

## **ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE**

The St. Joseph School Board would like to thank the 130 families that participated in our 2008/2009 Annual Parent Survey. Our survey included traditional areas of assessment (such as: evaluation of teachers; educational services; day-to-day preschool activities; administration; facilities and finances), as well as the following new topics: social atmosphere; junior high (grades 6, 7, and 8); extra-curricular activities; reading specialist and District 39 Support Services.

Over the summer, the School Board closely examined the results of our parent survey. The results reinforce that, overall, St. Joseph School is doing a number of things very well. In particular, parents reported being very satisfied or satisfied with the teachers, involvement of the pastor, overall curriculum, and the school community and atmosphere. In addition, the survey also highlighted several areas for potential improvement which the School Board has already begun to address.

Informed in large part by the parent survey, the School Board has identified the following five goals for this school year:

First, improve communication in the following areas: from teachers; from the school board; emergency notification; and our website.

Second, address facility issues including: cleanliness within the building, early morning maintenance and space capacity issues.

Third, evaluate, budget and plan for upcoming technology upgrades.

Fourth, evaluate, educate and implement an updated security policy.

Fifth, assess performance in three curriculum areas: Spanish, science and library.

If you have any questions concerning the School Board, please feel free to contact any of our members.

The School Board will be launching a 2009/2010 Annual Parent Survey again this Spring. We encourage you to take the time to give the School Board your comments and feedback.