



## *Steve Marcusse*

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### **WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?**

Christian Education is the third pillar, along with home and church, in preparing our children in the best way possible to become the people God made them to be, on earth, and someday in Heaven.

### **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?**

SCHS strives for excellence in all aspects of our kids' development - not just spiritual, or not just academics, but in all facets of life. It's programming emphasizes God's sovereignty over everything we do in life.

### **HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?**

As a Christian, I do my best to try to become more like Jesus in all I think, say, and do. Having children gives us a glimpse of how God feels toward us, and with trying to understand that level of love he has for us, we should strive to respond with love, devotion, and obedience.

### **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.**

As a business owner, I have experience in finance, planning and fundraising. I've served on the BCCS school board, foundation board, and currently on the philanthropy committee.

### **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.**

I think SCHS has done a great job sticking to its Christ-centered mission. The temptation is always to drift slowly toward the secular culture. This will always be something to guard against, and the board needs to make sure we have continue to have strong leadership.