



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

April 29, 2026

Dear St. Celestine School Families,

Get ready—our Fun Run is just around the corner on April 30! There is still time to register and donate, and we would love to see every student take part in this exciting event. The energy is building, and we are so close to reaching our goal!

To make things even more fun, I've made a bold promise: if we hit our goal, I will spend an entire day on the roof of the kindergarten building—rain or shine! The students are already cheering this on, and I have a feeling they're determined to make it happen. Once we hit the goal, I will let everyone know the date I will be on the roof!

As we head into these final days, please also remember that Apple Watches and similar devices should stay at home. While useful outside of school, they can be a distraction during the day and take away from valuable learning time.

Please remember that tuition payments for the 2026/27 school year start May 1, 2026. If you have not accepted your FACTS Tuition account for the year, please remember to do so. It's very important!

Thank you, as always, for your incredible support and feedback. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and partnership are what make our school such a special place. Let's finish strong and make this Fun Run one to remember!

Thankfully,

Sheila M. Klich
Principal

St. Celestine
FUN RUN tomorrow
Come join the fun!

Where: St. Celestine Parking Lot

When:

8:30-9:30 PK/K and 1st/2nd

9:45-10:45 - 3rd/4th and 5th/6th

11:00-12:00 7th/8th

****Students should wear gym shoes,
comfortable clothing for running outdoors
and bring a water bottle.**

SIGN UP TODAY

For the St. Celestine Fun Run!

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

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!



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



raisingcanes.com

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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**





SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR
It's Book Fair Time!

It's hard to believe another school year is coming to an end! That means it's time for our **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** ! This is a great time to stock up for summer reading.

The one-day only book fair
will take place...

Thursday, May 14th
St. Celestine School Annex
8:00am - 3:00pm

Students will be attending the one-day book fair with their classroom. Parents are welcome to join their child when their classroom attends the book fair; Parents can also shop online. Scholastic will ship all online purchases directly home.

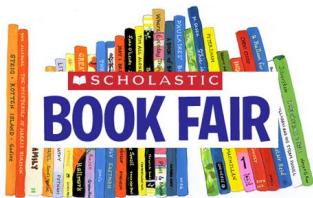
Online Book Fair

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stcelestineschool>

May 15-30

Please note that Scholastic does charge 10% sales tax on all transactions. Please consider giving your child an extra dollar or two to cover the tax. It is very hard to say no to a \$4.95 book when they only have \$5. **We highly recommend using e-wallet, Scholastic's safe, cashless way for your child to shop at the book fair.**

For more information, See the attached flyer.



Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers!

If you are available to help setup on Wednesday night and/or volunteer for the book fair, please sign up for a time slot at <https://signup.com/go/MqHnWJW>
Book fair is always a fun event to help out at!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Happy Reading!!

Arwen KruS arwenpez@gmail.com

BOOK FAIRS

CASHLESS...THE EASIEST WAY TO SHOP THE FAIR!



A safe alternative to cash, **BOOK FAIR eWALLET** is the best way to fund your student's wish list! eWallets can be used at the in-school Fair or online to shop from 5,000+ products. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online, monthly Bookclub class sales, or to fund an eWallet for a future Fair.



CREATE ACCOUNT



ADD FUNDS



and/or
SHARE WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS



SHOP

To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stcelestineschool>



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*



Silver Jubilee Celebration

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination


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


25th 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.



Totus Tuus Summer Faith Camp

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish is hosting a Summer Faith Camp for students June 7-12, 2026, called Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours).

~The Totus Tuus camp blends faith formation, daily Mass and many fun activities. This is the fifth summer that we are hosting this camp. Last year's camp was a lot of fun and we hope that many more students can join us this year.

~The day program is for students entering Grades 1-6 and meets Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 8-12.

The evening program is for students entering Grades 7-12 and meets Sunday-Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 7-11.

The camp is held at the St. Celestine location.

~The cost is \$90 per child for the day program and \$45 per child for the evening program.

The Registration form and online payment options are available using the link below:

<https://stguerinparish.org/totus-tuus/>

For more information, please contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski, Religious Education, 708 453-2555 ext. 5017 or email rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org

Looking forward to having many students join us
for a week of faith-filled summer fun!



**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
and a troop leader will be in touch!

Questions? Contact 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.