

Impact of the Survey Results

The responses from the OLV Parent Survey this fall have both reaffirmed and informed the School Board's efforts to advise the Principal and Pastor in several areas. Together, we strive to preserve the strengths and values of OLV School, while also developing new programs, policies and initiatives to make OLV stronger for the future. Below, we highlight a number of activities:

Improvements to OLV School Facilities

- The air conditioning system and new windows were a welcomed improvement to OLV School. The Board, Pastor, and Principal continue to look for additional opportunities to improve the teaching space and create better recreational space for the children. Toward this end, the Board continues to work with Father Jordan to seek out opportunities to build additional teaching space on our current property and to secure additional property and space for a gymnasium and field.
- This summer, temporary classrooms will be placed on the grounds of OLV to offer immediate enhancements for the 2006-7 school year. The addition of these two new classrooms will allow OLV School to shift classes around to space that will provide more room for teaching and allow us to minimize use of the Good Shepherd Room and Rectory as classroom space. In time, our plan will be to build a free standing four classroom building in that same space.

Expansion of Extracurricular Opportunities

A number of additional extracurricular activities were added to OLV this past year, including sports, clubs, and additional language instruction. As a Board, we are committed to maintaining as well as expanding existing opportunities. We are currently

- Developing an athletic council/committee of the Board to explore additional opportunities athletic opportunities for OLV students, either through CYO or other community based sports programs.
- Looking for volunteers to organize Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for the 2006-7 academic year.
- Planning to continue to offer current after school activities, including language instruction, Classics, Chess Club, Band, Tae Kwan Doe, Choir, Homework Club.

Maintain and Enhance the Quality of OLV's Academic Environment

Changes in the middle school curriculum and teaching staff during the past year have had a noticeable positive impact. The Board has formed a committee to examine other possible strategies to continue to enhance the middle school academic environment, both academically and socially. This committee will continue to pursue these issues over the coming months.

Create a Vision for OLV's Future

- Development of new OLV marketing brochure. Based on the feedback we received from parents through the surveys and other listening session, the Board is working with a Public Relations expert to devise a consistent message for the various OLV marketing materials (for example, brochures, the web-site, etc).
- The Board is also working to draft and refine a Strategic Plan for OLV. This plan will guide our work over the next several years.