



## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

April 21, 2026

Dear SCS Families,

The 2025/26 school year is rapidly drawing to a close. It has been a joyful year in so many ways!

We are turning our eyes to the future. If you have not yet registered for the 2026/27 School Year, please do so. Many classes are filling quickly and we do not want to put current families on waiting lists.

Tuition assistance is being determined based on families who have registered and filed FACTS applications. Additionally, tuition assistance available through the Archdiocese is determined based on registration and FACTS aid applications.

If you have registered and are set for the 2026/27 School Year, please be sure that you have set up your 2026/27 account in FACTS for tuition payment. The first payment for 2026/27 is May 1.

Please review the tuition policy for details on tuition. It is being included in this week's Brown Envelope. Please note that families who register after May 1 will have the entire \$250 curriculum fee added to their first tuition payment, rather than having it spread through the year.

Volunteer hour update letters were sent last week and additional hours are available for the remainder of the year. Please watch for them. Please contact the school office by email if you have any questions regarding hours.

Lastly, we have an Out of Uniform Day on Friday, April 24.

Thankfully,

Sheila M. Klich  
Principal

## TUITION POLICY FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Celestine School and Parish accept the obligation of providing the best Roman Catholic Education possible within the limits of their resources. The Parish provides funds from the Parish budget to help cover the cost of operating our school. Catholic school families are expected to fully participate in the life of the parish to help insure its vibrancy in the future.

Each student and parent is expected to observe the policies of the school as outlined in the school handbook.

Parents/guardians accept the responsibility of paying their tuition on time. Tuition is due on or before the **first** day of the month. Since our school receives **no** assistance from any agency, including the Archdiocese, timely tuition payments are essential to the continued operation of our school. Therefore:

1. Families are encouraged to participate in the life of the Parish, especially as it relates to Mass attendance.
2. By the last Sunday in January, a \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee per family is due when registering for the next school year. After the last Sunday in January, the fee is \$125.
3. Tuition collection will begin in May of 2026. Should a family register and withdraw after May 30, the \$250 Curriculum fee will be deducted from any refunded tuition. This offsets the costs of staffing and materials which the school incurs starting in the spring.
4. Should a family register after May 1, the \$250 Curriculum fee will be added to the first tuition payment amount, rather than having it prorated throughout the year. This offsets the costs of staffing and materials which the school incurs starting in the spring.
5. When a family falls **one (1) payment behind**, they will receive notification from the School Finance Secretary.  
Any family behind **two (2) tuition payments** will be asked to withdraw their children from school until such time as back payments are paid in full. The notice will give them a grace period of one (1) week before the suspension takes effect.
6. No child will receive his/her report card at each trimester or at the end of the year (or participate in 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremonies if applicable), unless all tuition and fees are current.
7. No student is guaranteed placement for the new school year until all tuition, fees, and penalties from the previous school year have been paid in full.
8. There will be a \$25 service charge for all NSF checks.  
There will be a \$20 late fee for delinquent tuition and fees received after the **15<sup>th</sup>** day of each month.  
There will be a \$8 service charge for all certified letters.
9. Each family with a child in PreK (all day) thru 8th grade is **required** to raise/pay a minimum of **\$250 in sales of raffle tickets** for the mandatory school fund-raiser. Each family with a child in any half day preschool program is **required** to raise/pay a minimum of **\$125 in sales of raffle tickets** for the school fundraiser. Any funds not raised/paid will be assessed the applicable amount due thirty (30) days after the completion of the school fund-raiser. Current K-8 families have the option of paying \$200.00 before the end of January in lieu of \$250.00 raffle ticket fundraiser.
10. Families are expected to perform 14 Volunteer Hours or incur an additional fee of \$25 per hour for unserved hours. The fees will be added to accounts in May of 2026.
11. The School Board Finance Committee, Principal, School Finance Secretary, or Business Manager may ask for payment of late tuition or fees thereof in the form of cash, certified check or money order.
12. The school is not responsible for collecting tuition payments from anyone except the parent or legal guardian who signs the tuition agreement.

# SIGN UP TODAY

## For the St. Celestine Fun Run!

[mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com)



Learn More!

We're ONE week away from the start of our St Celestine Fun Run fundraiser where we will have fun and build community while we work to reach our fundraising goal.

### Key Information to help you during the fundraiser:

**\$30,000**

Fundraising Goal

**updated  
materials and  
reading program**

Funds Raised For

One week away!

**04/21**

Kickoff Date in School

**04/30**

Event Date

Donations will be collected through our fundraising platform

[mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com)

### HOW TO GET STARTED

- Choose "Sign Up"
- Enter your School
- Enter your Personal Information
  - Psst... Use your birthday, not your student's!
- Once you sign up, it's time to share via Facebook, email and text!

### TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Set a goal for how much to raise and make a plan with your student on how to reach it.
- Share, share, share using our easy online tools!
- Make sure to thank everyone who supported you after you reach your goal.

Thank you for helping make our fundraiser a success!



# St. Celestine School McTeacher's Night Fundraiser!

Show this flyer or say "I'm with St. Celestine!" to help St. Celestine Parents' Club earn 20% of food purchases by St. Celestine School families & 100% of pie sales!

## When?

Wednesday, April 22  
4:30 - 7:30 pm

## Where?

9450 W Grand Ave  
Franklin Park, IL 60131

Overflow parking at  
Underpass Lounge  
next door!



Stay updated with  
your local  
McDonald's on  
Facebook.



Join us for a...

# Girl Scout Get Together

Thursday, April 23rd 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
St. Celestine School - Room 114

## Adventure Awaits!

Is your daughter interested in learning more about Girl Scouts at St. Celestine School?

Join us for a special event for 4-year-old preschool, kindergarten, and 1st-grade girls interested in Girl Scouts! Next year, girls will be able to join our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade troops!

Girls will have loads of fun as they hang out with SCS Girl Scouts! Activities will include Arts and Crafts, Playing Games, and Snack!

**RSVP Here**

<https://bit.ly/GSGetTogether2026>

**QUESTIONS?**



[GirlScouts@stcelestineschool.org](mailto:GirlScouts@stcelestineschool.org)



<https://stcelestineschool.org/girl-scouts/>



**ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH**

# BINGO

**Join us for an evening of fun, concessions, raffles, and cash prizes!**



**\$25.00**

8 REGULAR BINGO  
2 SPECIAL BINGO

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM  
GAMES BEGIN 6:30 PM  
ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL GYM

**VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE:** <https://signup.com/go/xMMRjuN>

## REGISTER TO PLAY

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# BINGO Players: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be 21 or older) TOTAL \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send cash or check payable to *SMTG Parish* in an envelope labeled BINGO.



# *Please Donate*

*Dear St. Celestine families,  
Girl scouts Emma and Lilly from junior troop 47219 are collecting food for the food pantry to help earn our bronze award. We are asking for each grade to donate an assigned item.*

- Preschool: Pancake mix*
- Kindergarten: Pasta noodles*
- 1st grade: Oatmeal*
- 2nd grade: Mac and cheese*
- 3rd grade: Instant mashed potatoes*
- 4th grade: Soups of any kind*
- 5th grade: Tuna fish*
- 6th grade: Meals in cans*
- 7th grade: Jelly*
- 8th grade: Pasta sauce*

*Any other non-perishable items are also appreciated. Please bring all donations in by **May 8**. The class with the most donations will get a reward. Thank you for your help in supporting the food pantry.*

*Girl Scouts,  
Emma and Lilly*





**May Crowning**  
followed by Ice Cream Social  
**Sunday, May 3**  
after the 11 AM Mass  
at St. Celestine Church

Children receiving their  
First Communion on May 2  
are invited to wear their  
First Communion attire and  
walk in the procession

**Everyone is invited  
to join us!**



**Ice Cream Social**  
**Sunday, May 3**  
**12:15-1:30 PM**



**Volunteers needed!**

Sign up at : <https://signup.com/go/rPhJVfo>

# JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register  
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:



**St. Celestine School**



DATE & TIME:

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 5:00-8:00 pm**

LOCATION:

**7306 West Lawrence Ave, Harwood Heights, IL 60706**



*Raising Funds*  
WITH



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# *Silver Jubilee Celebration*

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination


With grateful hearts and deep thanksgiving to God,  
we joyfully invite you to celebrate the


25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination


of

*Rev. Paul D. Cao*

*Please join us for a  
Thanksgiving Mass and Reception*

 May 17, 2026

 Time: 11 A.M.

 Location: St. Celestine Church

Your presence will be a blessing  
as we give thanks for 25 years  
of faithful service, spiritual  
guidance, and dedication  
to God's people.

*Reception to follow.*



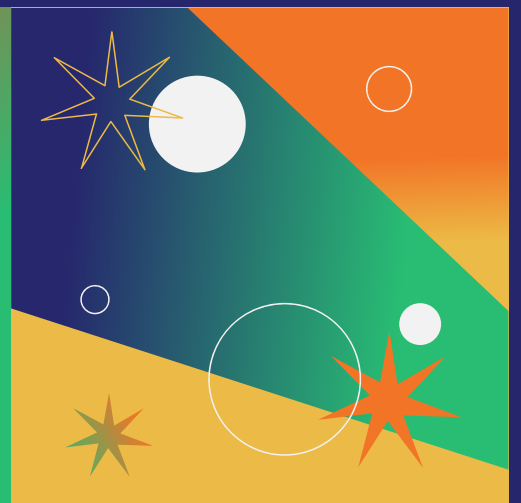


You're invited to the

# SCS ATHLETICS BANQUET

Join us for an evening of celebration and recognition as we honor the outstanding achievements of our various sports teams.

**THURSDAY MAY 7  
AT 6PM**



**You're invited  
to join**

**Girl  
Scouts** 

Is your daughter interested in joining  
Girl Scouts at St. Celestine School?

Girls in Kindergarten through 12th grade learn life skills,  
explore the world, and try new things!

Complete an interest form: [bit.ly/JoinSCSGirlScouts](http://bit.ly/JoinSCSGirlScouts)  
and a troop leader will be in touch!

Questions? Contact [girlscouts@stcelestineschool.org](mailto:girlscouts@stcelestineschool.org)



Daisy  
K-1

Brownies  
2-3

Juniors  
4-5

Cadettes  
6-8

Seniors  
9-10

Ambassadors  
11-12

***Be amazing. Be unstoppable. Be a Girl Scout!***



# Girl Scouts @ St. Celestine

## 2025-2026

### September

- Troop Meeting(s)
- All Scout Hike: 9/13 9:00 am
- Scout Mass: 9/28 11:00 am
- Back to Scouting Bash: 9/28  
12:00 - 2:00 pm

### October

- Troop Meeting(s)
- Daddy Daughter Date Night: 10/18  
3:30 - 5:30 pm
- Scout Mass: 10/26 11:00 am

### November

- Butter Braid Fundraiser 11/3 to 12/5
- Troop Meeting(s)

### December

- Troop Meeting(s)
- Butter Braid Pick Up: 12/13 2:00 pm
- Scout Mass: 12/14 11:00 am
- Community Tree Trim: 12/14  
12:00 - 1:30 pm

### January

- Girl Scout Lock-in:  
1/9 6:00 pm - 1/10 8:00 am
- Troop Meeting(s)
- Scout Mass: 1/25 11:00 am

### February

- Troop Meeting(s)
- World Thinking Day: 2/21
- Scout Mass: 2/22 11:00 am

### March

- Troop Meeting(s)
- Scout Sunday: 3/7 & 3/8
- Girl Scout Birthday Bash: 3/8  
12:00 - 2:00 pm
- Girl Scout Birthday: 3/12
- Scout Mass: 3/22 11:00 am

### April

- Troop Meeting(s)
- Scout Mass: 4/26 11:00 am
- All Scout Earth Day Celebration: 4/26  
12:00 - 2:00 pm

### May

- Troop Meeting(s)
- St. Celestine Girl Scout Banquet:  
5/20 6:00 pm Allegra Banquets

### June/July

- Scout Mass & Pinning Ceremony: 6/7  
11:00 am
- Feed My Starving Children: 6/10 7:00  
pm
- 4th of July Parade

Additional Service Unit 401 & Girl Scout GCNWI Council events available as well!



# JOIN PACK

# 4690

## PACK 4690 WELCOMES EVERYONE

Saint Celestine Pack 4690 proudly provides our community with a safe, supportive environment for children K-5th grade to develop character through the Cub Scout Principles, learn life skills, serve our community, make new friends, and have great adventures!



Pack 4690 welcomes all children and their families from our area. Our pack currently has scouts from Elmwood Park, Chicago, River Grove, and beyond!

**FILL OUT THE FORM ON THE  
LINK BELOW OR  
CONTACT US DIRECTLY  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



**JASON MESKE**

Cubmaster  
pack4690.info@gmail.com

## MONTHLY EVENTS

- Den Meeting
- Pack Night
- Scout Mass
- Hike or Pack Outing



## SPECIAL EVENTS

Rain Gutter Regatta  
Pinewood Derby  
Rocket Launch  
Bowling Outing  
Fundraising  
Blue & Gold Banquet

Cubs Game  
Lock-In  
Summer Picnic  
4th of July Parade  
Camping  
And More!

# DEN MEETINGS

Scouts work together with their age group to participate in activities and work on projects that are related to an adventure. Their accomplishments help them learn the skills they need to progress in rank.



# PACK NIGHTS

The pack meeting brings all of the dens in the pack together for the purpose of recognizing scout achievements, communicating information about upcoming events, and providing a program that enriches the scouting experience.



# FAMILY HIKES

Scouts explore nature preserves, trails, and more with their families as a pack once a month.



# SCOUT MASSES



# JOIN AT ANY AGE



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

# LEARN & GROW TOGETHER



Pushmobile Derby Race



Service Opportunities



Rain Gutter Regatta



Pinewood Derby



Field Trips



Rocket Launch



Family Bowling



Parish Events



Cubs Game

**ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW: TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES; TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.**