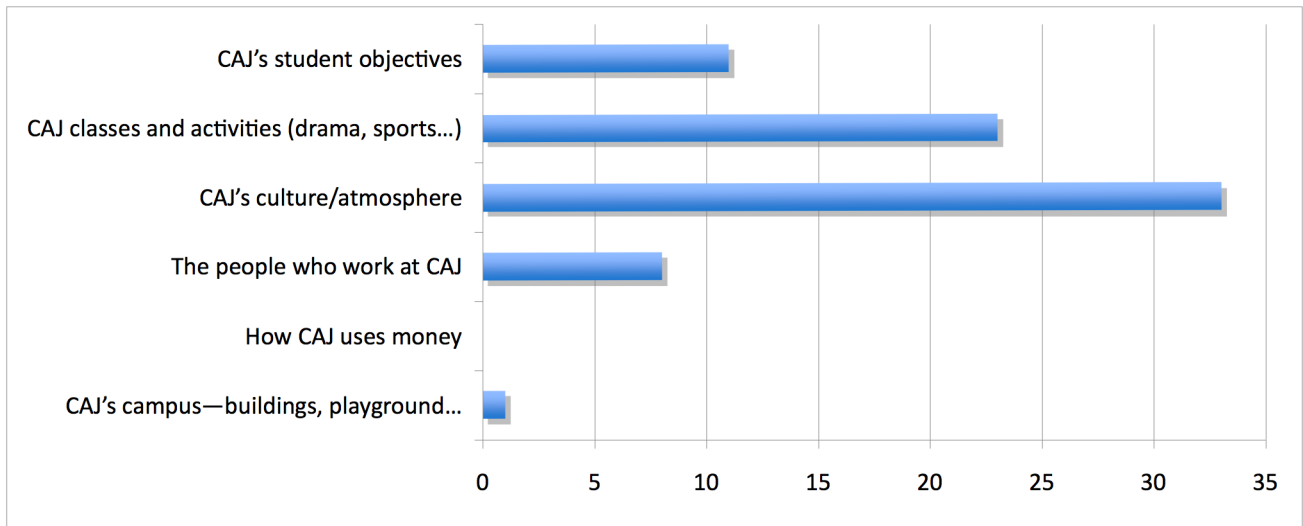


## 2011 CAJ Strengths, Parents

September 9-16, 2011, CAJ parents representing 322 families were asked to complete a google survey in which they were asked to respond to the following question: "Parents, what is 1 thing you like about CAJ?" Parents were then asked to identify which category the identified strength fit with. (The categories were user-friendly versions of CAJ's ends and focus groups).

Parents provided 76 submissions. The submissions were reviewed in terms of appropriate alignment of identified strengths and categories (which was not always a straightforward task, as some submissions may have addressed more than 1 category). As necessary, identified strengths were re-categorized. The chart below provides a breakdown of the categorization of the 66 submissions:



**Here are the parent submissions, categorized by user-friendly versions of CAJ's ends and focus groups:**

### **CAJ's student objectives:**

1. CAJ provides an education based on Christianity and is an excellent school. There are quite a few mission schools in Japan, but most of these mission schools are Christian in name only.
2. The Word of God is the focal point, not just one of the subjects.
3. CAJ makes a declaration that Jesus is the center of the school.
4. That the Bible is not just a subject, but the guide for everything that takes place at CAJ. (Just ONE thing?...) )
5. CAJ is the best place for my child to be educated as the curriculum and the environment of school has built up my kid's Christian character. This is very blessed education community that we cannot find from other schools.
6. We like your school philosophy, vision, program, and culture/atmosphere.
7. The number one reason to send our children to CAJ is the clear Christ-centered education objective.
8. That they truly are a CHRISTian school. I have been involved in previous Christian schools and their values are almost as the same as any other school, BUT CAJ is different. Thank you for really having Christ as the foundation at your school. It goes for every area at CAJ—the staff, the students, the way CAJ is run as a business/school, the way they are involved in families doing mission work, and the way the use their finances as a school.
9. The entire school is Christ-centered.

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10. The CAJ mission statement: to more effectively equip students to impact the world for Christ.
11. Christian school

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

1. Good sporting opportunities for the students. Being a part of the Kanto athletic league and having the chance to compete in the Far East tournament competition add much to the middle and high school experience at CAJ.
2. Small class size and the attention that each individual receives.
3. CAJ's education practices love in action and is grounded in a firm foundation of God's teachings.
4. Christian education
5. CAJ's education is based in God's truth.
6. I like that CAJ emphasizes spiritual life as well as being strong on the educational level.
7. It's size. Not too big, not too small, enabling us to build relationships, important for any school.
8. CAJ teachers teach from a biblical perspective.
9. Bible-based education
10. The fact that CAJ has and uses its Christian background to educate the students not only academically, but also emotionally and mentally as individual people.
11. CAJ has been providing Christ-centered education to our sons and daughters. Especially, all subjects are taught firmly based on the Bible and all teachers teach every subject from the views of God's standpoint. Please keep on going that way.
12. Organized, harmonized curriculum.
13. Program
14. The LRC
15. The music program
16. CAJ provides good Christian value in and through student academic pursuit.
17. The foundational Biblical teaching and Christian input of the teachers, chapel, service projects, etc.
18. Christ-centered curriculum and teaching
19. CAJ provides a God-centered education. Bible class and chapel are amazing.
20. The most important thing is the way that CAJ seeks to guide the students in developing a Biblical worldview in all of life, and put God at the center of all!
21. Education based on the Bible
22. The Resource Center and the work of Roberta Carrick and her team are the greatest. Not only do they provide wise and helpful direction for children in need, but the fact that she has been there consistently over the years provides a good stability in an area where change is discouraging for parents and disrupting for children.
23. Activities/programs based on Christianity

### **CAJ's culture/atmosphere**

1. The students are encouraged to improve themselves individually without comparing themselves with other students. They are not forced to adjust to someone else's pace.
2. CAJ is a welcoming community and does a good job of making visitors feel at home.

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3. CAJ is a big family, and I feel at home.
4. Everyone at school is very friendly.
5. Christian ethos
6. CAJ is God-centered. We are all unique individuals and are drawn together to God, and I find great comfort in knowing that CAJ is always striving to keep everyone drawn to God.
7. Committed to excellence and God
8. We like the family atmosphere about CAJ where there is a closeness among the students, the teachers, and the parents. We feel that the school cares for each and every one of their students. It's also nice to have our church, KBF, right on campus and where can worship with many of the people from CAJ.
9. That our child really seems to like CAJ, that there seems to be a place for him there, with other students like our child and who could be good, genuine friends with our child.
10. The warmth, openness and acceptance that I feel and get from the staff that reflects the love to Christ to all. This is especially good as an atmosphere for the children to grow in and learn from.
11. The community and that the teachers love Jesus and are working for Him. But that is two or three things :-)
12. CAJ's culture of racial/cultural acceptance.
13. CAJ cares about the uniqueness of each individual.
14. CAJ lives up to what it means to be a great Christian educational community. The educational environment that CAJ has fostered really lives up to the ideals of Christian education.
15. The diversity!
16. If I could narrow it down to one thing, I would have to say that I like the way the staff provide Christian mentoring for their students.
17. CAJ staff pray before they begin an event and put all matters in God's hands.
18. Community
19. Too many things..... okay one, the obvious academic/spiritual/emotional COMMITMENT of the teachers and staff to the students.
20. The ambience...a friendly one!!
21. Professional yet caring atmosphere
22. That the teachers and staff are loving, kind, encouraging and supportive of the students.
23. Fantastic Christian atmosphere of love and acceptance
24. CAJ's staff members are caring and there's a sense of community at school.
25. CAJ's atmosphere is conducive to the training and nurturing of excellent students.
26. Staff and parents are warm, listening, helpful & very friendly. Nice family like atmosphere.
27. Staff, teachers, and many parents want to help students develop in all-around Christian character in an atmosphere of grace combined with wise boundaries.
28. Based on the Bible
29. To see not only the minds of students but also hearts.
30. The upperclassmen are friendly towards the underclassmen. They set a good example.
31. CAJ's Christian values are what parents like us really hope for our children to internalize so that when they leave to start an adult life, they are well prepared for it.
32. One good thing about CAJ is that they are making God in the highest.

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33. I like how students are having positive relationship and interaction with their teachers.

### **The people who work at CAJ**

1. All teachers are very nice and patient in any situation for all students. So, we can believe in them and let my child go to school every day. He will enjoy school. Thank you so much.
2. The teachers and staff seem genuinely to care about my child.
3. The staff are committed to their work, and the support staff are very helpful.
4. The teachers and support staff are quick to minister to those in need and take steps to meet each situation.
5. Committed Christian staff
6. It's extremely difficult to find a place where kids can learn, play, and develop under the supervision of responsible teachers in such a fallen world. But we found CAJ, and it's exactly what we want! Thanks!
7. The thing I like about CAJ: Staff and the teachers who are all accommodating and approachable, and give time to answer our questions through e-mail.
8. Good teamwork amongst staff and that many staff have either graduated from CAJ or their children go there.

**How CAJ uses money:** No comments

### **CAJ's campus—buildings, playground...**

1. CAJ is full of trees and various plant life, and the campus is always well kept.

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**On November 11, 2011, the PTA Executive Committee reviewed the parent survey data in order to answer the question, "What do parents like best about CAJ?" They identified 3 things parents like best about CAJ:**

- Christ-centered
- Warm, friendly, welcoming, family Christian atmosphere
- Caring, committed, involved staff