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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

I received public education all the way through college. I had no experience with Christian School before my husband was adamant that our children would attend one. I signed our first up for preschool at MCS and felt almost immediately that this was the perfect place for our family. 11 years later I am passionate about Christian education, the community it creates and enjoy subbing as much as I can.

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?

We can not earn our way to heaven. It is a free gift by God's grace that must be opened. This gift is for everyone. Knowing this should transform our lives and how we learn and live. The schools I attended were great but did not have this solid foundation that SCHS has, I believe I can appreciate that in a meaningful way.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

Knowing my relationship with Christ should be first in my life. Also by using the lens of the Bible to answer life's questions that arise daily.

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.

Business skills - finance/budgeting, promotions, marketing, education. I have volunteered in many areas and events at MCS including running the sporting clays fundraiser, promotions committee, school circle president, Accelerated Reader, library etc.

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.

The biggest challenge I feel is becoming luke warm. Our school is growing, this is a good thing but I pray we can hold the line to keep God at the center of the HS and that our students would bear good fruit in reflection of this.