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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

I feel Christian Education is so important. I also think it's important to understand that it will not always be perfect. However; when parents, teachers, coaches, and administration are all united in their Christian beliefs, our children will always benefit. I pray that the education my kids have at SCHS will integrate their academic and faith journeys and give them the tools to use their God-given talents with confidence to ultimately honor God.

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 think a Reformed understanding of Scripture points to the Bible as the ultimate truth and affirms the belief that we receive Salvation through faith in Christ. I think SCHS does a great job of taking this a step farther with an emphasis on a deep personal relationship with God. I appreciate this and have seen the positive impact that teachers and coaches leading by example has had on our kids.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

A Christ-centered life is always the goal. With a busy schedule, this can be difficult and time spent with God can get pushed aside. I have found that surrounding myself with Christian friends, a weekly Bible study group, church involvement, and constant prayer have all helped keep my focus on the things that are truly important.

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.

With a business degree, my work experience is primarily in accounting and management. I currently run the office for our family business and enjoy much of the behind the scenes work and number crunching. Volunteering at SCHS whenever possible, especially with sports boosters, has been a great way to get to know the community here at South. It's a great community! I have also had the opportunity to serve on several committees at Heritage CRC, including the Personnel and Education Committees.

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.

Currently, it seems there is a lot of controversy within Christian communities. Addressing these things can be a challenge for our school. Seeking God's will and remaining true to the Bible's teachings is probably more important than ever.