



## **St. Celestine School**

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### **YEAR 2021-2022**

#### **Cindy Gallagher - Technology Director**

I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to be the new Technology Director. I am looking forward to working with administrators, faculty, and students integrating technology into our curriculum.

This is my seventeenth year teaching. My husband, Kevin has been a member of the St. Celestine community all his life, while I have been part of the St. Celestine family since our marriage in 1988. We have three children, all of which graduated from St. Celestine School and went on to Catholic high schools and Catholic Universities.

I earned my Bachelor's degree in Business from NIU and my Master's degree in Teaching at Dominican University. A few years ago, I returned to Dominican on an Archdiocese Scholarship for my second Masters degree with a concentration in Educational Technology. I currently hold license endorsements in Elementary Education, Language Arts, Business, Marketing, Management, Economics, and recently added my Technology Specialist endorsement. I am a Dominican University Blended Learning Fellow, Google Level 1 Certified Educator, and a Hapara Champion Educator.

My first year after graduation was spent teaching first grade at St. Francis Borgia and teaching enrichment for third grade students in the Franklin Park School District. The first five years of my time teaching at St. Celestine was spent in kindergarten before moving up to third grade. I taught third grade for 10 years in which I implemented the first flipped classroom for math instruction.

We are proud of our 1:1 technology program in which our kindergarten through second grade students all have an iPad to use as their own throughout the school year. Our second through eighth grade students have Chromebooks with access to many Google apps which are integrated into the curriculum. We continue to expand this program to keep up with advances in technology.

My goals for this year are to 1) leverage our technology program toward mastery

of learning goals for our students, 2) develop and promote digital literacy and computer science as a foundational skill, 3) develop a 21<sup>st</sup> century skillset (collaboration, creativity, communication, critical thinking, and computational thinking) through the introduction of technology tools and collaborative maker projects, and 4) promote responsible digital citizenship.

The joy in teaching is watching students excited and engaged in learning while taking ownership of their learning!

One of my favorite quotes is...

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.” – Colin Powell

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