

Senior Class Discussion

First and foremost the senior class would like to thank you, Mr. Korte, for coming in today.

We are thankful for the position that you have taken over the last four years. We know it is not an easy job, and we are grateful for your commitment to Concordia.

We are thankful for the staff and their involvement in the student body. It is nice to have a small enough school that you are recognized and asked to be involved, rather than turned away from activities.

We, as seniors, care for this school, even though it may not always seem that way. Since we care we have decided to come to you with ideas on how to better the school.

DISCIPLINE:

- Punishment to fit the crime (Ex. Saturday school for one corner of a shirt untucked)

Suggestion: find more reasonable punishments that are more applicable to the crime

- Sarcastic and rude speech (Ex. Mr. Korte telling the entire 4th hour study hall they were stupid on April 20th , 2005)

Suggestion: Control the language to maintain an authority level with the students, treat all students with respect. Please treat the students with the same amount of respect that you would like to be treated.

-Please that people are proclaimed innocent until proven guilty

Suggestion: look into the situation and gather information before making an assumption. Please think positively about people until the worse is proven.

-Keep control in the classrooms (Ex. Mr. Korte not being in his own study hall)

Suggestion: Ask for more organization from the teachers. Consistency is needed for proper learning and classroom control. Please encourage the teachers to keep control in their classrooms. Please ask the teachers to have discipline over their class that is based on mutual respect and not false threats.

- Stop the announcements in the middle of classes (Ex. In the middle of eighth hour everyday)

Suggestion: Announce during designated times and only then, no more class interruptions.

- Do not put down whole classes (Ex. Mr. Zehnder on Community Service day, made a crack on a seventh grader's mistake and then said that he was just like the seniors.)

Suggestion: These insults towards whole classes should never happen. What you say and how you say it as powerful. Please do not disrespect whole classes as a n administrative authority. If you bring out our good qualities in front of others we will be more complacent to obey you. Disrespect whole classes and there will be ill feelings toward the administration as a whole. These ill feelings are what lead to rebellion, what you sow is what you reap.

- Keep the main things the focus...

Suggestion: Keep developing Christian character, then focus on dress code.

REASONS FOR PAST ACTIONS:

- Explain to us why some things happened at our school

(Ex. Why was it not explained to the students that information about teachers cannot be disclosed and they are not allowed to talk about it.)

Suggestion: Inform the student body as much as you are allowed to keep us from creating gossip about it or make the situation worse

DRESS CODE:

- Be consistent with the dress code punishments (Ex. Allowing some to have a shirt untucked and have a second chance and then others get a Saturday school)

Suggestion: equal discipline across the board, that way there is no room for people to get angry. Enforce the rules with everybody.

- Raise us up to a standard instead of consistently and sarcastically pointing out our flaws.