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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

We should expose our children to Reformed Christian values and teaching as much as possible. It provides the cement that holds all things together, especially later in life. To this day, in life situations, I recall and use Christian values I learned in school. Christian education shows students how all things in life relate to 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 how to be saved from His wrath. It is revealed to us through the law and the gospel. Truth permeates every area of Christian life. 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 constantly asking myself, "What would Jesus do?" in everything I do. This concept requires a thorough understanding of Jesus. I seek to accomplish this understanding through bible study, church attendance, 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.

In my job as City Engineer I am responsible for project management, finance, budgeting, strategic planning, leadership, interacting with public and private officials, and leadership. I chair several work-related committees. I have been on the board of directors for Trout Unlimited. I have served two terms on council at First CRC Byron. I have also coached youth football, baseball, and basketball. I have been a Cadet counselor for 6 years.

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.

Alternative lifestyles, social media, and artificial intelligence 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.