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This is my 21st year teaching art at St. Celestine School.

Now more than ever, in light of the current day, pandemic inspired “new norm”, we as a people, have come to see a rise in the awareness/importance with regards to the arts in our daily lives. Be it something as simple as a freshly chalked sidewalk, hand painted rocks hosting messages of hope, pedestrians toting vibrant and colorful posters at hospital entrance-ways, senior serenades or balcony-bound musicians tooting their own horn, joining forces, promoting harmony by way of impromptu jam sessions throughout the land; each has given voice to the healing entities associated with the arts. Each has shared their gift with the world with the hope of making it a better place. This is the purpose of the arts. While it is the linear and analytical mind of the scientist that will no doubt discover the cure, it is the abstract and intuitive mind of the artist, (a.k.a.), essential worker; that will carry us through the challenging times with a flourishing and encouraging wave of expression.

I am a graduate of St. Celestine, Mother Theodore Guerin and Rosary College. Prior to my return to St. Celestine’s School, (upon graduation from Rosary College 1986), I worked in the graphic arts industry. I see the full circle in things and have always been happy to return to SCS in a teaching capacity. I am passionate about writing and continue to work on an ongoing project for publication; a junior high storyline, taking place in a school setting, centered around the arts. I also enjoy creating graphic designs and have entered some of my digital photography in local art shows.

Inspired by our very own art room, students create in the setting of a studio-like environment where artistic expression flows freely; allowing the “magic” to take place. All students are guided and encouraged to use their creative abilities to the fullest.

In addition to our wonderful art program, the call to service is also incorporated.

Via the arts, students bring the experience of art into the everyday world as they design themed posters, placemats, and decorations for various school/parish/senior service projects/events. It is my intended focus to call to mind the value and awareness that the arts play (outside of the classroom). It is a known fact, that the arts enrich and enhance the structured, academic curriculum. I am happy to be on staff and look forward to yet another year of creative expression!

“Logic will get you from A to B, but imagination will take you everywhere.

“Albert Einstein”.

Check out the ART GALLERY located on the St. Celestine website; where there is always plenty going on in the department of creativity!