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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

It is important to provide a learning environment that exposes our children to the Reformed Christian values. Integrating a biblical perspective into all subjects' nurtures spiritual growth alongside academics. This learning helps students with building a lifelong foundation on Christ.

EDUCATION AT SOUTH CHRISTIAN IS BASED ON A REFORMED UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE AND THE WORLD. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU, AND HOW DOES THIS MAKE SOUTH CHRISTIAN DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS?

Scripture reveals everything that God wants us to know about His will and salvation. As a Christian, it is important for Biblical truths to permeate every aspect of life, focusing on glorifying God in all that we do. Reformed Christian teaching at SCHS provides this ideology in contrast to other private or parochial schools.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

For me, living a Christ-centered life means making Jesus Christ the focus and motivation for everything. Spending time to develop a deep and personal relationship with Him is important to me and also desiring to follow His example in all I do. This requires a thorough understanding of Jesus. Some ways I seek to accomplish this understanding is through bible study, church attendance, devotions, prayer and participation in the body of believers.

WHAT SPECIFIC SKILLS OR ABILITIES DO YOU SEE YOURSELF BRINGING TO THE BOARD? (Examples might include education, legal, finance/budgeting/planning, building facilities, fundraising, promotion or marketing, strategic planning, interpersonal skills.) ALSO, IDENTIFY ANY LEADERSHIP OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN.

Working in the role as a Nurse Practitioner, active and empathetic listening is very important in all interactions with patients and families I provide care for. Embodying teamwork which includes collaboration with others on the healthcare team is also very important to achieve desired goals and the best possible outcomes. In my role teaching nursing students, I experience how each student has unique, God-given gifts and how important my encouragement and support is for their learning and using these gifts for His glory.

I have used my ability to play the piano by participating in worship at church. I have taught Sunday School and coached youth soccer.

WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU SEE FACING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN GENERAL (AND SOUTH CHRISTIAN SPECIFICALLY) IN THE COMING YEARS? FEEL FREE TO SHARE IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE FOR FACING THESE CHALLENGES.

Social media, artificial intelligence and alternative lifestyles are significant challenges that I see facing our children and Christian education. We need to make sure our children are armed with knowledge to address these challenges from a Reformed perspective.