

Colleen's Contemplations – August 2011

Wow, did summer go by fast. We all get so busy that we barely notice the days going by. Back to school sales already! My oldest is headed to middle school this year, which is much more scary for mom than it is for daughter. I've noticed the expense of school more than doubled. The school supply lists are longer, calculators are more expensive, and the registration fees could be well into the triple digits if your child is involved in extra-curriculars. We have our "fill the bus" campaign this month, which you might wonder why families can't afford those really cheap school supplies. Well, the expenses I listed above don't include physicals, clothing, sporting equipment, school pictures, musical instruments, and of course all the other fun kid expenses like glasses and braces. When money is tight, even those nickel erasers can feel overwhelming. So, have fun buying all those cheap school supplies and filling up our bus, because every penny matters.

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