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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

I believe it is important for kids to have a strong Christian foundation so that when they are finished with school and enter into an occupation, they can use what they have learned in the home, church, and Christian School to be salt and light to others around them. I also value how Christ is incorporated into every subject and all aspects of life at school: social, emotional, and educational.

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 are all sinners in need of a Savior and saved by grace. God has provided salvation to us in Jesus Christ. That truth should impact every part of our lives, and our school, work relationships, and all other aspects of our lives should reflect that. At South Christian, every subject is taught around that truth, which is much different than other private schools.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

I start every day reading the Bible. I am on my fourth time reading through the Bible, using the Bible Recap plan. Reading through the Bible cover to cover has been life changing for me. I also try to glorify God in the work I do in my home, leaning upon the Holy Spirit to give me wisdom in raising our kids and to be a loving wife. Of course, I fail often, but I know I can turn to Jesus who loves and forgives me every time I fall short.

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.

My background is in education. I was a Kindergarten teacher at Collins Elementary in Forest Hills Public Schools for 10 years. I also occasionally substitute teach at BCCS. I feel like I have good interpersonal skills and love being around people. I served on BCCS's parent's club for 3 years, serving as president my last year. I was most recently on the Pastor Search Committee for our church for 10 months for 1st Byron CRC. I really enjoyed that experience, even though it was difficult at times.

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 there is and will continue to be a growing temptation to loosen requirements in terms of making sure Christian families who want to go to South Christian because they value Christian education, as opposed to families who are simply looking for a private school or a better sports program.