# PARENT ENGAGENENT SURVEY RESULTS

November 2019





### MISSION

The mission of <u>G</u>ood <u>S</u>hepherd <u>C</u>atholic <u>S</u>chool is rooted in <u>G</u>od, <u>S</u>cholarship, <u>C</u>ommunity and <u>S</u>ervice.

We model the Gospel values of faith, hope and love to lead our students to a deep and meaningful relationship with <u>God</u>.

We challenge our students to value *Scholarship* as a life-long love of learning. We lay the foundation for our students to become caring, responsible members of the global *Community*.

We lead our students to reach out to others through acts of charity and Service in our parishes and neighborhoods.



# **CONVERSATION**

#### **Purpose**

 To discuss the Parent Engagement Survey results and next steps with GSC Home and School

#### **Outcomes**

- Review themes from Parent feedback
- Gather feedback from Home and School on themes
- Explain next steps as we prepare to share results



# **AGENDA**

Demographics

Strengths

Opportunities

Next Steps

Wrap Up and Questions



# SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

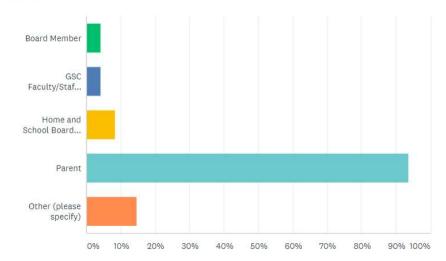
- The goal of the survey was to hear from our parent community about what GSC does well, areas to focus on, and serve as an opportunity to share ideas.
- Board's objective was to receive feedback on the well-rounded education GSC is providing to our students, focusing on:
  - Mission/Identity
  - Scholarship
  - Community
  - Service
  - Communications
- Survey opened for 3 weeks
- 58 survey responses



# SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

#### Please share your relationship to GSC.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 10

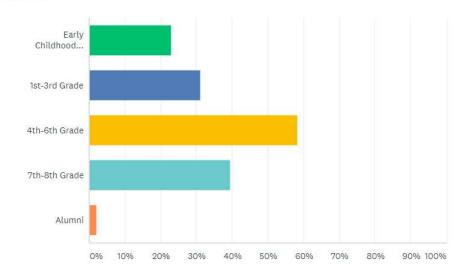




# SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

Please share your child(ren)'s grade level.

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# O WHAT DID WE HEAR?



The teachers and staff are excellent and foster a safe, loving, inclusive environment. The small community feel along with the engaged teachers ensures our children do not feel lost. The school, the environment, the programs offered, and especially the Catholic education is exceptional. GSC has helped to instill a love of learning as well as a love and respect for our Catholic faith, where moral values are reinforced. We are investing in our children's education through a school with a tight knit community, spiritual and moral development, and an excellent academic program.

It's a fabulous community with a "small town" feel.

THE ENVIRONMENT IS A GREAT, WELCOMING PLACE FOR A CHILD.

It is a great learning environment. Reinforces the values we teach at home. We've had a very positive experience with multiple kids at GSC The teachers are amazing, it's a family atmosphere, your child will flourish here

Small, faith-based school that offers a great education

it is a wonderful loving environment and the staff is excellent!

MOST OF THE KIDS THAT ATTEND GSC LOVE THE SCHOOL. THE ARTS ARE GREAT. YOU FEEL A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

Amazing "family" atmosphere. The friendships formed are lifelong. Support that parents give each other is unparalleled...definitely not seen in public schools.

It is a close-knit community of generous and caring Christian people looking to better their school, church, and community.

**GSC** is a nurturing school that cares about the whole child. It offers academic rigor and plenty of extracurricular opportunities.



# STRENGTHS

- Mission and Identity
- School Community
  - Involved Faculty/Staff
  - Size is an advantage
  - Family events
- School Communication
  - Emails
  - Communication Envelope
  - GSC Website
  - Teacher Websites



# **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Service

- More service opportunities for students
- Ideas shared:
  - Outreach programs after school or on weekends
  - Participate in existing service at GCS and Queen of Peace
  - Explore outreach opportunities in our community
  - Explore opportunities of corporate partnerships

#### **Next Step:**

Create working group to research and pilot student service program for Spring.



# **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **School Community**

- More opportunities for GSC and Queen of Peace Parish connection
- Highlight our diversity
- Desire for additional extracurriculars
- Ideas shared:
  - Active student participation in parish masses
  - Engage Queen of Peace Parishioners in service opportunities and/or spring extracurricular programs
  - Host career day with parent/parishioner involvement

#### **Next Step:**

Create working group to brainstorm with Queen of Peace and parent community to continue to provide well-rounded, diverse programming for students.



# **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **School Communications**

- Standardize types and timing of communication
- Ideas shared:
  - Share communications philosophy with parents
  - Enforce communication standards throughout school
  - Explore online tools for communication and eliminate paper

#### **Next Step:**

Create working group to research best practice in schoolwide communication, share ideas, and implement change, where helpful.



# OWHAT DOWE DO NOW?



# NEXT STEPS

- Contact me if you are interested in participating in any of the working groups
- Share additional ideas/contacts you may have with me
- Continue to share any feedback you may have about GSC with Sister Helen or me
- Keep eye out for additional follow ups in the next few months



# WRAP UP AND QUESTIONS

Thank you for your participation!

Please email Molly Farley at molmarty@gmail.com with anything outstanding.



