

KORAES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY 2008-2009

Dear Parents,

Thank you for completing the survey. In order to preserve anonymity, please do not include your name on this survey. Please return your survey results by May 15, 2009 in the enclosed self-stamped envelope.

Please answer the following questions using the following scale

Strongly Agree	5
Agree	4
Neither Agree or Disagree	3
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	1

*****Agree % /Disagree %**

<u>Instruction</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. The quality of instruction my child receives meets my expectations.	100%/0%
2. The quality of the Greek Program meets my expectations	84%/16%
3. The religious instruction program helps my child apply his/her faith in his/her daily life	94%/6%
4. The technology program at our school meets my expectations	81%/19%
5. The physical education program at our school meets my expectations	81%/19%

<u>Communication</u>	<u>Response</u>
6. The information provided to me through midterm reports, report cards and conferences help me to clearly understand my child's progress	97%/3%
7. My questions and concerns are addressed promptly and effectively; that is, communication between home and school is timely and appropriate	97%/3%
8. The school is effective at communicating events and activities taking place	94%/6%

<u>Climate</u>	<u>Response</u>
9. Students at our school display appropriate levels of respect towards other students and staff members	94%/6%
10. Staff members at our school display appropriate levels of respect towards students and parents	97%/3%
11. Parents at our school display appropriate levels of respect towards staff members	94%/6%
12. Our school has a warm and welcoming environment	90%/10%
13. Our school provides a safe and secure environment for my child	100%/0%
14. My child looks forward to coming to school each day.	97%/3%
15. The physical condition/appearance of our school creates a comfortable learning setting for our students	81%/19%

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<u>Additional Activities/Extracurricular Activities</u>	<u>Response</u>
16. Koraes should provide an athletic program that offers our students opportunities to compete against teams from other schools	81%/19%
17. Koraes offers an adequate number of after school activities for junior high	94%/6%
18. Koraes offers an adequate number of after school activities for grades K-5	87%/13%

What factors influenced you to choose Koraes as the school your children attend? Please rank (1 = highest – 9= lowest) the following in order of importance to you:	<u>Response</u>
** Sports/Athletic programs	#8
**Class size	#5
**Discipline	#4(tie)
**Educational Program	#1
**Extracurricular Activities	#7
**Greek Language Program	#3
**Nurturing/Caring/ Safe Environment	#2
**Religion	#4 (tie)
**Success of graduates	#6

<u>Vision of School</u>
19. As we are about to celebrate our centennial year at Koraes, what kind of school do you envision ten years from now?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Remodeled, spruced up, carpet-free, nicer entrance</i> • <i>A school that will provide excellent education, Greek, religion</i> • <i>Add a high school (4)</i> • <i>Greater enrollment (4)</i> • <i>Greatest concern: Keep Koraes open 10 years from now</i> • <i>Roof repair, temperature control in classrooms, improved Greek instruction, update bathrooms</i> • <i>More advances in technology</i> • <i>Less emphasis on Greek/Ethnic to improve attendance</i> • <i>More focus on Greek program</i> • <i>Improved/more marketing (2)</i> • <i>Continue: moral building blocks, well-prepared students entering high school</i> • <i>Keep up good work/promote ethnic/religions values</i> • <i>Nurturing environment</i> • <i>Promote school within church not to outsiders</i> • <i>Allow Mrs. Zaharis/staff to continue tackling academic needs</i> • <i>A better roof, library, better technology, reading specialist</i>

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- *Continue to advance academics*
- *A progressive school that differentiates itself from other schools*
- *Discontinue junior high*

20. What do you think is the greatest contribution that Koraes is making to our students and our church community?

- **The love of God and service to His church**
- **Big plus – there is nothing like this in Europe**
- **Raising children with character and a deep sense of faith**
- **Instilling moral ethics and religious upbringing**
- **Education/class size**
- **Teaching a good balance between academic, religion, ethnic and life studies**
- **Greek language and religion (6)**
- **Reinforce core values, ability to offer a “second home” for students**
- **Respect, religion, education, survival skills**
- **Know true roots and heritage**
- **Work with parents to raise well educated, well rounded, well mannered children (2)**
- **Well prepared for high school, Koraes nurtures the desire for children to seek excellence (4)**
- **Respect for one another, environment crucial in this day & age**
- **Koraes is a small family where children feel safe, learn Greek and have spiritual support**
- **Closeness with clergy, family oriented environment, safe & religious environment**
- **Provides a sense of home and belonging, environment safe from drugs/violence, small class sizes**
- **Excellent education instills culture and faith (2)**
- **Discipline and structural education, encourages students to succeed**
- **Respectful Christian children with good values and morals**

21. How can the KPTA (Koraes Parent Teacher Associaton) encourage more parents to become more actively involved as members of this organization?

- **Be more responsible and trustworthy with parents**
- **Parents should be willing to help out to benefit their children**
- **Require a certain number of hours of volunteerism from parents otherwise give them the option of paying a fee (2)**
- **Be nice, stop vicious rumors approach parents, think positively**
- **They are doing a good job now, larger enrollment is needed (2)**
- **Hot lunch is a good way to meet other parents**
- **Continue to show warm environment – weed out complainers**
- **Say hello to everyone – talk to people – flyers don’t work**
- **Some parents aren’t aware that help is needed**
- **KPTA Board not approachable or friendly**
- **Restructure- take on smaller more workable affairs – officers do all the work and get burned out (2)**
- **More meetings at night- more fliers**
- **Work with school during the application process to solicit parent involvement**
- **Allow all parents not just room parents to help**
- **Stop talking about others and gossiping – no more negative about the school**

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22. Do you think the school is in need of additional funds to support or expand its programs? Is so, what suggestions can you make to raise these funds?

- **The school needs more funds (17)**
- **Look to Leadership 100 for help**
- **Look to Alumni for help (3)**
- **Look to the church for help**
- **Use funds for technology and Spanish**
- **Teach teachers new techniques**
- **Plan for a high school**
- **Students could hold bake sales**
- **Assure tuition is paid in full**
- **Adopt a pledge program \$500-\$1500/ per family/per year**
- **Annual gift fund that parents should contribute to**
- **Advertise success of Alumni/Memory walk with engraved stones**
- **Expand band program**
- **Hire an assistant to the administrator to free administrator up for more important and immediate needs of the school**
- **PE classes 5 days/week**
- **Bring back gift wrap fundraiser**
- **Create a volunteer “fee” if parents can’t volunteer for events**
- **Use funds in your possession more wisely**

23. How can we promote our school to other parents as a viable option for educating their children?

- **Lower the cost and focus more on Greek**
- **Home mailings with a professional look**
- **Provided future parents with statistics/test scores**
- **Word of mouth (6)**
- **Make it clear non-Greek families are welcome**
- **More advertising (5)**
- **Encourage more afternoon Greek students to become full time students**
- **Do a commercial spot during the Greek hour on Sunday featuring video of students and staff**
- **Don’t give impression that the school is trying to “fix” a previously inadequate program**
- **Testimonials from happy Koraes parents**
- **Advertise success of Alumni (2)**
- **Place PreK and Kindergarten sign in front of church in early February**
- **Emails, flyers, ambassador recruiters**
- **Host an Open House during the year**
- **Marketing DVD for new parents**

24. Please add any important Koraes offering that we failed to include in the above options

- **More sports for kindergarten students**
- **Invest in quality educators**
- **Koraes needs a library and stronger technology**
- **Provide staff development for teachers**
- **Tuition must be paid in full – don’t transfer records if students are not paid in full (2)**
- **Capitol campaign specifically for physical improvements**
- **Professional cleaning service**
- **Raise teacher/principal salaries (2)**

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- **Parent participation must be mandatory, be more friendly and warm**
- **Keep up good work**
- **Enhance math curriculum**
- **Teach Greek as a second language (2)**
- **Have a refrigerator to keep student lunches cold**
- **Relax dress code**
- **More sports with a mascot**
- **Drama club**
- **Better communication for new parents in prekindergarten**

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your input is greatly valued!