

2023-2024

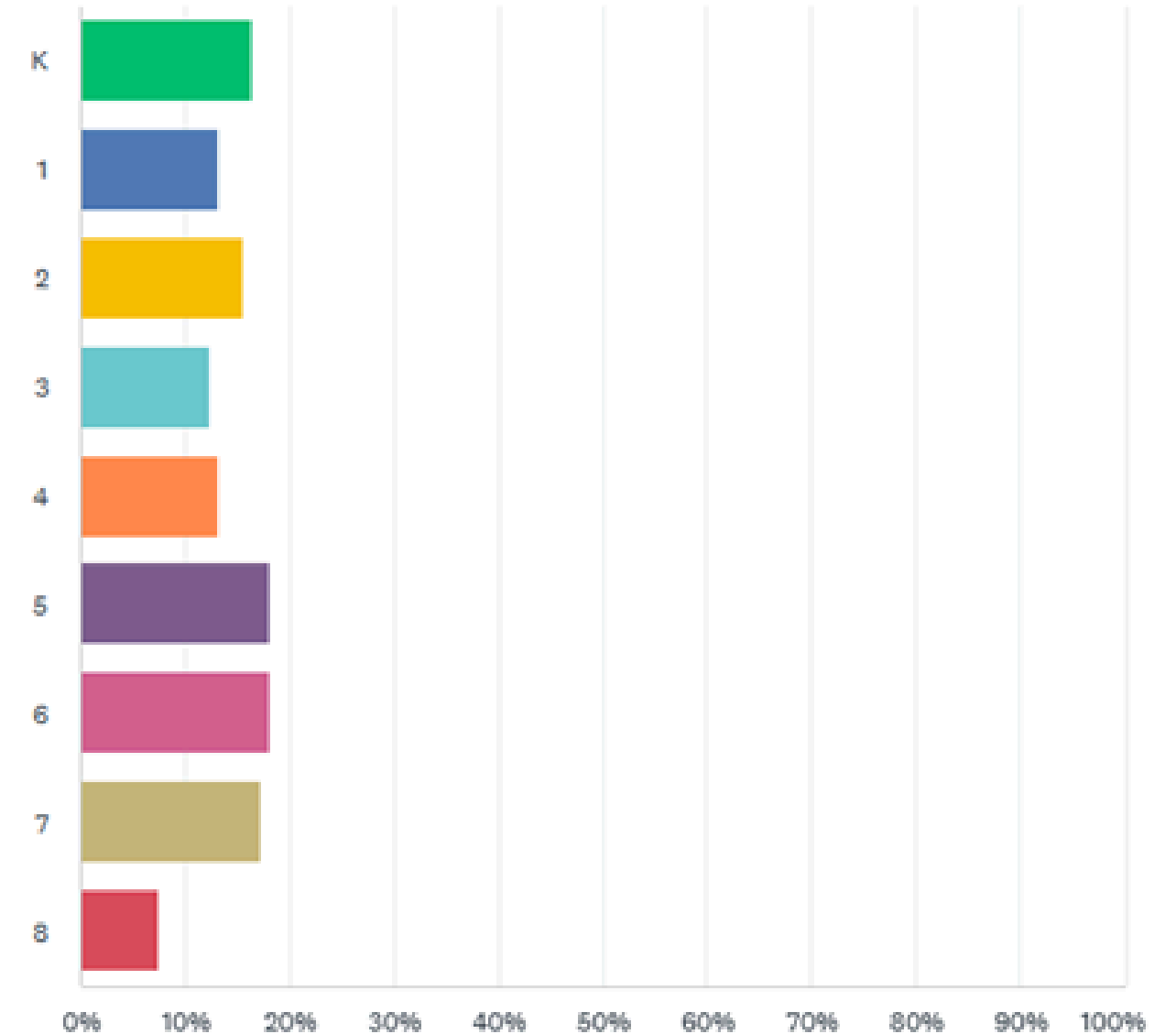
PARENT SURVEY

RESULTS



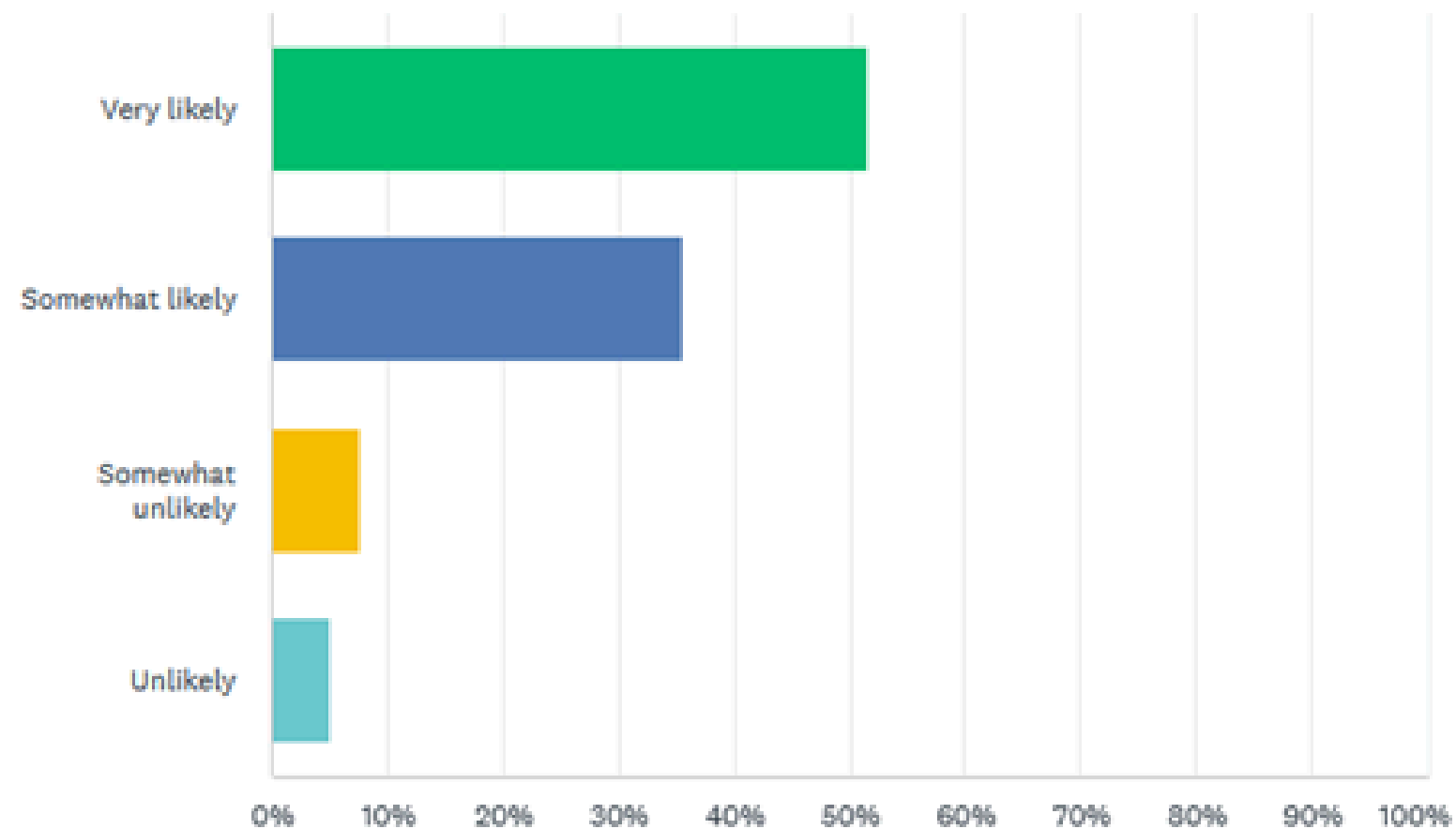
This year's survey data is a nice mix of parents from all grade levels. This is very helpful for us when interpreting the data, so that we can make the proper improvements to the school.

What grade is your child/children currently in?



How likely are you to recommend SHCS to another family?

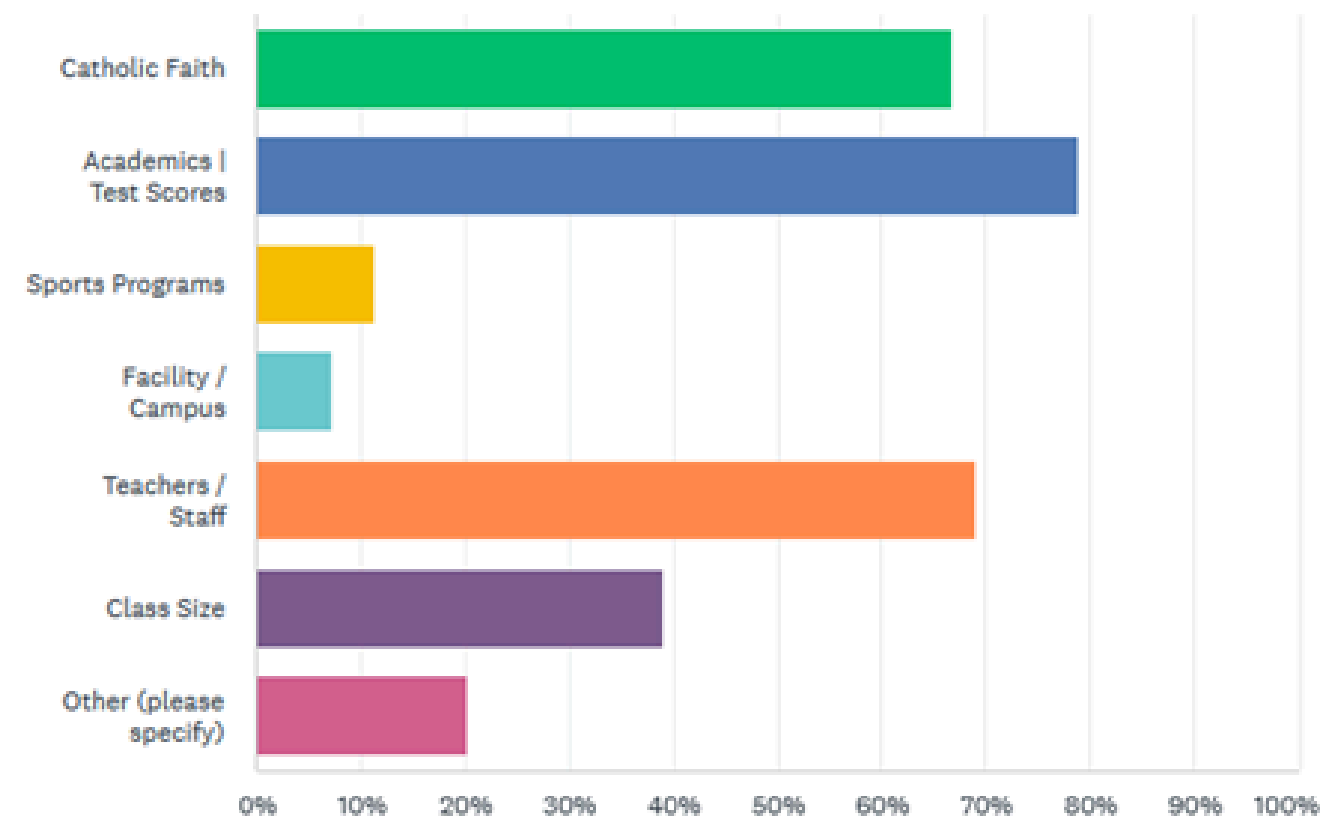
Answers: 119 Q1: 5



85% of our parents and families are happy at St. Helen Catholic School and would recommend our school to others. We have a waiting list for our school in all the Elementary grades.

This survey tool will help us to get that other 15% to be satisfied customers who love SHCS as much as we do.

Please select the top three items as they relate to importance in your decision to send your child to SHCS.



Catholic faith continues to be our highest priority as our purpose is to help our students make it to Heaven. This year we will be adding a 25 minute Daily Mass.

Our TerraNova data revealed that our school scored higher than the Diocese and other Florida Catholic Schools in Reading in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 8th grades. In some grades this was as much as a 12% higher than comparative schools. This is very impressive data. Way to go teachers and students!

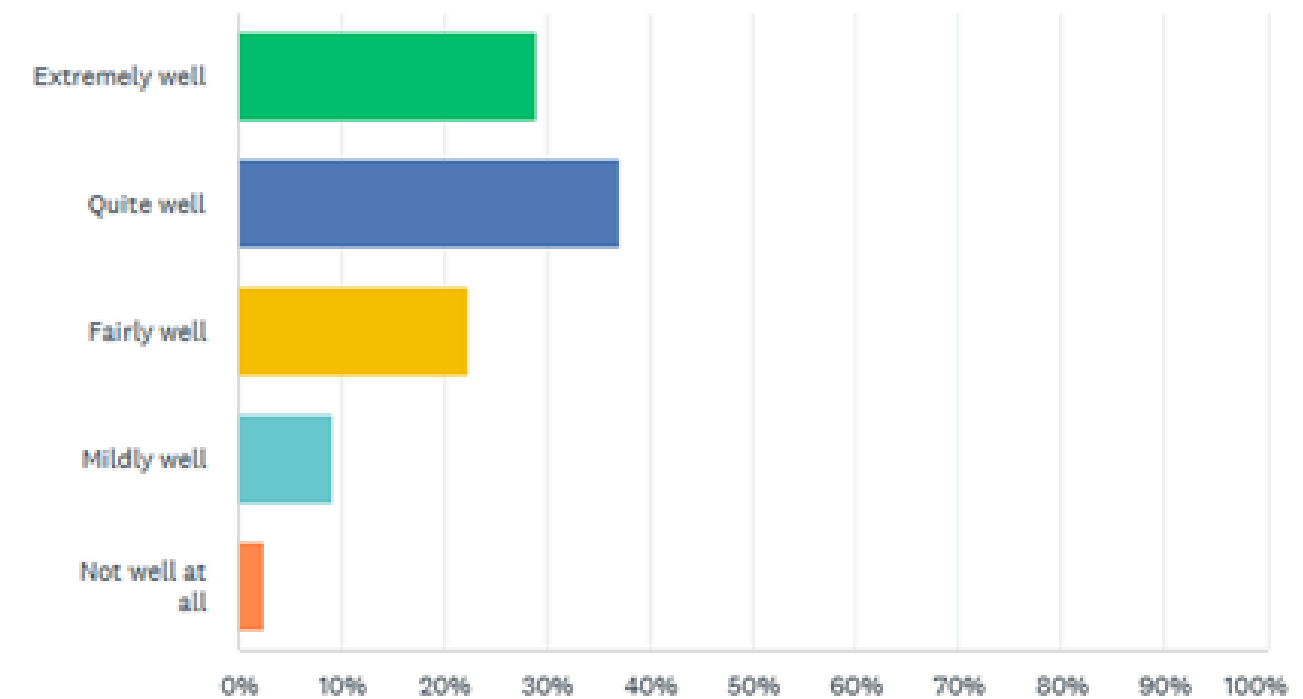
In an effort to have ALL our teachers “highly qualified,” every teacher for the 2024 school year is certified in their perspective area, many with a master’s degree as well.

We have begun to reduce class size this year. You will notice a difference in every grade level. There will no longer be 30 students in a classroom. The average class size for 1st-5th grade is now 25. Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will have less than 15. Pre-K through 3rd will all have full-time teacher assistants. The average class size for middle school is 15.

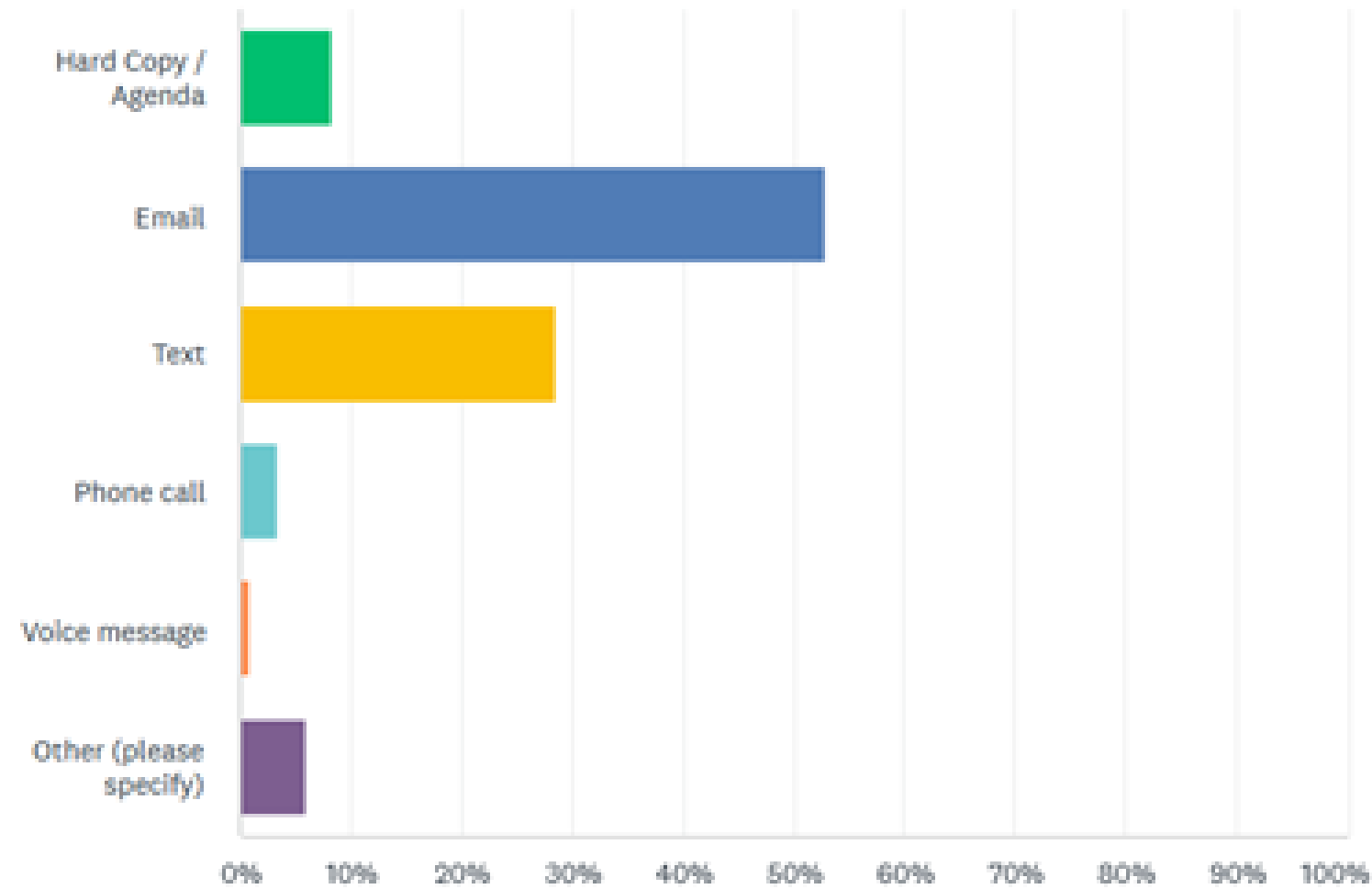
At SHCS we use several data measurements to view student growth. This year we participated in the TerraNova Next assessment. This test not only looks at subject to subject and grade level to grade level. It also compares our student performance to other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Palm Beach and other Catholic schools across the state of Florida. Our students performed exceptionally well on this assessment and outshined both comparison groups in many of the tested areas.

We also use the STAR Reading and Math progress monitoring tool to help teachers guide instruction throughout the year and tailor their lessons to the needs of their students.

How well do you feel SHCS is preparing your child for the next academic year?



What is your preferred method of communication?



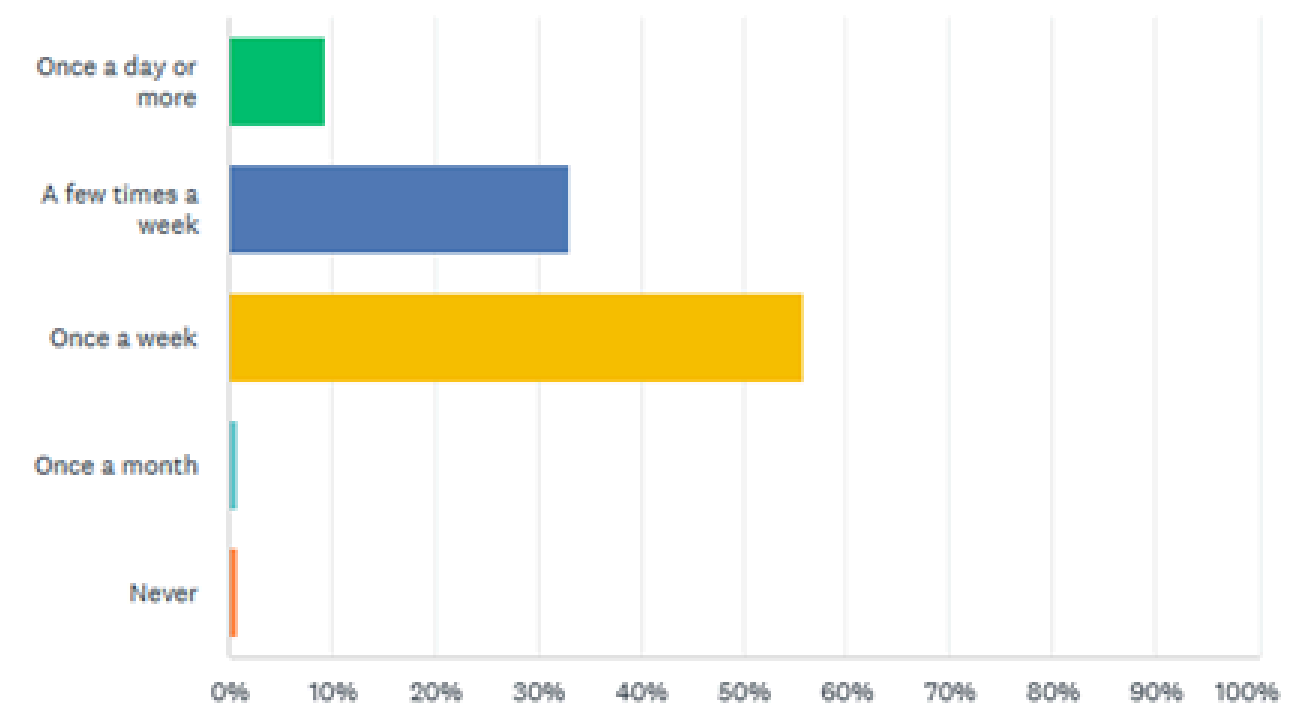
Whether you are a new family or a family that has been a part of the SHCS family for your child's entire educational experience, we want you to remain updated on all the latest happenings on campus. We offer many ways that you can "stay in the know". If for some reason you don't receive one of these communication methods, reach out to make sure you can be added so you don't miss out on important information.

- Weekly newsletter emailed out to parents
- Weekly Sunday 6:30 PM phone call
- Updates daily to social media
- Updates weekly to our website
- Text blasts to help you remember important deadlines
- Weekly Teacher newsletters
- Principal and staff emails through FACTS
- Safety and Drill Alerts through FACTS
- CANVA flyers on upcoming events

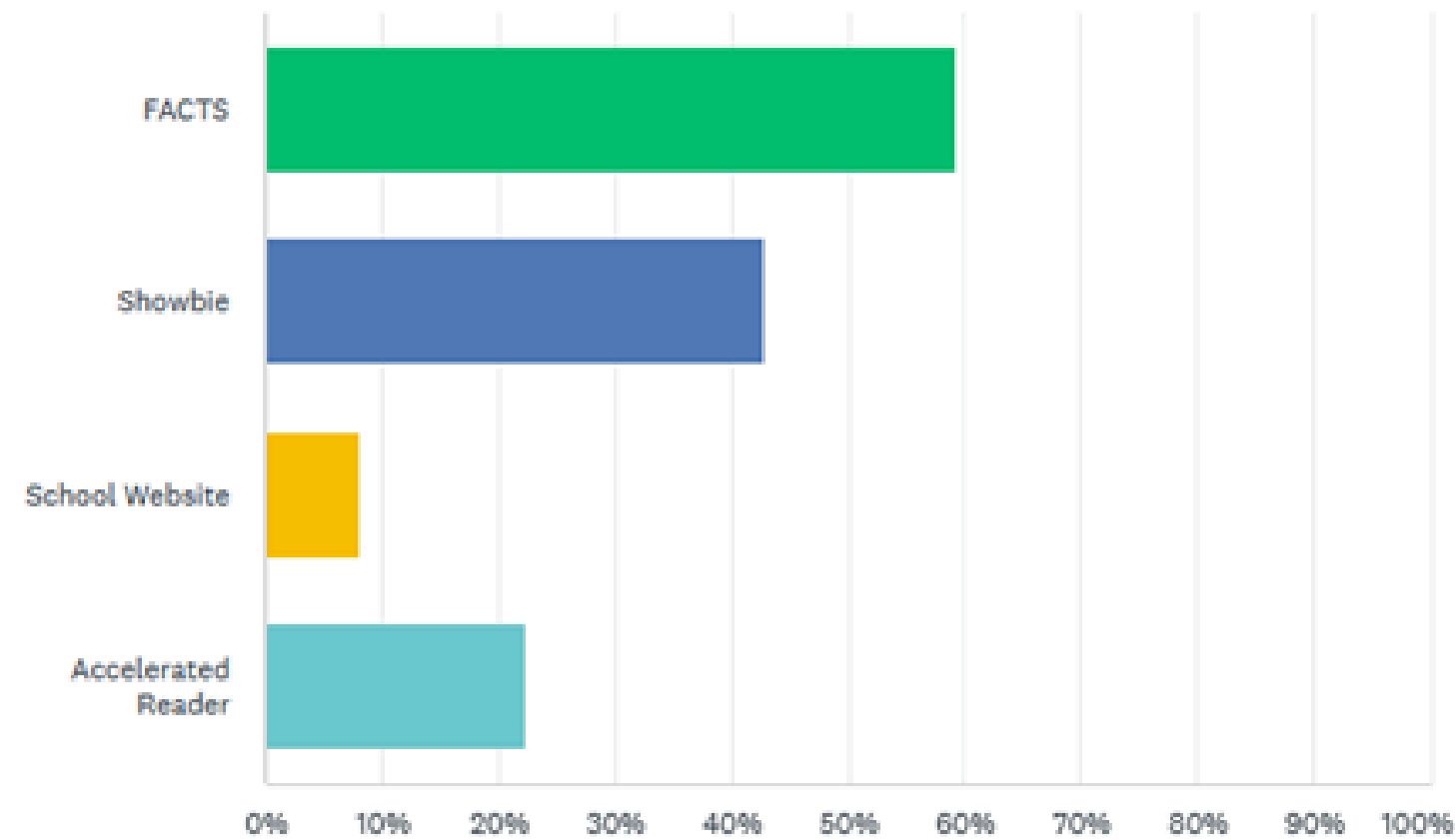
Communication with our families is so important. At the same time, we don't want to overwhelm you with all the "news". Knowing how often you prefer communication to go out helps us to tailor our communication channels to your wishes. Thanks so much for wanting to be so connected to your child's educational experience.

How often would you like to receive information from St. Helen Catholic School?

Parental Preference

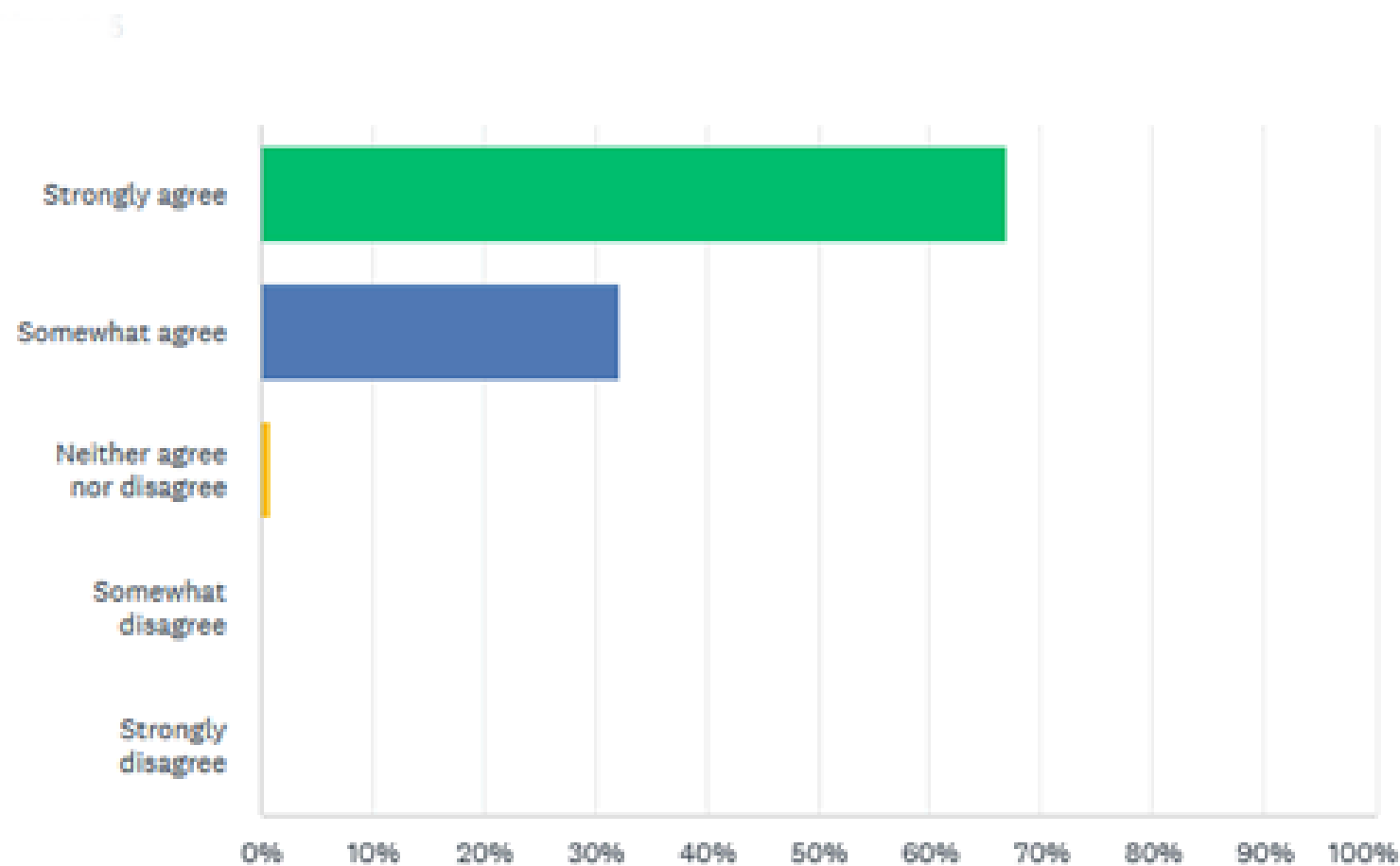


I experience technical difficulties with the following programs...



This data was very disheartening for us to hear. We know we experience the occasional glitch from technology as all programs do. Ms. Ruggeri, our technology coordinator, will be researching into the problems that were addressed in the survey to see how we can work with these companies to make our experience with them a more positive one. We apologize for the inconvenience you have been going through.

I feel my student/students are safe while at school.



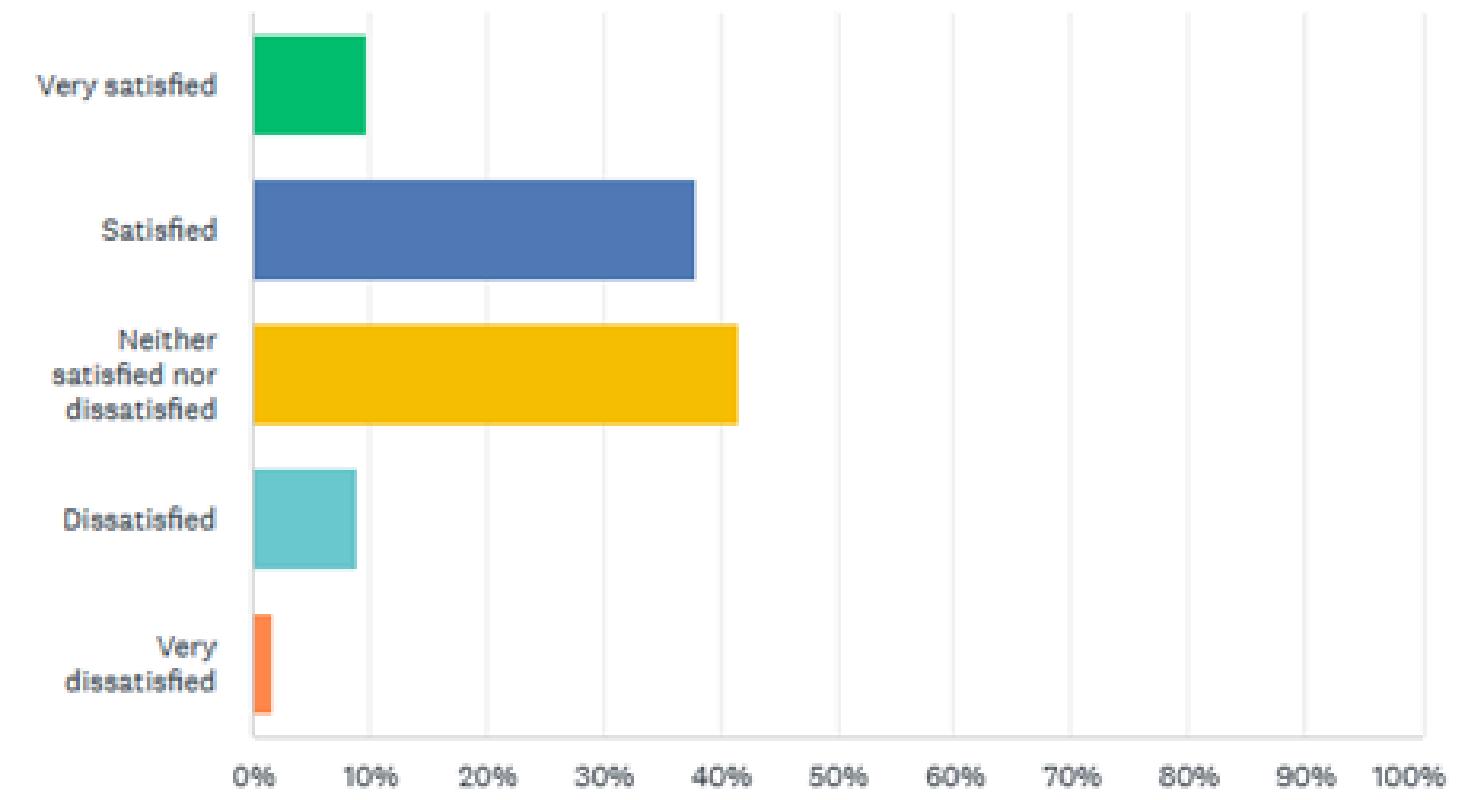
While we are very happy to see that our parents feel our school is a safe environment for our students, we feel safety is an area we can never stop improving on. We have been awarded a \$150,000 grant to improve safety on our campus. Upgrades to cameras, fencing, lighting, and gates have begun this summer.

This is an exciting project for us as we look to keep our students safe and secure while in our care.

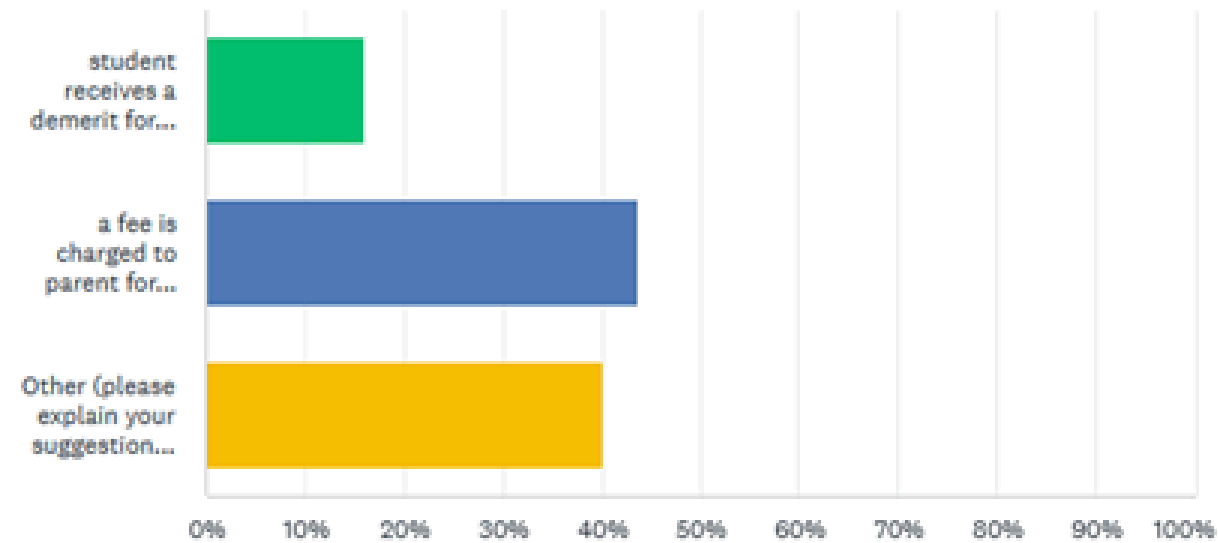
This year we were able to add two exciting additions to our sports program. This included the use of the bus to help transport students to away games and the addition of intramural lacrosse for our younger students.

Comments specific about the sports program shows the parents' wish for sports being offered for younger students. While other schools do not offer competitive programs for our younger grades to participate in, we can look to offer intramural play for some of our younger players to help them learn the skills and build a love for the sport. Coach Colwell will be looking into how we can offer this service to our students.

How satisfied are you with our Sports Program?



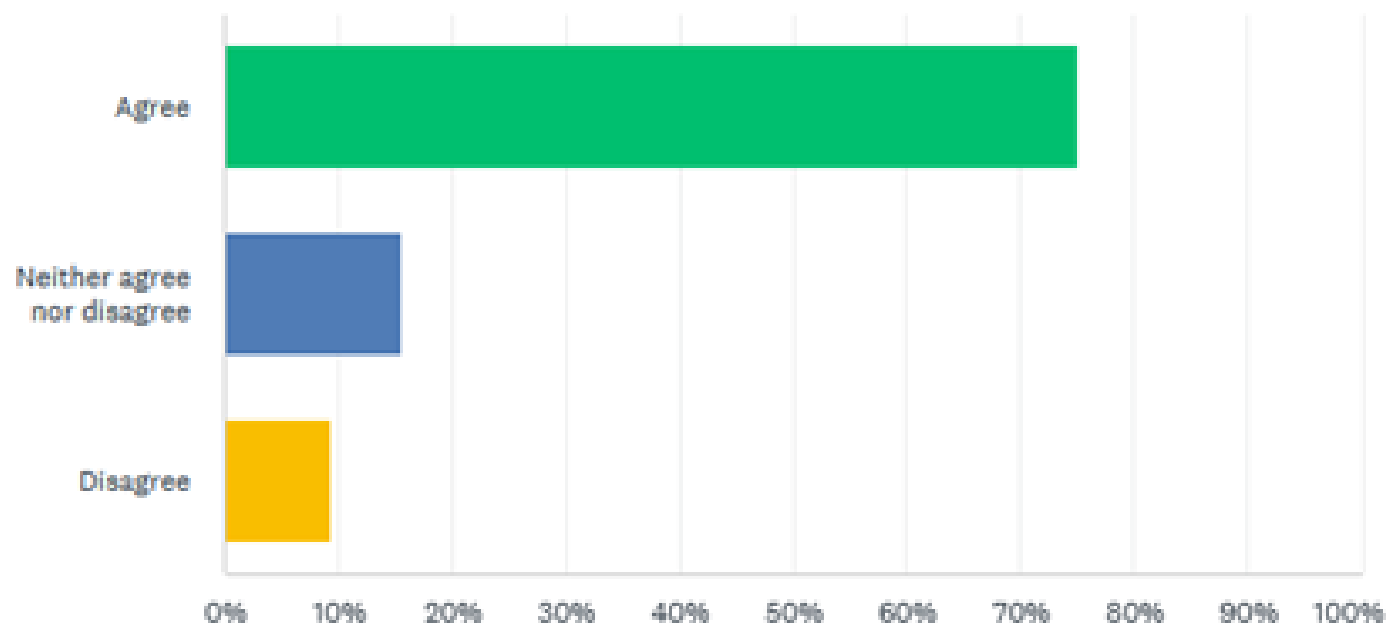
Unexcused Tardies are a major problem at SHCS and cause daily disruption to student learning. In order to reduce the number of tardies that occur daily several options are being considered. Please select the option that you feel would work to deter this from occurring.



We entered more than 400 tardies for this school year. Attendance not only impacts your own child, but the learning experience of your child's classmates and the instructional plans of the teacher as well. We have tried many interventions to curb tardies over the past few years. This included both positive reinforcement for perfect attendance (Bucks Box and Falcon Bucks) and a demerit policy for students.

This year we are moving to a tardy policy that involves a charge for parents who exhibit excessive tardiness. Parents have the obligation to get their students to school on time. Tardiness remains a part of your child's permanent school record. The first three (3) tardies are free, allowing for emergencies. After the 3rd tardy, a \$10 charge will be applied to your child's FACTS account. All following tardies will be charged throughout the remainder of the year.

My child gets the academic support they need.



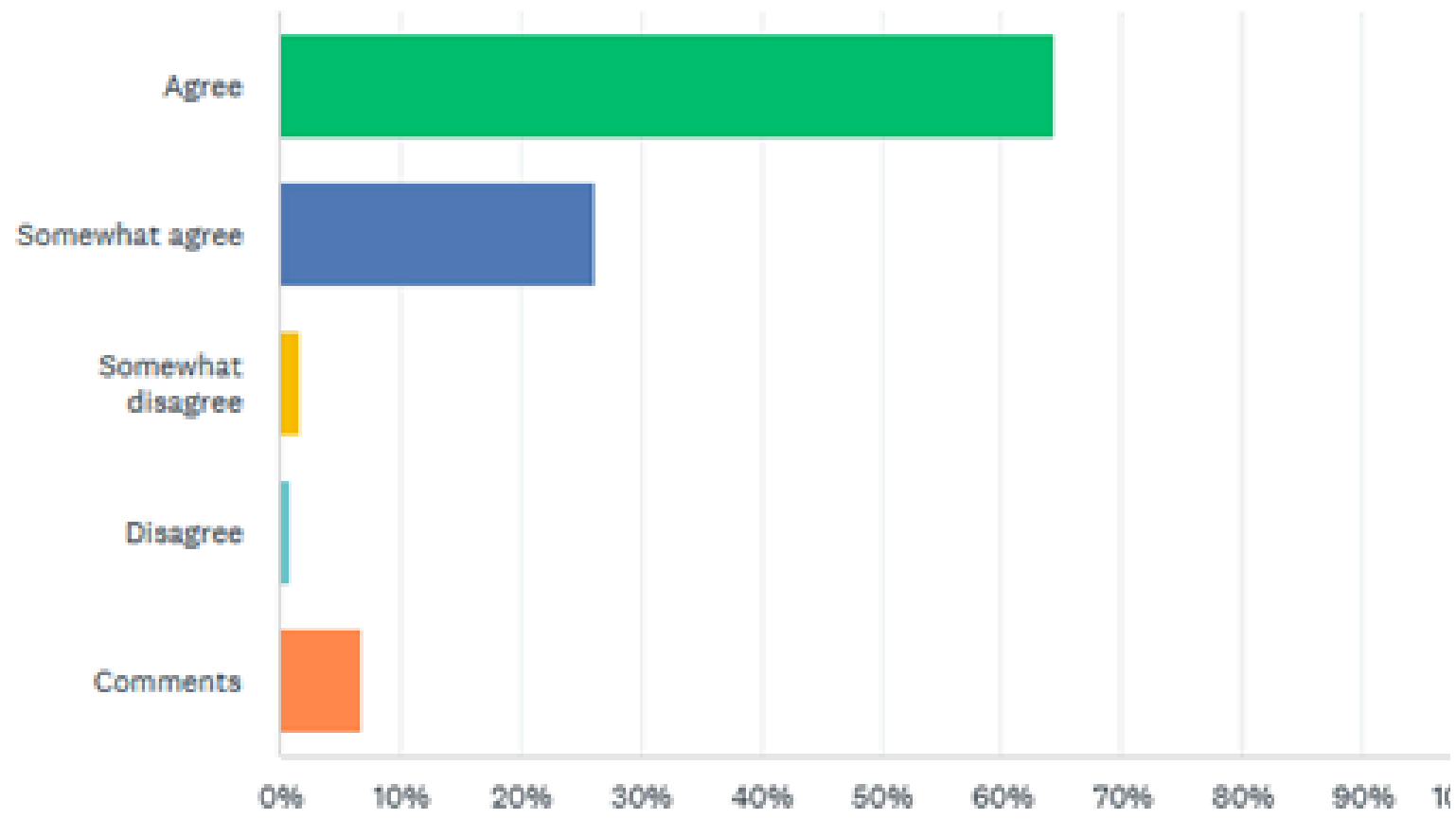
We are happy to provide many supports for both our students who are struggling and those who are excelling and need the additional push.

- Intervention Teacher for grades 1st - 4th trained in the Orton-Gillingham approach
- Enrichment Teacher for grades 1st - 5th
- On Level and Advanced middle school classes
- Support plans for students needing accommodations
- A student support team that meets weekly to discuss students who are struggling academically, behaviorally, or emotionally
- A Learning Lab for students to go get support they need during the day
- Homework Help and Tutoring support after school

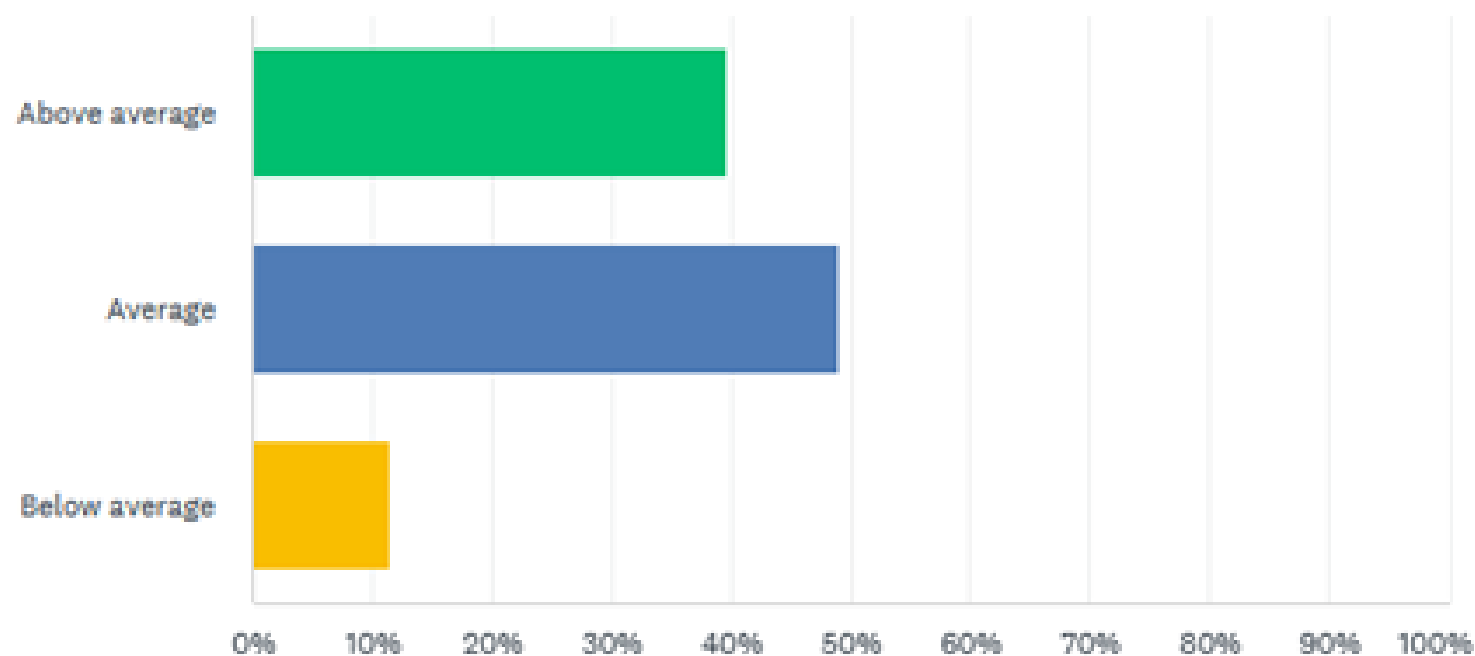
Both Mrs. Kathman and myself are available to discuss any concerns you have. We are happy to meet with you as we believe that education is a true partnership between family and school. We want to work together with you to prepare your child for their future.

Administration is visible and accessible.

Parental 100% Student 5

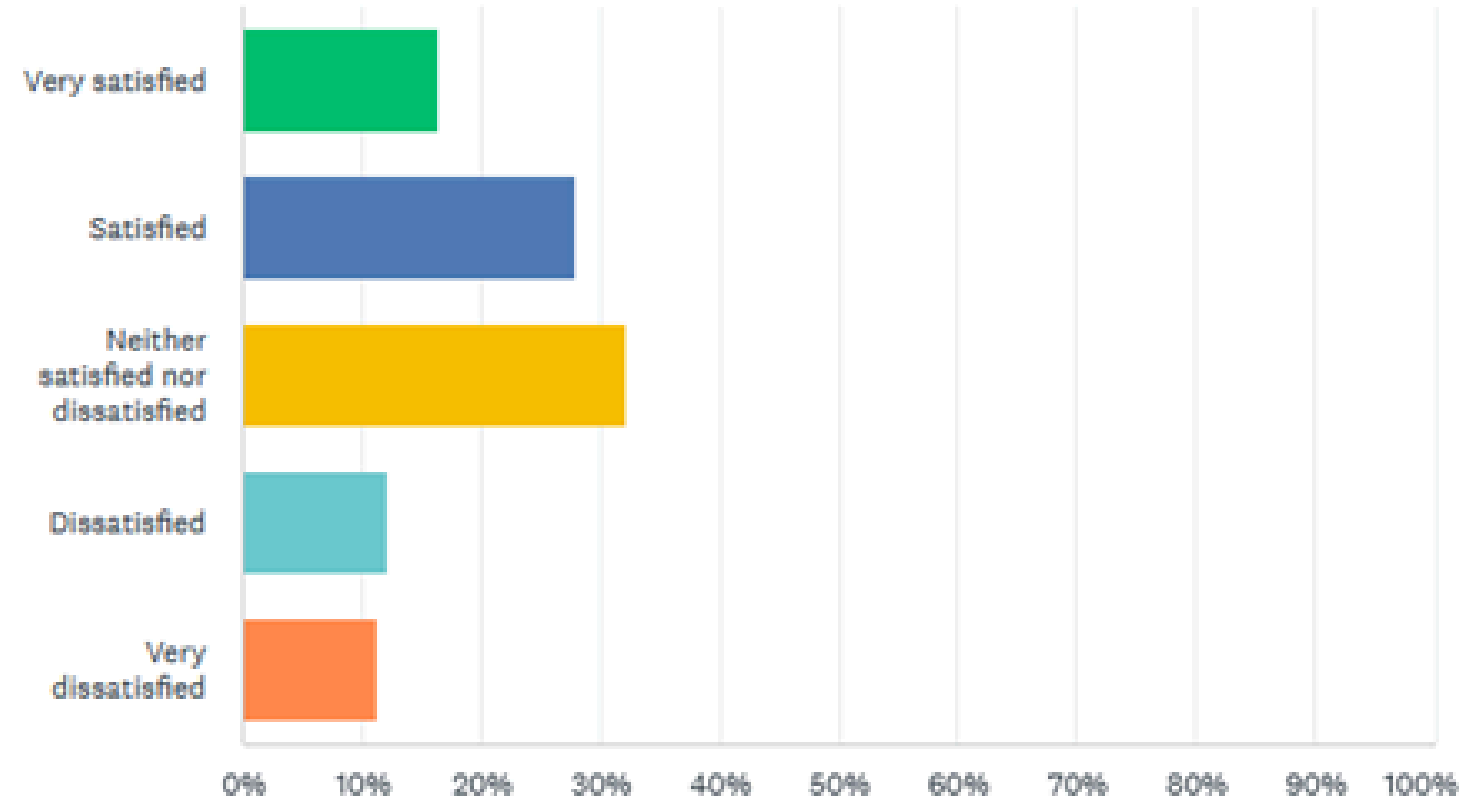


How would you rate our Aftercare Program?



We are always looking for ways to improve how we service our families. This year we will be using an online check in/out program to help with Aftercare and getting your children to you quickly. We will have an Aftercare phone number to allow you to reach the staff in an emergency. On Early Release days we will have lunch included as well as games and activities to have the students enjoy their time. Our aftercare program will now include Homework Help for those students who need the support.

Were you satisfied with the new school lunch program?

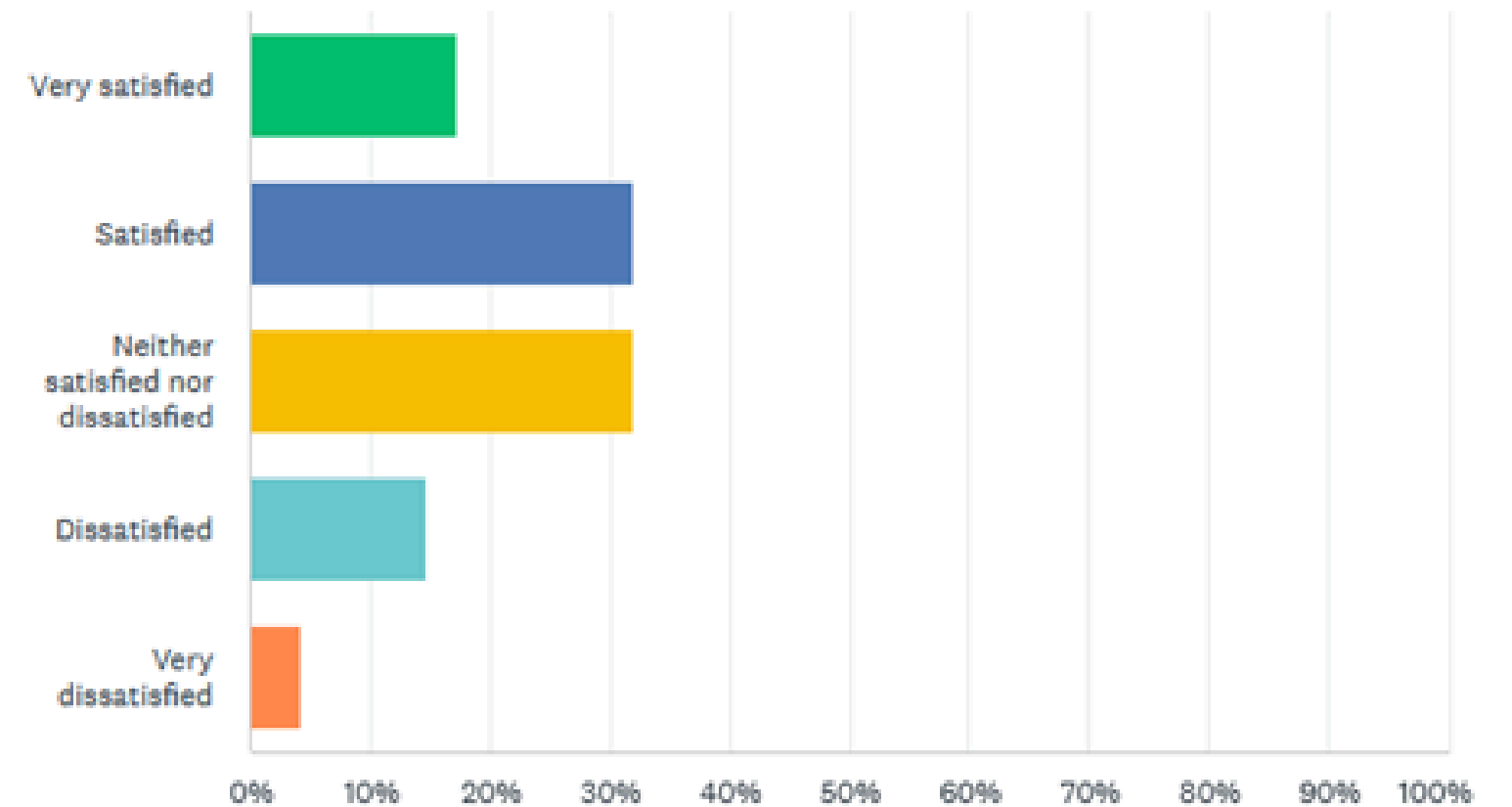


The School District of Indian River County Food and Nutrition program meets USDA Dietary Guidelines for healthy eating. By partnering with them we are able to provide:

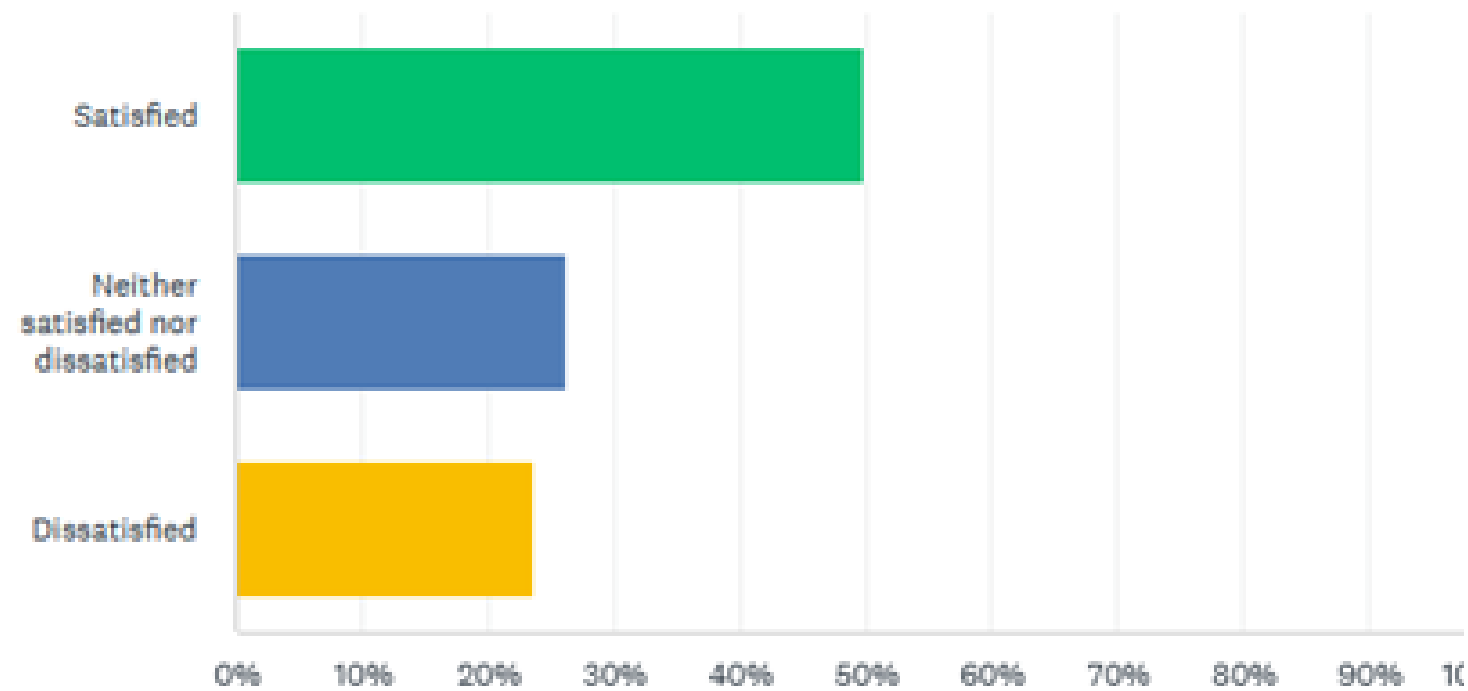
1. breakfast, lunch, and snack
2. a hot, well balanced meal
3. reasonable food costs with free or reduced costs available
4. allergy free options
5. payment options of online, check, or cash
6. snacks available for purchase

We believe that our students deserve the best educational environment. In order to ensure a classroom conducive to learning, research shows that evidence based approaches that hold students accountable can provide the students the necessary tools to become respectful of others' learning. We realize that all students are in a stage of development that guidance is needed to help foster good behavior. We use a positive system approach through praise and our Falcon Bucks program to recognize students who are meeting and exceeding expectations and modeling the appropriate behavior for their peers. We realize that not every student is there yet and for those we provide guidance, modeling, and support to shape those skills.

How satisfied are you with the discipline policies at our school?



Are you satisfied with the school's dress code policy?



St. Helen Catholic School follows has a uniform policy consistent with most Catholic schools because of the benefits they provide.

- Uniforms are attractive
- Uniforms build confidence and school pride
- Uniforms model modesty and respect
- Uniforms build school community and unity among students

The new, simplified uniform will provide ease for families and students getting ready for school.

We realize that new uniforms can be a financial burden which is why we are offering a \$135 voucher for each student to help with the cost.

Our old uniforms will be donated to the mission overseas that we support through our Youth Program.

Uniforms can be purchased in a pop up shop on Campus this summer. They can also be purchased online or in the physical store. The school will have a set of size samples for you to look at to determine your child's size.

Some of the dissatisfied comments were due to us moving away from our local Vero Beach store. That store was unable to guarantee the quantities we need and could not get us the style we needed for the everyday Mass skirt.

IN CLOSING

When you chose St. Helen Catholic School, you wanted something better for your child than the typical educational experience. We value your input and use your suggestions to help improve our services to your family. I hope that sharing this data analysis with you, you can see that we hear you and are trying to build a better tomorrow for our students. Thank you for completing the survey.