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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

I believe that raising our kids with the partnership of church and school is the best way to keep the promise I made when our children were baptized. We promised to do our best to raise our kids in the knowledge and fear of the Lord. One major way that my husband and I keep that promise is to team up with God-fearing educators to point to Christ every day in all ways.

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?

I appreciate that the staff and students are required to sign their names after a statement of faith. It is of the utmost importance that the school's focus is always on Christ's work on the cross and our acknowledging the need for his saving grace. I trust that whatever class my child is in the TRUTH about God is taught.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

Although I can never claim to be doing life perfectly, I do promise that my goal of every day is to show that God is the center. My husband and I show this by reading the Bible together with our children at the dinner table most nights. We are faithful members at our church which means we love worshipping God as a family on a Sunday morning, but also serving at church and being involved in the youth ministries that our church organizes. My husband and I are also committed to being Christ-like at community events including sporting events or a festival in our church parking lot. I am a substitute teacher in the Christian schools and the public schools and I make sure that kids know that I love them because God loved me first.

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.

I have the unique opportunity of seeing MANY schools function and have been able to glean some of the best practices of each school or class. Some of those things have been creative ideas, some have been disciplinary measures, and some have been education tools. I also have just had the opportunity to take a DISC profile questionnaire and the results say that my biggest strengths are in teamwork and communication.

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.

One concern of mine that I think South Christian is facing is related to our sports program. Because of our recent success, the school is now attracting excellent athletes who want to participate in a winning program instead of focusing on the Christian aspect first. My thought is that if we allow these kids to attend our school, there needs to be a constant conversation with these particular students about their faith walk and the importance of it. We need to make sure we are teaching what our number one priority is at South Christian High School; which is having a personal relationship with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.