



Excerpts from Mr. Schulze's letters to parents in the  
Falcon Family News

Jesus came to destroy the power of death so that we might know what it means to live as full human beings – that we might learn how to live for God. By becoming one of us, Jesus has shown us that the beauty and grace of our humanity is to praise God by developing and sharing our talents and gifts, to reverence God by acknowledging that we are created in God's image in spite of our weaknesses and limitations, and to serve God by serving one another. [January, 2003]

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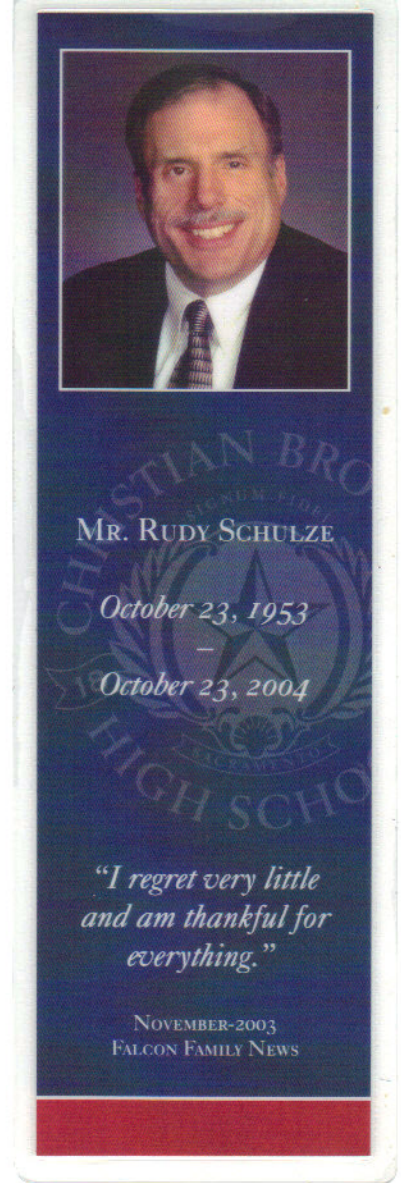
Part of my job as principal is to keep reminding all of us about the partnership we share: school, students, and parents. In today's difficult and fragmented world, we Catholic educators often stand in stark contrast to society's materialistic values. Our role is to assist you by offering our values as paradigms of faith, service, compassion, honesty, and integrity in conscious opposition to society's misplaced values of winning, grabbing, accumulating, consuming, and enjoying. That isn't always easy.

We are just another high school if we are not about living and witnessing to the Gospel values which give meaning and context to our faith. [May 2003]

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I regret very little and am thankful for everything. [November, 2003]

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The good news here is that there is not a feeling, thought, body sensation, or common human experience that we endure which Jesus himself did not endure. He made the best and right choices; he taught us how to do the same. And he left us the Holy Spirit to provide grace, support, and the gifts of Confirmation for every moment of our lives. [December, 2003]

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Relationships demand that we take off our masks and stop playing the games. Relationships require healthy, whole persons who risk being hurt once in a while and who are strong enough to keep searching for the person who will fulfill them, complement them, and make them happy. Relationships are hard work. [February, 2004]

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Leadership's currency is principles, not perceptions. As teenagers, their lives are filled with the perceptions of others and people telling them that perception is all there is. We educators fight against that tide as strongly as a salmon swims upstream. We present your sons and daughters with challenges, great and small. Expectations, goals and objectives, benchmarks, desired outcomes. We do this in classrooms, on the playing fields, in the theatre, music rooms, and art studios.

We are teaching them that effective, genuine leadership is about truth, action, honor, moving forward, admitting mistakes, and never quitting. Moreover, leadership is about influencing others—teaching people to see, teaching people to confront evil (especially public, structured evil), and teaching people how to move from hatred and division to reconciliation and community. I am reminded of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's fox who teaches the Little Prince: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye."

Ultimately, for us Christians, leadership is about service. Jesus' whisper: Wash one another's feet. (John 13:1-17) [May, 2004]

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No one was more surprised at the resurrection than Jesus. The Father raised the dead Son so that we might have life. So that we might be bread broken for one another, passed around and shared. So that we might be wine poured out in loving service. "Whenever you do this, remember me." Because of the Resurrection and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus is with us always. Live, Jesus, in our hearts. Forever. [April 2003]



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