the school makes their own financial contributions it only benefits us all as parents!

What can School Families do?

- Participate in any school or church event as best you can.
- Doesn't mean you must buy a ticket, however if you can volunteer to work at any event, solicit prizes, make donations, or make something, etc.
- Think about the talents and treasures God has blessed you with and contribute.
- Bring any ideas you have to the Principal or the School Board.
- Networking can be a huge plus!
 - Does anyone know someone who owns a car dealership for a car raffle?

What are the School and Church Doing?

- Brought in a consultant from the Archdiocese for some new ideas and perspective.
 - Identify strategic initiatives
- Look at future fundraising ideas
 - Solicit the Alumni
 - Grow the Endowment Fund
 - Capital Campaign for school funding
 - Parish 50th anniversary
- Volunteer efforts are the key to success!!!!

STV School WEB Site 2.0

Mike Klein

Current School WEB Site

- Good Information WEB site
 - Clean & Easy to use look and feel
 - Good for prospective families
- Focused Use by Currently Enrolled Families and Staff
 - Nothing New
 - Minimal Services (Only homework assignments)
- Difficult to Maintain and Update
 - Updates done manually
 - Need some computer expertise (FTP, HTML)

Enhancements

- GOAL: Increase the value of the WEB site
- Enhancements In Progress
 - Conversion to ASP.NET WEB Application
 - Dynamic, database driven front page content
 - Consolidated, filterable, printable calendar
 - Online Volunteer Signup
 - New volunteer opportunity announcements
 - Improve Site Maintenance Processes
 - WEB Based data entry & Maintenance tasks
- Other enhancements being considered
 - Photo Gallery
 - Online School Spirit Store
 - Online forms (field trips, hot lunch)
 - Automated Email & Text Message notifications

Sneak Peek

Promoting the School

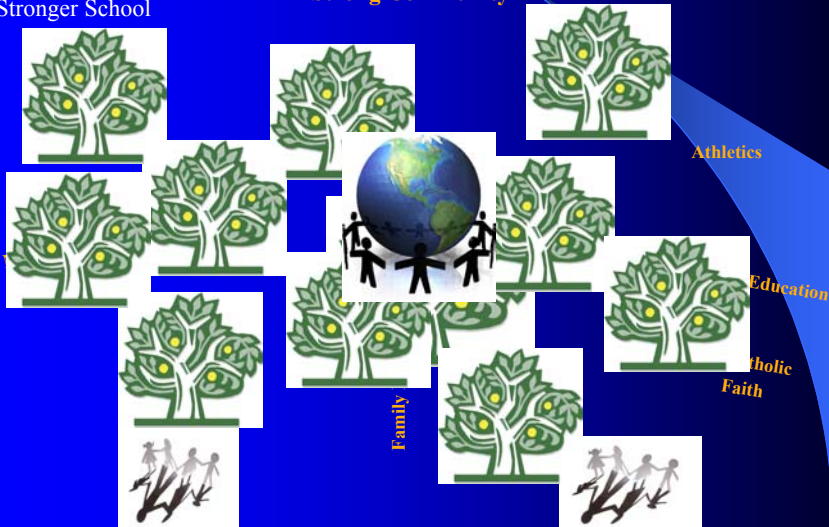
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Promoting the School

- ❑ Faith and Academic Excellence
- ❑ Stronger School

A Better World

School Community



Promoting the School

Promoting STV School helps attract and retain students.

We promote STV School within and outside the Parish through a variety of means...

- Parish Bulletin Updates
- Parish Activities
- FSA Activities
- New Family Mentoring
- STV School Sign
- Press Releases / Newspaper Articles
- STV School Website
- STV Spirit Wear
- Marketing DVD
- One-on-one Promoting The School
- Summer Activities
- Newspaper Advertisements

Other Suggestions????

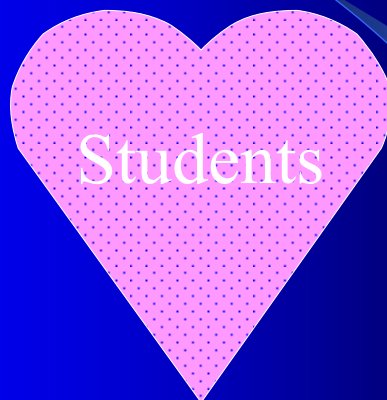
The Power of Volunteers

Kate O'Connell

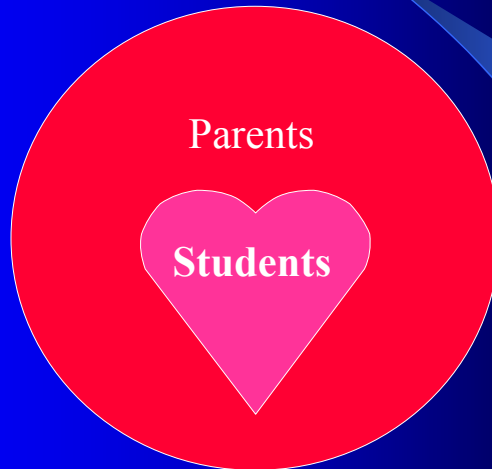
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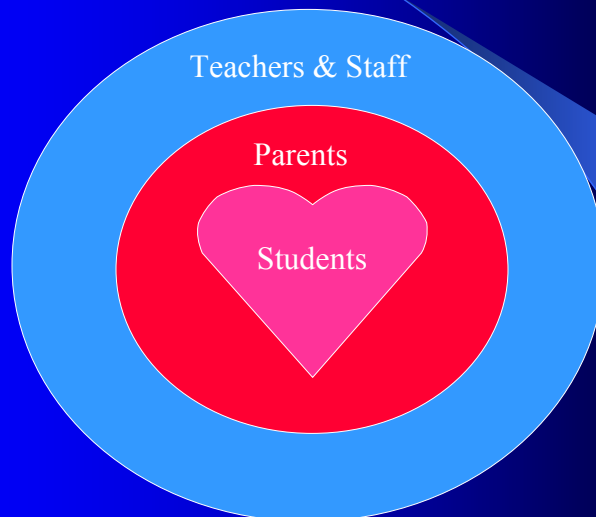
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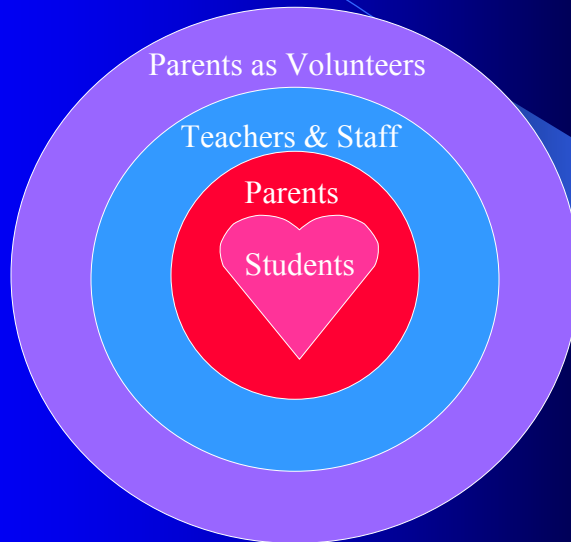
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The Gift of Yourself

“To show great love of God and our neighbor we need not do great things. It is how much love we put in the doing that makes our offering something beautiful for God.”

Mother Teresa

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

Ghandi

“In about the same degree that you are helpful, you will be happy.”

Karl Reiland

Why Volunteer?

- It's good for your health! A recent study showed that volunteering on a regular basis leads to:
 - Longer life
 - Higher functional ability
 - Lower rates of depression
 - Less incidence of heart disease
- Student achievement increases when parents are involved in their children's education.
- Students' attitudes improve because of greater involvement from parents.

Why Volunteer?

- Your kids love to see you at school and at school-related functions – even the older kids!
- Your participation and presence convey to your children the importance you place on their education.
- The teachers truly appreciate the help – they can not do it without you.
- It makes *you* feel good!

Video

STV Parents share their thoughts on
volunteering

Closing Prayer

Fr. Tom Rzepiela
Pastor



Thanks for being here tonight!

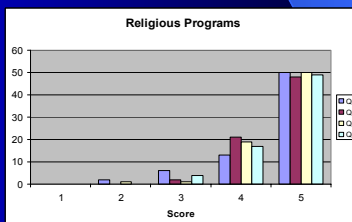
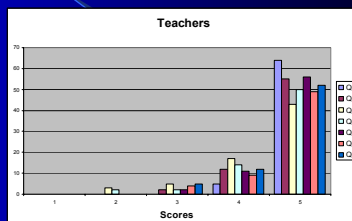


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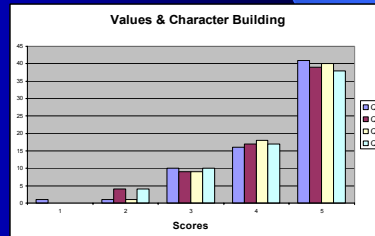
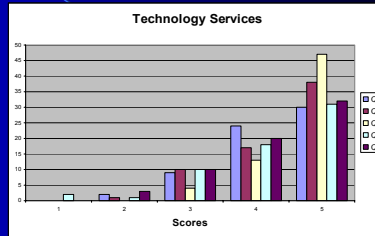
Section Results

- Teachers
 - Highest Rated Question:
 - Child/children's teacher treats me with courtesy and respect?
 - Lowest rated Questions:
 - Child/children are learning what I expect them to?
 - Child/children are treated with courtesy and respect?
- Religious Programs
 - All questions average rating nearly identical. (4.6,4.6,4.7,4.6)
 - Three #2 Ratings
 - 2 for "Child/children are learning what I expect them to?"
 - 1 for "How satisfied are you with the overall religious services of the school?"



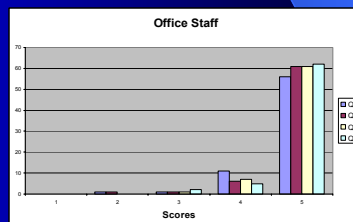
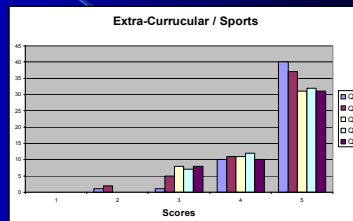
Section Results

- Technology Services
 - One of the Lowest Average Ratings (4.4)
 - Highest Rated Question:
 - Child/children are happy with their technology teacher?
 - Lowest rated Questions:
 - Computer use is a part of classroom/homework assignments?*
 - How satisfied are you with the overall technology services of the school?
- Values/Character Building
 - One of the Lowest Average Ratings (4.4)
 - All questions average rating nearly identical. (4.4,4.3,4.4,4.3)
 - One #1 rating: The schools values/character building programs are appropriate?
 - Ten #2 Ratings
 - 4 for "Child/children are learning what I expect them too?"
 - 4 for "How satisfied are you with the values/character building activities?"



Section Results

- Extra-Curricular Activities/Sports Programs
 - Highest Rated Question:
 - Before and after school programs meet my child/children needs? (4.7) (Also received one #1 rating)
 - All others averaged 4.5
 - Two #2 rates for "There are sufficient extra-curricular and sports activities at the school?"
- Office Staff/Receptionist
 - Highest average rating. (4.8)
 - Two #2 Ratings
 - 1 for "Being greeted with courtesy and respect when I visit the school?"
 - 1 for "Phone calls are answered in a polite and respectful manner?"



Section Results

- Principal:
 - One of the Lowest Average Ratings (4.4)
 - Highest variation in answers
 - Questions with six #1 and #2 answers:
 - The principal is available to answer my questions or concerns?
 - How satisfied are you with the principal?

