

Our Lady of the Assumption School Parent Survey Summary 2009-2010

Parent surveys were sent out to approximately 320 families; 133 parent surveys were returned for a 42% response rate.

Question #1: Students enrolled at OLA*

- 31% of respondents had students in PK3-K
- 56% of respondents had students in Grades 1-4
- 49% of respondents had students in Grades 5-8

Question #2: Why did you choose OLA for your child's education?

- Academics/Faculty – 84%
- Faith-filled environment – 79%
- Location – 33%
- Other – 8%
- Comments: Several parents highlighted the faculty, the quality of the pre-school and recommendations from alumni.

Question #3: How would you rate OLA in terms of its communication with parents?

- Good – 73%
- Fair – 23%
- Poor – 5%
- Comments: Website requires additional work (more regular updating, more interactive); explore potential for teacher/parent email communication.

Question #4: List OLA's Major Strengths (top 10, in order of priority):

- Curriculum/Academics
- Teachers
- Faith-filled, supportive environment
- Community/Family-oriented
- Discipline/Respect/Responsibility
- Size (school, classroom, pre-school)
- Safe environment
- Music, computer, library and art programs
- Teaching morals, values, confidence
- Structure

Question #5: List up to 3 new areas that OLA should pursue over the next 3-5 years to enrich the academic environment, extracurricular programs, faith foundation, or student enrollment (top 3 listed):

- Extracurricular activities/Enrichment Programs
- Languages
- Technology

Question #6: Do you believe the OLA mission statement accurately reflects the school's mission/philosophy?

- Yes – 88%
- No – 9%

Question #7: List 3 major challenges that you believe OLA will face over the next 3-5 years (top 3 listed).

- Enrollment due to cost/economy
- Keeping tuition affordable
- Retaining/attracting teachers given pay challenges

Question #8: Is OLA's tuition fair?

- 89% thought it was fair
- 9% thought it was above other schools
- 2% thought it was below other schools
- **Comments:** Parents were concerned that tuition increases should be tied to visible changes (programs, activities). Discounts for families with 3 or more children.

Question #9 Are there specific areas of the OLA curriculum that should be improved?

- Yes – 56%
- No – 34%
- Top areas identified: Math, Reading/Writing, Grammar, Science, Foreign Languages

Next Steps:

Beginning in the fall 2010, parents who indicated an interest to participate in focus groups will be called together to discuss the following areas:

- Extracurricular Offerings
- Enrollment/Marketing/Advancement
- Alumni Database/Development
- Website Enhancement

OLA Administration and Faculty will continue their ongoing review of the academic curriculum to ensure that students are well-prepared in each subject area, and that homework and lessons are consistent across grades.

If you volunteered to be part of the process on your survey, we have your name and will be contacting you. If you did not sign up on the survey, but would like to volunteer to be part of this process, please send in your name, email, phone, and area of interest to the office. Thank you for your interest and continued involvement in your child's education.