

Total surveys returned 69

Question 1: How often do you use these existing website features?

Feature	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	Comments
School Calendar	8	5	30	26	isn't up-to-date; I would if easier to find
Sports Info	4	5	20	40	good to know it exists
Staff Contact Info	7	9	36	19	
School Policy Info	0	0	18	51	isn't up-to-date
Online Grade Book	19	10	6	31	?; N/A
Classroom WebPages	17	11	27	14	link to math sites, etc.; Are they there?; Would access more frequently if were updated; N/A; does K have this?; there isn't one
School Newsletter	3	18	13	34	I would if pushed to my email providing news update, same with PAA notes
Lunch Menu	7	8	15	39	Get paper copy
Awesome Links	10	6	33	20	

Other Comments:

The website is not organized enough to be beneficial at this time.

Don't because we don't have them.

How often would I use it if it were in a helpful format? Weekly, weekly, monthly, occasionally, monthly, weekly, monthly, monthly, occasionally

The reason I don't use this more is because I can't count on the info to be up-to-date and accurate

Question 2: Have you referred family, friends or neighbors to the St. Odilia School website?

Yes	No	Didn't Answer
20	48	1

Comments:

Yes, providing a warning of "under construction"; it is not user friendly at all.

No, it's not current!

Question 3: Circle H for High Priority, M for Medium Priority & L for Low Priority for these potential improvements to our website:

Upgrade	High	Medium	Low	Comments
Email/text alerts	55	10	4	Maybe get announcements or events of the week like Moundview.
Classroom/school calendar integration	32	26	9	Mrs. Mittet emails this out; Teachers are currently inconsistent with their pages so I don't use it.
Expanded FAQ	4	27	35	What is it?
Online permission slips	28	25	16	Yes!
Online volunteer sign-up	20	35	13	
Online parent survey	17	36	15	
Online school store	16	25	28	
Increase in video & photos	5	30	31	

Question 4: Please list the strengths of our existing school website:

Features/Information

We love the links to websites & also classroom updates.

The fact we have one!
List of staff and links to classroom websites.
Certain teacher websites are good.
PowerSchool is good.
Directory is good.
Math games, games for hunger, seeing my children's game and assignments.
Communication benefits = positive
Mostly good info.
Parent/student access to grades & staff contact info.
Directory of staff, church activities
Some teachers do a good job of keeping current with their web pages. Others are not current or non-existent.
Some teachers have personalized their classroom websites to make it easier to follow the activities they are working on.
Seriously? You don't even have all of the classrooms listed -- only 2-6th grade classrooms?
We like the Awesome Links.
Online grade book & classroom website -- especially for lower grade info
LOVE PowerSchool! Great to have school brochure online to be downloaded. Also use the download of school council minutes and PAA minutes.
Staff contact list, parent portal
Education links
viewing pictures & updates Mrs. Mittet puts up
Intro to staff.
does Kindergarten have a classroom webpage? I think reference it so you get use to using it. I always check thru emails received and paper handouts.
Keep up-to-date on grades & progress of each class.
I would use the website if I felt it was updated frequently. Doesn't seem to have info that is current.
I rarely use this site because it is often times not updated. If it were consistently updated, I would refer to it more often.
PowerSchool and Awesome Links -- math practice tests, etc.
I like that they show a picture of the teacher and give info about the staff.
Helpful for staff info. I don't think it's that hard to navigate.
I don't use it. I need the paper under my nose as a reminder. I can grab it and read it on the fly. That is why I placed text alerts as a high priority.
The staff phone & email addresses.
Teachers who update their class websites are great!

Appearance

Colorful -- like the photo.
Not much. It does not look professional!
Colorful.
Nice font size & colors, easy to navigate!
Great format and graphics.
Very few. It is disorganized and rarely up-to-date. I find it frustrating. It does not have a polished look.

Ease of Use

Easy to read and navigate.
Seldom use it. Children in lower grades.
Easy to navigate.
Easy to get to.
User friendly, easy to navigate & current.
user friendly -- easy to find things
User friendly

Question 5: Please list suggestions to improve our school website:

Features/Information

School store logo items are a great idea. It's free advertising for St. Odilia!

Needs alumni section, donations section and place for prospective families.

On-line registration and tuition pay.

Should have Spanish/French on enrichment activities page.

Would be nice to have a daily or weekly page indicating when sign-ups are for all the sports and enrichment activities.

It would be great to be more informed of extra education kids can do on website. I only know of "Star Fall" for Kindergarten.

I like the "push" function of PowerSchool. Could more info for the website be pushed vs. pulled?

Calendar/sports -- activity schedule updated, text alerts for non-uniform, etc.

Ease of access, distinct difference from church -- school gets lost.

Easier access to PowerSchool or a better program -- teachers must be held responsible for updating.

Our children are young but we see the website as an increasingly important tool for information and interaction. We would like to see a decline in the "paper trail" coming home.

I don't honestly use the site as much as I should, so I can't think of anything. I like the idea of on-line permission slips so we don't have to fill the same info every time.

Need family directory (family entry code area), Snow day alert, field trip slips, services for school ie. Counseling.

Also, parent contact info would be nice (only if parents agree)

Have printer-friendly (B&W) versions of assignments as an option -- think recipe sites as example -- great photos for website appearance but B&W for printing.

Updated info and online forms.

A list of "NO Bus" days would be great! I know it's in the handbook, but a list of days on their own page would be easier to access.

Some of the games are not games I would choose. I think your service really needs to be expanded and I like the ideas listed above.

I think it serves the purpose well.

More description about each of the sports and enrichment activities.

More information on goings on: service projects, special events, current information.

MathCounts not included on enrichment page -- people trying to decide on our school might notice this.

News alerts, schedules, "Did you know?" what the students are doing/working on, stats on how we compare to education standards, show community, show curriculum,

Update athletic/sports team information more regularly.

Need more complete school calendar.

Current up-to-date information, facilities calendar to see what activities are scheduled for any given day.

Posting of school council meeting minutes -- lag time too long after meeting.

Calendar upgrades & notification options

One overall calendar listing all school & extra curricular activities w/location, times & links to maps/locations.

If you want something read, email it. I check emails most days. Most helpful: send out weekly or monthly news alert with the link. Don't make me remember

that the news is supposed to be published on-line this day.

Include next year's school calendar.

Classroom Websites

Some of the classes don't have websites. It would be nice if they all did.

Have all teachers maintain consistency in using/making a website.

Have teachers update their websites weekly to show current assignments, often these sites are weeks outdated.

More teacher accountability in keeping grade book and homework updated. Could we have a class syllabus online?

I like the class websites and wish every class had one.

I think EVERY teacher should have a class website and use this as their main way of updating students and parents with homework and activities.

I would use it more if needed -- ie. Teachers refer to it for field trip permission slips, pictures from classroom activities, etc. I think it could be a good tool.

However, I think teachers should do the system that works the best for them. Their time & attention should first go to the students and learning inside the classroom.

As long as I know they are doing a good job of this first goal, I'm not too concerned with the technology piece.

Every teacher, even special ed., should have a website that has a link to class calendar/schedule, homework, grades or progress & any permission slips/order forms.

Updating Issues

Up-to-date assignments & announcements.

Make it more user friendly & it needs to be updated regularly!!

Needs more frequent updating -- need to remove Mix It Up from fundraising, remove parenting links -- maybe reference Dr. Kahn, update community service page.

Get rid of old information (ie. Community service old projects, Thanksgiving food drive.)

I think it needs to be more current/up-to-date. When I was looking at this school, I really looked at the website and was unimpressed. I think for prospective parents and students, it should be REALLY great. I thought the school did an excellent job with the paper marketing materials they hand out for prospective parents.

I hope to see the website change!!

Currency has to be improved. Easy comprehensive calendar would be great. I rarely look at it because it's outdated.

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Parent Website Survey Results

1st get a dedicated webmaster that isn't responsible for educating 600 kids on computers, curriculum for those kids, plus the school network.

Keep it updated! I will not use the calendar if it is not updated.

Would like to see it used as the main communication tool for parents. We would refer to it almost daily if it was easy to use and update. I see how the Catholic High Schools have great info for students, parents, & prospective families -- see TGs.

Appearance

Keep it current. Improve appearance like other school's have.

Updated look.

Show computer technology, have website welcoming/progressive/attractive to new families.

Make current, more professional, easier transitions between links.

more photos, graphics

more "professional" look, set-up