



# Principals Page

Dear Parents,

As I look back on the year thus far and look into the school year to come, I think about what makes St. Celestine such a special school. Having been in Catholic education for over 20 years, it is important to note that St. Celestine School is different than almost any other school in the Archdiocese. We have so much to celebrate!

## **Our Academics deserve to be celebrated!**

Graduating St. Celestine students are accepted into the top private and public high schools in the area. St. Celestine emphasizes reading, writing and studying, enhanced by state-of-the-art technology, a developing STEAM Program and instruction in the arts. This is enhanced by a solid grounding in the Catholic faith.

Our ACT Aspire scores are well above the National Norm in every subject area. Such assessments are used not to label students, but rather to inform educational practice and to continue to offer the most rigorous education possible.

Students experience learning through our one-to-one device program and our growing STEAM Program which allow hands-on access to materials and encourage 21<sup>st</sup> Century educational skills. Students are taught to problem solve and design collaboratively and creatively.

Our faculty is experienced and we strive to bring current educational practice to our students and families. Faculty members attend conferences and PD regularly, including the National Catholic Educational Conference (NCEA), the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) and professional development offered by Bit Space, a local company providing STEAM resources for schools and educators.

Starting soon, St. Celestine School will welcome School of Education students from Dominican University to observe and collaborate on current educational practice.

If you have already registered for the 2019/20 school year, thank you for your part in this wonderful school. If you have not, please turn in your registration soon. Great things are happening and you don't want to miss out!

As always, if you would like to meet to discuss the year ahead, please reach out to me at 708-453-8234 or at [sklich@stcelestineschool.org](mailto:sklich@stcelestineschool.org).

With Gratitude and Blessing,

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