

## **Final Report: Student Interest Surveys**

### **MDHS**

#### ***Data Breakdown***

The most popular activities among males starting with the most popular are Video Games, Pool Tables, Computers to Use, Ping Pong, and Live Music (bands). As a percentage of total male responses these are 64.4%, 62.2%, 53.3%, 46.7%, and 46.7% respectively. Most students would get to these activities either by walking (44.4%) or getting a ride (44.4%). The best time to attend these activities is between 4pm to 6pm on any weekday (Mon – Fri) as each of these days has a relatively high percentage of preference (between 48.9% to 60%).

The most popular activities among females starting with the most popular are Live Music (bands), Pool Tables, Photography, Computers to use, Music Videos and Ping Pong. As a percentage of total female responses they are 79.2%, 67.9%, 50.9%, 49.1%, 47.2%, and 45.3% respectively. The majority of these would attend between 4pm to 6pm (73.6%) on any weekday (Mon – Fri) as each of these days has an approximately equal preference for attendance (ranging from 41.5% to 56.6%); however, a significant percentage would also attend between the hours of 6pm to 9pm (47.2%). Most of these kids state that they would get a ride to these activities (67.9%) and approx. 40% would also be willing to walk.

It is also important to look at these results as a combined total of both male and female responses to get an overall picture of the popularity of these activities. The most popular overall are Live Music, Pool Tables, Computers to Use, Video Games, and Ping Pong. Expressed as a percentage of total male and female responses combined they are 64.3%, 62.2%, 51%, 48%, 45.9% respectively. The majority of all students would attend between the hours of 4pm to 6pm (71.4%) on any weekday (Mon – Fri) as each of these days has an approximately equal percentage of preference (range is 49% to 57.1%). Once again the most popular methods of transportation to these activities is Getting a Ride and Walking, coming in at 57.1% and 41.8% respectively.

#### ***Recommendations***

Implement an activities program for both male and female students that consists of Live Music (such as coffee house events), Billiards, Ping Pong, Computers, Video Games (you may want to rethink the video games decision as finding agreement among which video games should be purchased may be a point of contention for many students, not to mention the pre-screening involved with many games that involve violence/controversial content etc.).

With respect to female activities (although certainly still open to males), Photography is a popular one among girls (50.9%) and would be worthwhile implementing. Also, you may wish to implement activities involving Henna Art and Unisex Hairstyling for the girls; however, these are lower on their list of preferred activities (37.7% for each). Henna Art might be given a little preference over Hairstyling as it shows a willingness to reflect cultural diversity in the activities offered.

All of the above mentioned activities should be held any weekday (Mon – Fri) between the hours of 4pm to 6pm. This decision is based on data breakdown discussed earlier.

## **E.C. Drury**

### ***Data Breakdown***

The top 5 most popular activities for boys at Drury are Pool Tables, Ping Pong, Video Games, Computers to Use, and Live Music (bands). Expressed as a percentage these are 67.6%, 62.2%, 62.2%, 51.4%, and 51.4% respectively. Most of these students would be willing to attend these activities between 4pm to 6pm (73%) and between 6pm to 9pm (62.2%). The preferred day of attendance is Friday (67.6%). It is a far more popular day to attend than all the others according to the survey (the other days range from 32.4% to 40.5%). The popular choices for getting to the activities are walking and getting a ride, 56.8% and 46% respectively.

The most favoured activities of the girls are Pool Tables, Live Music, Computers to Use, Photography, and Henna Art. Expressed as a percentage these are 66.7%, 60%, 60%, 56.7%, and 51.7% respectively. An overwhelming percentage of these girls would attend these activities between the hours of 4pm to 6pm ( 71.7% ). The preferred days to attend are divided equally between Mon to Fri. (range is from 41.7% to 50%). The preferred choice of getting to the activities is to either Walk (60%) or Get a Ride (55%).

The combined results for the data for both male and female, ranked most popular to least, are as follows: Pool Tables, Live Music, Computers to Use, Ping Pong, and Photography. These weigh in at 60.8%, 56.7%, 56.7%, 51.6% and 42.3% respectively. The choice to attend between 4pm – 6pm is the clear choice here coming in at 72.2% whereas the 6pm – 9pm option is only 49.5%. The best days to attend the event are fairly evenly split between Mon - Thurs (range is from 39.2% to 46.4%), however Friday is the most popular (51.6%). Finally, the most popular method to get to these activities is Walking (58.8%) and Getting a Ride (51.6%).

### ***Recommendations***

Activities that should be implemented for both males and females should consist of Billiards, Live Music, Computers to Use, Ping Pong, and Photography. However, there are other activities that still ranked quite high. Music Videos and Video Games, for example, still had a 41.2% favourable response.

With respect to female activities, Henna Art was very popular among girls (51.7%). Therefore, I would certainly recommend that this activity be put in place in addition to those mentioned above. This activity should be run any weekday Mon – Fri from 4pm to 6pm.

A special note with regards to the male data collected from EC Drury. The sample size was only 37 students; therefore, there might be some significant skewness that may have biased these results. I would recommend collecting the data again for male students making sure to survey approx. 60 students. This will ensure greater accuracy in the results presented.

## **Abbey Park HS**

### ***Data Breakdown***

Activities most popular among boys are Pool Tables/Billiards, Ping Pong, Video Games, Computers to Use, and Live Music. Expressed as a percentage these are 71.8%, 69.2%, 66.7%, 61.5%, and 56.4% respectively. Most of these students would be willing to attend these activities between the hours of 4pm to 6pm (69.2%). However, a significant number would also be willing to attend between the hours of 6pm to 9pm (56.4%). The preferred day of attendance is Mon. to Thurs. (range is from 53.3% to 57.8%) while Friday was not a very popular day for attendance at only 42.2% relative to the other weekdays. The favoured method of getting to the activities is Walking (76.9%).

Girls at Abbey Park prefer activities such as Live Music (coffee house), Ping Pong, Computers to Use, Photography, and Billiards/Pool Tables. Expressed as a percentage of all female responses these are 57.8%, 53.3%, 51.1%, 51.1%, and 48.9% respectively. The preferred time to attend these activities for girls is split between 4pm to 6pm and 6pm to 9pm weighing in at 77.8% and 75.6% respectively. The preferred days to attend are split almost evenly from Mon. to Thurs. (range is from 53.3% to 57.8%) while Friday is the least popular at only 42.2%. To get to the activities the favoured responses were Walking and Getting a Ride at 57.8% and 44.4% respectively.

As a total of both girls and boys, the most popular activities are Ping Pong, Billiards/Pool Tables, Computers to Use, Video Games, and Live Music. Expressed as a percentage of total responses these are 60.7%, 59.5%, 56%, 47.6%, and 46.4% respectively. The best time of day to attend these activities is between 4pm – 6pm (73.8%) and 6pm – 9pm (66.7%). The most popular days to attend are Mon. – Thur. (range is from 57.1% to 63.1%) while Friday is only at 47.6%.

### ***Recommendations***

Activities to run based on above data are Billiards, Ping Pong, Video Games, Computers to Use, and Live Music. These should be run any weekday from Monday to Thursday during the hours of 4pm to 6pm to achieve the maximum turnout of students.

For the girls, photography is very popular, achieving 51.1% of the female vote. Therefore, I would also recommend setting up a photography activity/class. This should be run any weekday from Mon. to Thurs between the hours of 4pm to 6pm.

As with EC Drury, Abbey Park's survey contained only a small number of male responses. I would recommend that more males be surveyed as well as women (aim for approx. 60 or greater from each gender). This will help improve the accuracy of the results.

## **Loyola**

### ***Data Breakdown***

The most popular activities among males at Loyola are Billiards/Pool Tables, Video Games, Ping Pong, Live Music (coffee house), and Computers to Use. Expressed as a percentage these are 85.6%, 78.9%, 74.4%, 67.8%, and 64.4% respectively. Boys prefer to attend between the hours of 4pm to 6pm (85.6%) and the preferred day to attend is Friday (58.9%). Attendance is approx. the same between Mon to Thurs ranging from 44.4% to 48.9%. The preferred method to get to the activities is Walking and Getting a Ride at 57.8% and 48.9% respectively.

The most popular activities among females at Loyola are Live Music, Computers to Use, Music Videos, Ping Pong, Photography, and Billiards/Pool Tables. Expressed as a percentage these are 66.7%, 62.1%, 57.5%, 51.7%, 48.3%, and 47.1% respectively. The preferred days to attend are Tues – Fri (range is 41.3% to 54%) from 4pm to 6pm (66.7%). The number one and two methods of getting to the activities are Walking (51.7%) and Getting a Ride (54%).

The most accepted activities for both boys and girls as a total are Live Music, Billiards/Pool Tables, Ping Pong, Computers to Use, and Video Games. Expressed as a percentage these are 67.2%, 66.7%, 63.3%, 63.3%, and 59.9%. The ideal days to attend are split relatively evenly between Mon – Fri (range is from 40.7% to 52.5%) and the best time to attend is between 4pm to 6pm (76.3%). The desired means of reaching the activities is Walking (54.8%) and Getting a Ride (57.8%).

### ***Recommendations***

Go forward with Live Music (hosting coffee houses), Billiards/Pool Tables, Ping Pong, Computers to Use, and Video Games activities. Hold these activities from 4pm – 6pm, Mon – Fri. to achieve optimal attendance.

The significant number of girls at Loyola also expressed an interest in Photography (48.3%) and Henna Art (41.4%). Therefore, I would implement these activities in addition to those mentioned above. Run these 2 activities from 4pm – 6pm, on any day (Tues – Fri) to get the best turnout of students.

## **Bishop Reding**

### ***Data Breakdown***

The most well liked activities among boys at Bishop Reding are Billiards/Pool Tables, Video Games, Ping Pong, Computers to Use, and Music Videos. Expressed as a percentage of male responses these are 85.5%, 70.9%, 65.5%, 61.8%, and 47.3% respectively. The best days to attend for boys are Mon – Thurs (range is from 43.6% to 56.4%) from 4pm to 6pm. The preferred action to get to the activities is Walking (54.6%) and Getting a Ride (40%).

Premium activities for girls at Bishop Reding include Live Music, Photography, Computers to Use, Billiards/Pool Tables, and Music Videos. As a percentage of female responses these are 73.1%, 69.2%, 61.5%, 55.8%, and 53.9% respectively. Girls would like to attend these activities from 4pm – 6pm, Monday to Thursday. The method of choice to reach these activities is Walking (55.8%) and Getting a Ride (51.9%).

For both boys and girls combined the preferred activities were Billiards/Pool Tables, Computers to Use, Ping Pong, Live Music, and Music Videos. The best days to attend were Mon – Thurs (range is from 43% to 54.2%) from 4pm – 6pm (72.9%). The best way for students to get to the activities is either by Walking (55.1%) or Getting a Ride (45.8%).

### ***Recommendations***

The ideal activities for Bishop Reding to run Billiards/Pool Tables, Computers to Use, Ping Pong, Live Music (hold coffee houses), and Music Videos. These activities should be held on any day Mon – Thurs from 4pm to 6pm to achieve the greatest attendance.

For the boys, Video Games are also very popular (70.9%). Therefore, they should also be added to the list of activities mentioned above. This activity should be run on any day between Mon – Thurs from 4pm – 6pm to generate the largest number of students attending.

Amongst the girls Photography is very well liked along with Unisex Hairstyling (46.2%) and Henna Art (42.3%). Thus, these activities should also be added to the list above. These 3 activities should be run on Mon – Thurs from 4pm to 6pm to achieve maximum attendance.

***Special Note Regarding the Surveys:*** The data used from the surveys to compile this report may be biased upward somewhat due to the fact that there was no option on the activities list to select “Not interested in any activities listed”. Students may have felt that they had to choose an option that was on the list when in fact they did not, this would have placed an upward bias on the results. Exactly how much bias is unknown. Despite the bias that may be present I am confident that these results reasonably reflect the views of the student population at large.

It should also be noted that intramural sports that were not offered as an option on the list may be quite popular based on some personal responses given. If a place could be found to host such sports I would suggest conducting another survey that addresses only intramural sports (also include fitness/exercise classes) and that those surveyed be identified as people who either do or do not already play on a school team (the reason for this is to see who can actually attend the intramural sports as it is assumed that those who already play on a school team will not have the time for intramural sports).