

***Superman was Probably One of Us,
and Most Likely had a LD....***

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Hello, and thank you for this opportunity to address the graduating students. It is always a thrill, to see and honor your accomplishments over the past year.

As students of Churchill Center and School, we continually address 2 aspects of our personalities.

The first, is our extreme intelligence which appears in the form of our strengths. This limitless fountain of creativity, efficiency, and sheer potential defines us as truly unique individuals at a very early point in our lives.

The second, is the thing that prevents us from being able to fully use this abundance of potential. We, as Churchill-ians affectionately refer to this as our weaknesses.

In thinking about this, I realized another individual who was also blessed by this strength-weaknesses personality. - Superman.

Like super man we are capable of amazing things. While he maybe able to fly, see through walls and stop trains, you, the graduating students have shattered mile times, reproduced Broadway hits, and even programmed robots. These are truly extraordinary feats indeed.

However, even supper man has one critical weakness. - Kryptonite

Now this substance from the planet krypton not only renders superman powerless, but often results in a feeling of certain doom for the man of steel.

Like super man we often feel this way when we are faced by our own personal weaknesses. - Distressed, powerless, and searching for a way out.

To defeat these crippling effects, super man not only relies on his strengths but also the support of his close friend Lowes Lane.

You see, the same way that your teachers here at Churchill encourage and challenge you to succeed it is Lowes Lane who challenges superman by repeatedly finding herself in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Regardless of how tough his skin is, how strong his muscles are, or how handy the ability to fly can be, the endless responsibility of protecting the citizenry would, eventually leave superman discouraged and defeated.

In order to carry on superman looks to the people closest to him - his peers, his family, and most importantly his friends.

The same way that super man looks to these people for support, you also must look to those around you

- those who know where you come from, those who understand how to mitigate your weaknesses, and those who can capitalize your strengths.

While the responsibility of success ultimately falls on your shoulders, it is critical to recognize the things that make you stumble.

Have the courage to ask for the help you need and simultaneously have the courage to tell others where it is that you excel.

I mean after all, No one would know to call super man to save them if he hadn't shown them that he could fly.

And no one would know that it was the kryptonite that crippled the man of steel if he didn't call for help.

Whether this is your first, second, or last year at Churchill, make it known where you succeed and actively seek out how you may help others.

By doing so you will be able to create a network of super hero side kicks capable to tackling any problem.

As you go through the rest of your academic lives, Do not forget the ones who know what you've been through and remember it is your teachers and classmates who truly understand just how spectacular and unique your minds are.

I know I can speak for everyone here in saying that we eagerly await seeing what amazing things that you will do both as individuals and as a class.

Thank You.