



Sometimes I'm not sure what to write about and this would be one of those times. So, if I ramble on, please just bear with me, or click around the website and see what new things have been put up. It is constantly changing and improving.

Mrs. Redburn, the assistant principal, and I went down to the Papillion-La Vista Central Office for a meeting the other day. As we were driving back we were both somewhat in awe of the tremendous amount of resources that they are able to provide for their students. But, as we continued to discuss this, we both realized that there were a lot of strings attached to the money that they received to enjoy all of these resources. The government now tells schools what to teach, including many things that are in opposition to what we believe as Catholics. It even tells us what we can feed our kids at school because evidently we're aren't capable of making that decision ourselves either. During my career most of this started back with the *No Child Left Behind Act*. But, when I talk to some of the old-timers in the education business they will tell you it started much earlier.

Being the glass half-full kind of people that we are, Mrs. Redburn and I started thinking about what resources we have that they don't have. You can probably guess the number one thing we came up with. It is you, the parents. Oh yes, the public schools have parents, and many of them are great parents. But, we have more, and ours work harder, and ours are more invested in their school than our public counterparts.

Some cases in point. One, is our Home School Association. Those people work their tails off just to give us some of the things that our counterparts take for granted. They are always scheming (in a good way) on ways to make more money or offer more niceties for our students and staff.

A second is the Teachers And Stewards for Kids (TASK) group. They are doing projects for teachers and even working with students in the classroom. This is a tremendous help to our teachers and we intend to use this more and more as it grows.

Then there are the Enrichment clubs. Things like robotics, construction, speech and debate, choir, yearbook, doing acts of kindness, studying the rosary, and even a conversation club. These are great skill-building and learning opportunities for our kids.

So you, dear people, are our ace up the sleeve. If you have wanted to get involved, these three things are great opportunities for you to do so. In fact, I hope you do because it will only make Saint Columbkille Catholic School a better place for our kids.

Yours In Christ,

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