

Why Send Your Children to St. Columbkille?



One of the fortunate things about living in this country is that we have the opportunity to educate our children. And, one of the fortunate things about living in this area is that we offer an affordable alternative to the public school. Not every country in today's world offers universal education for their children. And, not every community in this country has an affordable alternative to the public school.

So, why should you send your kids here? Well, first and foremost, we are a *Catholic* school. We are not just a private school, we are *Catholic*. We teach our students the Catholic Faith. We teach them to pray, and we pray with them everyday. We pray to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We pray to St. Mary, the Mother of God the Son. We pray to her husband, Joseph. We pray to St. Peter, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Paul, and all the Communion of Saints. We teach that Jesus was crucified, died, and rose from the dead. We teach that he instituted the Eucharist so that we can eat and drink His flesh and blood as He commanded us to do. We teach that He is in heaven with God the Father, and that someday He will return to Earth. We teach that there is a heaven and there is a hell, and that God loves us and if we turn to Him in Confession He will forgive us our sins and cleanse our souls so that we will be with Him forever in heaven.

Another reason that you should send your kids here is that we are a community. This is not just the school building that you have been assigned to send your kids by some public school district office. This is the school of your parish. This is the school of our community of believers. We see each other at Mass. We fellowship at the fish fries. We take our kids to the parish Fun Festival. Our kids play sports together. We celebrate together, and sometimes we mourn together. You have many opportunities to get to know each family here in the parish. If you don't know each family and child personally, then there is always someone you know who does know them. This is in contrast to the public school where people who don't know each other and are of different beliefs and values send their children to be educated together. Is it any wonder that on average, students in our school do better?

Well, that leads right into a third reason why you should want to send your children to St. Columbkille. First of all, I have to commend our local public school. They obviously do a great job of educating the children that they have. This is attested to by the fact that they rank at the top of the state in several academic areas. But, does this mean that you have to trade in a good academic education in order to send your child to St. Columbkille for a good Catholic education? I'm happy to tell you that "No, you don't!" In fact, when we compare the same standardized test scores to those of our local public school our students at St. Columbkille score significantly higher.

If you already send your children here I commend you for making a great choice. If you don't send your children here, or if you are in that time of life where you must make a decision on where you are going to send your children, consider St. Columbkille Catholic School. We would be glad to visit with you and give you a tour of the school.

In His Service,
Jim Makey, Principal