

First Quarter Parent Opinion Survey

Zion Lutheran School, Matteson, IL
November 2009

Please complete only one survey per family. Please do not put your name on this survey.

Please help us to know who you are.

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| 1. | I have a child in the following grade(s). (Circle all that apply) | <u>PK-2</u> | <u>3-5</u> | <u>6-8</u> | | | |
| | | 5 | 8 | 4 | | | |
| 2. | I have ____ children enrolled in Zion. (Circle one) | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> |
| | | 9 | 3 | 1 | | | |
| 3. | I attended Zion as a student. | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | | | | |
| | | 2 | 11 | | | | |
| 4. | This form is being completed by: | <input type="checkbox"/> Mom | <input type="checkbox"/> Dad | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | | | |
| | | 8 | 1 | 3 | | | |

For items 4-16, please use the following key:

1=strongly agree 2=agree 3=no opinion 4=disagree 5=strongly disagree

Christian Presence in the School

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| 5. | When I attend school functions, a Christian atmosphere is evident and I feel welcome and comfortable. | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 12 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 6. | The students demonstrate a Christian attitude toward me and others. | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 7 | 6 | | | 1 |
| 7. | The school staff demonstrates a Christian attitude toward me and others. | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 10 | 2 | | | 1 |

Accessibility of Staff

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| 8. | I find it easy to share a concern with my child's teacher. | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 7 | 6 | | | 1 |

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| 9. | I find it easy to share a concern about the school with the administration. | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 8 | 4 | 1 | | 1 |
| 10. | I consider the Zion staff to be my “Partner in Christian Education.” | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 8 | 3 | 1 | | 1 |

Communication

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| 11. | I am very satisfied with the level of communication that I have. | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 7 | 6 | | | 1 |
| 12. | If I have a concern about something happening at Zion, the teacher involved and/or the administrator are the first people with whom I talk. | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 8 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 13. | When was the last time that you initiated a conversation with your child’s teacher about your child’s progress? | 12 within the last 2 weeks
1 within the last 2 months
1 within the last year
<input type="checkbox"/> never | | | | |

Curriculum

14. **The curriculum promotes learning valuable skills in each of the following areas:**

Religion	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	12	1			1
Mathematics	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	11	2			1
Literature/Reading	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	10	2	1		1
English	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	11	2			1
Social Studies	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	8	3	1		1
Science	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	8	4	1		1
Physical Education	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	8	2	3		1
Computers	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	7	4	2	1	

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Music	1	2	3	4	5
	8	5			1
Art	1	2	3	4	5
	6	5	2		1

15. List the positive qualities that impress you when you think of Zion Lutheran School.

- Christian atmosphere and education (8)
- Security (3)
- Small class size (2)
- Family, friendly Atmosphere (2)
- Discipline
- Religion
- Curriculum

16. Are there some outstanding things we've done that you would like to see repeated in the future?

- Hot lunch (3)
- Having lunch outside the classroom (2)
- This survey
- Free B.A.S.C. for chimes/athletics
- Welcoming of new parents was excellent (2)
- Grandparents' Day
- David Britton
- Family Fun Night
- Higher standards
- Volunteer hours discount
- Variety Show (2)
- Craft Fair
- Basketball, track
- McDonalds night
- BASC
- Trunks of Treat
- Field Day
- Food Drive
- Teachers truly care
- Good communication with parents
- Small classrooms (2)
- H1N1 shots
- Promoting health eating

17. List any major concerns you have. (Be specific!)

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- Just as parents and students are reminded that we are expected to meet certain requirements by God and man, it would be nice that the students know that the staff are equally accountable of the same things.
- You didn't list valuable skill for history
- None, but know I can go to teacher and principal
- Few people are interested in purchasing higher priced items for fund-raisers
- Some classes let out late due to behavior problems....difficult with dismissal in lot
- Teachers should be relocated as the student population changes
- No foreign language classes
- Combined age groups / grade levels
- Will enrollment of this school year hinder next year's school?
- Disruptive behavior with one student
- Lack of teacher's assistance in PK/K.
- More exposure to computer for K
- Parent Participation
- Low numbers in classrooms

18. What one thing would you change if you could?

- Larger student body so each grade can have its own class and teacher (3)
- Athletic forms too many too complicated to complete
- Bus transportation to more of the field trips.
- Cost
- Get (retired) teachers to teach PE , computers, and art (2)
- Kids should wear jeans during winter
- PE teachers
- More physical education
- Foreign languages
- Advance Placement Classes
- More volunteer opportunities for parents who work 9-5

19. How would you advertise Zion Lutheran School? What qualities would you stress in your advertising campaign?

- Christian, family atmosphere and education (7)
- Caring staff and faculty(2)
- Community involvement (offering tutoring programs, after school programs
- Small size
- Loves Zion and learning
- Online testimonials
- Word of mouth
- BASC
- Radio
- Mass mailings
- Referrals through early childhood centers (2)

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- **Advertisements on Comcast public domain**
- **Coupon package**
- **Discipline**
- **Christian Beliefs**
- **Advertise on Facebook**

20. If there is anything else you'd like us to consider, feel free to attach any additional comments on another page. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

- **Clear communication between the athletic dept. and parents regarding practices, time changes**
- **A slight tuition increase of \$30-50 per month would help add value to the school. Families don't leave because of cost (area schools are more). They leave because we're missing something here.**