



St. Columbkille Counselor

Dear Parents and Guardians of St. Columbkille students,

Hello- I am Margaret Berentson the school counselor at St. Columbkille Catholic School.

I have over thirty years of career experience in education at the elementary and middle school levels. Most recently I was an elementary school counselor in the Papillion-LaVista Community School District and prior to that I was a teacher and counselor in North Platte at both the elementary and middle school levels. I have Bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Master's degree in School Counseling from the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

I am meeting with all students in grades K - 6 twice a month for classroom guidance lessons. Students in middle school have a monthly guidance lesson. Topics include: Friendship Skills, Anger Management, Conflict Resolution Skills, and Career Awareness. Lessons on character include the themes of Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

The counseling program is aligned with the American School Counselor Association National Model. Students are developing knowledge and skills in the three domains: academic, career and personal/social.

Students may meet with the school counselor individually to discuss a problem or concern. Referrals can be made by teachers, administrators, parents or students. Please understand that school counseling is not therapy. If your child needs to meet more than a few times the counselor can assist you with a referral to an agency counselor or therapist.

Please contact me if I can be of help or if you have questions. I would be happy to visit with you.

How to contact the counselor:

Send an e-mail: mberentson@SaintColumbkilleSchool.org

or

Call me at school: (402) 339-8706

I am available at school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday mornings.

Margaret Berentson