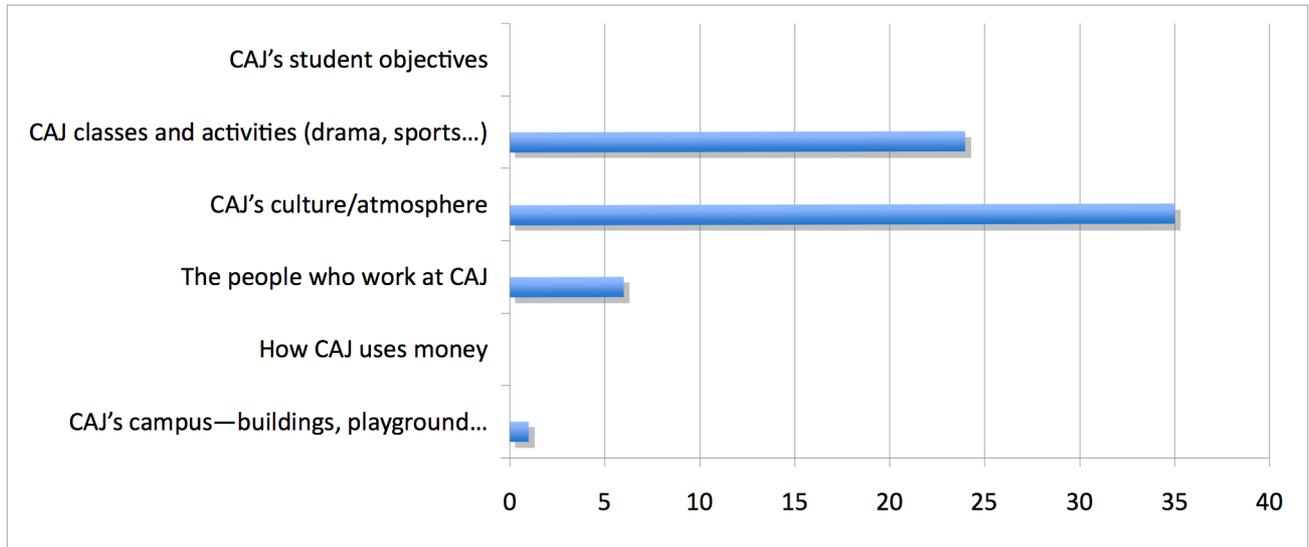


2011 CAJ Strengths, Middle School Students

In September 2011, 129 CAJ middle school students were asked to complete a Google survey in which they were asked to respond to the following question: "Students, what is 1 thing you like about CAJ?"

Middle school students provided 66 submissions. The submissions were categorized by a student-friendly version of CAJ's ends and focus groups, which was not always a straightforward task, as some submissions may have addressed more than 1 category. The chart below provides a breakdown of the categorization of the 66 submissions:



Here are the middle school student submissions, categorized by student-friendly versions of CAJ's ends and focus groups:

CAJ's student objectives: No comments

CAJ classes and activities (drama, sports...)

1. 1 thing I like about CAJ is that every Wednesday we have chapel and have a time to meet God. Also we have a speaker every time we have chapel so I can learn more about the Bible every Wednesday.
2. I like the fact that we have sports teams and are able to play other schools
3. I like the fact that I can see my friends everyday and play soccer.
4. I like that it is a Christian school.
5. The sports.
6. CAJ lets you go to the machi to eat lunch for one day.
7. The school ends early
8. I really like chapel at CAJ. During chapel I like the music and I also like it because everyone I see looks happy. It's really a great part of CAJ and I think it's a great opportunity to learn about God.
9. I like about the middle school sports we do in CAJ.
10. I like chapel
11. One thing I like about CAJ is that we have home ec in the exploratories.

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12. I have lots of things that I like about CAJ but one of the best is having activities that are very fun! For example Machi-Day is one, and Thrift Shop is another. I like activities, so It interests me and it makes me feel hyper (in a good way). I also like how the teachers teach me during class time!"
13. I really like that everything is somehow connected to Christianity so that we can have a stronger relationship with God.
14. One thing I like about CAJ is that it's a Christian school and we have Bible class.
15. The 1 thing I like about CAJ is that the recess is awesome. I love the time that I can play soccer. It is so fun!
16. That we all ways have chapel
17. One thing I like about CAJ is that we can learn about God freely.
18. Wall of Honor
19. I like the lunches that Mr. Carrico and the rest of the kitchen staff of CAJ make.
20. Sports, Recess and P.E.
21. One thing that I admire about CAJ is about getting to know more about God.
22. I like the way that CAJ teaches us to be caring, loving, thoughtful and many other good things. I also think that having themes every year is a very interesting way to help us understand something that we didn't understand before. I especially like this year's theme, "Love in Action." It really helps us to set a good example for others, and learning to do this at school will help us do this outside of school also."
23. I like thy way CAJ teaches us from Biblical perspective. This is one way that I like and it also makes CAJ different from other non-Christian international schools.
24. What I really like about CAJ is that we can have lots of opportunities to do something. For example, JAM, lots of sports activities, and plus, studying. In other countries, it's actually hard to find or enjoy these activities because they mainly focus on studying. However, CAJ offers students to learn more about God and build up strengths and sportsmanship by letting children play sports. This is what I like the most about CAJ.

CAJ's culture/atmosphere

1. I like CAJ because it is a nice community.
2. One thing I like about CAJ is that the kids are welcoming, and I found friends fast when I started in 7th grade (now in eighth grade). Even though I was shy and didn't go out of my way to make friends, somehow I ended up with some really good friends anyway, and were still VERY close.
3. THERE ARE NO UNIFORMS!
4. I like all the teachers and friends. Also I like chapel that we have every Wednesday.
5. I love the atmosphere and the teachers. I think its so much more safe and a lot of students take the extra effort to unite.
6. CAJ is a community, and we help each other out.
7. One thing that I particularly like about CAJ is the way the community interacts with each other. It's amazing just seeing a bunch of staff people everyday and saying "good morning" "hi" or even just smiling. And I like the way all the students in a grade become really close.
8. The one thing that I like in CAJ (out of everything) is that in CAJ everything around us is related to God and his message. So in other words, this school is filled with God's word. So the reason why I like this is because each time I see God's power and care, personally I feel very glad and can make myself concentrate on usual day work. Last, these things are what I like in CAJ. THANK YOU!"

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9. One thing I enjoy about CAJ is that we can have fellowship with other people and socialize. That we can have time with our friends and enjoy our classes, even if the subject is difficult.
10. The people, both students and teachers.
11. I like CAJ because of such nice Christian and also different kinds of international friends. Also, this is mainly, the only school that studies Bible so I'm real thankful because I can learn more about God.
12. One thing I like about this school is that it is a Christian school. Since most of students and teachers are Christian we can all share about our up or down part of our life by connecting it to God.
13. One thing I like about CAJ is that it is really fun! I really like seeing my friends and I also like to see their smiling faces. In CAJ, there are a lot of entertainments and we can watch in them. The thing is, you can even be in those events! That's why I really like CAJ a lot.
14. Everyone is nice and it's a good environment.
15. What I appreciate the most about CAJ is that, most of the students are very polite and have Christ-like manners, which makes me feel pretty comfortable in CAJ and not worried of what/how the kids around me talk or behave.
16. I think that CAJ's strength is that most people are friendly. It helps new kids get used to CAJ's system.
17. The fact that there is no senpai/kouhai, and that you can become close friends with people that are in different grades.
18. We are like a family. We support and love each other.
19. All the students and the teachers.
20. I like the Christian values and everything we do is about God and learning.
21. I like is there are a lot of international friends.
22. 1 thing that I like about CAJ is that many people from all around the world gather at CAJ and do things together.
23. The one thing I like about CAJ is that I made new friends.
24. The best thing I like about CAJ is that the teachers tell us to do your best overtime, just do it until you can. I think this is what the CAJ is different to other school, and think about each student. I love this school!
25. I like how the time is organized and that everyone is friendly.
26. I like it that I can make friends quickly because everyone is nice.
27. 1 thing that I like about CAJ is that every teachers and students are very friendly.
28. One thing I like about CAJ is that I made new friends!
29. I like how the teachers and the students are really close.
30. I like CAJ because it's different in a good way than other schools.
31. Sorry for being so late about this, but one thing I like about CAJ is there are a lot of good friends!
32. What I like about CAJ is that it has a friendly atmosphere, and the curriculum isn't too hard that you won't understand it, but not ridiculously easy, either.
33. I like the friends I have at CAJ because they are always caring for me. They make me feel part of the school even though I am a new comer.
34. I think I like the 'love' that is in CAJ. Maybe because of this year's theme or not, I feel that a lot of people are already showing a lot of love, in action, to each other in the classroom, hallways, playground, almost everywhere! I just wish that feeling lasted the whole year.

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35. One thing I really like about CAJ is that everyone is willing to help the others.

The people who work at CAJ

1. I like a lot of things about C.A.J. But the #1 thing I really like about C.A.J. is the teachers who are kind and caring to the students. The teachers don't just teach the students because they HAVE to, but they teach us because they WANT to.
2. The kindness of all teachers
3. One thing I like about CAJ is that the most of the teachers are nice.
4. One thing I like about CAJ is the teachers. CAJ has the best teachers in the world :) The teachers are very well trained and care about each student as if they were family. The teachers also have mostly a good balance of being strict and showing mercy.
5. Nice teachers
6. Good staff and teachers. Everyone so kind and nice to talk to. So it's good that it's a good environment of people there.

How CAJ uses money: No comments

CAJ's campus—buildings, playground...

1. 1 thing I like about CAJ is that the gym is really big! :)
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On October 20, 2011, the middle school student council reviewed the middle school survey data in order to answer the question, "What do middle schoolers like best about CAJ?" They identified 3 things students like best about CAJ:

- People
- Activities
- Christian environment