



# WOODHAVEN THOUGHTEXCHANGE 2022

## Parkland School Division 70

Which school program is your child enrolled in?

**Q1** What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about Woodhaven Middle School and/or Parkland School Division this year? (Note: you can hit the three purple dots and skip a thought in the 'Star' phase if a thought doesn't apply to you.)

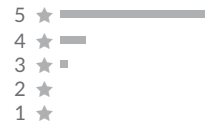
**I appreciate the renovations and updates to the school. I believe the atmosphere enhances learning**

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**The my child really likes having gym class every day. Keeping kids active and developing skills, especially during the winter time is great! It is important because it can help with health as well as with confidence in sports. Also can help with learning.**

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**Daily physical education is great! Kids learn better if they have regular physical activity. Good for physical and mental well-being**

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**I appreciate what all the staff are doing to help keep the kids in school and safe this year. Kids need to be with their peers, some kids do alright learning from home but others do not.**

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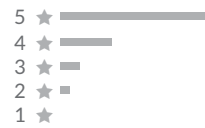
**Really appreciate the direction and leadership Chris Shaw has given the school. What a transformation in school culture and reputation!**

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**Good teachers & principal, working with the students.** It helps students gain knowledge and confidence

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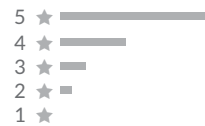
**Teachers** The teachers have been great through all of this.

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**Mr. Shaw** Best Principal around

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**I appreciate Woodhaven for being an Inclusive school. Not just saying they are but putting it into action. They care about all the kids.** It is important because every child matters!

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**I appreciate the EA's and the work they do. They work hard, try hard and do their best to get the child to succeed** Because every child matters

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**Shaw has made Woodhaven a great school for our kids. Him and Ms. Enders are a fantastic Admin team. We are very lucky.**

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**The admin at Woodhaven are the best!!! Mr. Shaw and Ms. Enders are such fantastic and knowledgeable leaders.** The school is a different and wonderful place because of you both!

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**support of admin and staff** to ensure my kid getting help needed

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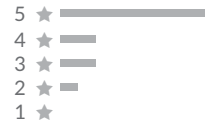
**I love that they have accepted and supported my student, even though he has behaviour concerns. They are great at communicating**  
Its been important because these last two years have been his most successful school years to date

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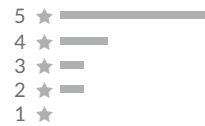
**When kids enter Woodhaven in gr 5, from Brookwood, they lose so much support. My child who need extra help academically, who benefited from a classroom aide, lost that when moving to Woodhaven.**

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**My daughter finishes her work fairly quickly and then is bored/has nothing else to do - sometimes all day. It's important to keep kids who compete their work engaged.**

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**Field trips** Children are missing out. There are ways this could have been accomodated.

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**I am very thankful for the DLR program to hold students accountable for missing assignments. It is a very pro-active approach versus reactive.**

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**newsletter to parents** alot of good information presented

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**I really appreciate communication with the teachers and information on what is being taught** So parents can be engaged in their child's learning

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**Woodhaven Middle School is an institution run with class and dignity. I'm proud to call myself a parent of a student there.**

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Over the last 2 years, the administration has handled the covid 19 situation as gracefully as possible, ensuring the physical + mental health of std.

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Kids need physical activity every day. This is inconsistent between schools. Gym should be everyday! Kids need to get moving, especially now more than ever!

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Teachers and staff need more training on how to deal with students with extra or special needs. This will help them better meet the needs of our children.

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Labelling of kids with ADHD, ADD or other neurodivergent issues as behavioural students needs to stop. Behaviour is due to brain development. Neurodivergent learners need strategies & support (& a lot of patience) not judgment or being labelled "bad". Very harmful to child & mental health.

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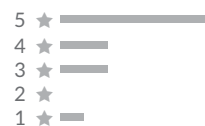
One big concern is BULLYING

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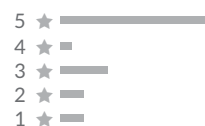
Love the amazing renovations at Woodhaven but Brookwood is in bad need of renovations. It needs the carpet changed, doors & needs more windows!!!

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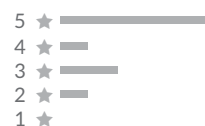
Hot lunch program My son really misses hot lunch and I know other schools make it happen. Why dont you.

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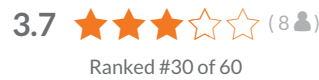


I appreciate the teachers and staff. You are doing an amazing job!

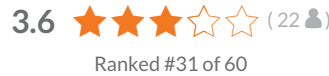
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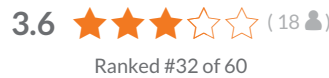
SO happy the mask mandate was lifted!



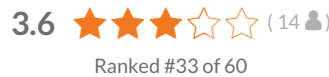
I appreciate that the school has been accommodating to my daughters needs in this confusing and difficult time. It's important because this is a very slow process to get into see therapist and specialist. Too have support just makes it a little less stressful.



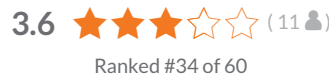
Parent Teacher Conferences Would like the option of having longer than a rushed 10 minute chat - whether in person or virtually. This is the only connect we have.



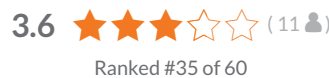
glad that the teachers actually listen and will stand up to the kids. some kids are dinks. so Im glad the teachers will take charge



All staff needs to read and be better familiar with my child's IEP so as to better understand their needs and necessary accommodations. Seems like only core teachers have read the IEP, not the phys. ed, french, music, library, etc. teachers





Love and appreciate the Maranatha Christian program. The MCP teachers are amazing. We love being at the wonderful schools of Brookwood & Woodhaven.

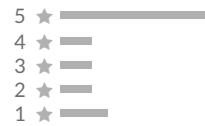


I'm so grateful and thankful that school sports have resumed! These extracurricular activities help community building within the school and across the grades! It's also so helpful for mental health.





**Maranatha Program** I am concerned about this program moving to yet another school. It's not healthy for the teachers or the students. The kids get used to their school!

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**concern was how many days are now absent days because of the covid protocol.** How is this gonna affect my kids grades now.

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**I think this teachers are doing their best helping our kids to become responsible adult tomorrow.**

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**I'm concerned that my child is too often told to read a text book and then do an assignment . There are more interesting and engaging ways to teach** So school is enjoyable and interesting. If not learning suffers.

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**Our principal truly cares for the kids but he's been put in a lose lose situation where he is forced to apply policy that may not be best for all.** Friction is arising between relationships and focus from what school is supposed to be about is shifting. Educators should not enforce health policy

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**Chapel** Social distancing could have happened to try make this happen. Churches have been gathering, why couldnt our children have some type of weekly gather

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**I am concerned about the talk about the MCP program moving schools.** I feel like we have built an incredible relationship with the school and do not want to leave. I don't see the purpose...

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**Communication needs to be consistent. I wish all teachers used the REMIND ME app. Would be so much easier to stay on top of things & know upcoming**

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**Masks need to go** They are proven ineffective and need to go

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**I'm concerned that my child dislikes school so much, saying he is bored all day. He finishes assignments quickly and is then told to just sit there** Learning should be fun and engaging

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**A major concern I have is when I ask my child how was school today , his response is ..ok .. do I have to go back tomorrow because I hate school** It's important for a child's mind to be stimulated and intrigued to keep them interested and wanting to come back to school every day

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**the busing concerns me** it was cancelled the first day of school. leaving us high and dry and trying to figure out how the hell we were going to get our kid to school.

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**I'm concerned about the seemingly lack of priority for MCP chapels. I realize Covid has stopped gatherings, but why not online style at a set block?** prioritizing whole-group chapel time can help the program feel united. It has felt like the program is dwindling without care or concern. Saddens me.

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**I appreciate the support I get from my daughters school when it comes to her struggles.** Because it allows me to stay connected too the school.

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**I do not like that grade 5 students are using computers too do there learning as I don't find it beneficial and causes more struggles for the child. I think it should go back to paper based as its not mandatory for grade 5 students to have laptops in class.**

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**I have a concern of the older school kids mixing with the younger ones during lunch and other breaks , does this happen much ?**

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**In light of the overwhelming research attesting to the psychological, physical and social harms of masking children, why are they still being enforced Short and long term health effects are clear. We must stop this debilitating effect on them now. Let them focus on their studies and actually be seen**

**3.0** ★★☆☆☆ (18 👤)  
Ranked #53 of 60



**I don't believe they are very focused on the mental health of there students I believe many children in the middle school age group go unheard**

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**Students should not have to do school work on "Snow days" if it's only 1-2 days. Kids need to still be kids & have this fun childhood ritual of thoroughly enjoying snow days! Plus hard for working parents to ensure they are working**

**2.9** ★★☆☆☆ (12 👤)  
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**worries about removal of mask mandate in schools protecting the kids and staff**

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**PSD following UCP guidance on Covid is a joke.** Because My wife and her parents are compromised. Following weakness just makes you look weak.

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**Parent Teacher Conferences** Our kids are off for 31 days in the school year for PD days, breaks, and staff planning. Can the teachers do some prof. devel. during the summer?

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