



# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

August 28, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please remember that Picture Day for PreK and Kindergarten students is on Thursday, August 29. For students in Grades 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>, Picture Day is on Friday, August 30, 2024. Please review the Handbook on how students should dress for the day. We want Picture Day to be a success and for students to be dressed nicely, looking appropriate for a day of learning. Students should NOT wear green because it will impact the quality of the photo.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 4 from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm for our Parents Night. This is a great chance to meet your child's teacher and learn more about the wonderful year ahead. School Organizations will be present, as well.

Our Fall Book Fair is Sept. 4 and 5. Classes will schedule times to attend and purchase books. It will also be open during the Parents Night on Sept. 4. Thank you to Parents Club for hosting this event.

Please review the Family Handbook for the revised policy on absences and tardies for the 24/25 school year. While we do not want students to come to school if they are sick, we need to balance that against what happens to the days lost for other reasons. For example, if a student misses 2 days a month, they miss 20 days of school per year, including roughly 30 hours of Math instruction and 60 hours of reading and writing instruction. This does not set them up for success.

Lastly, I am asking that you keep Ms. Donna Vessini, Mr. Bob Vessini and their whole family in your prayers in a very special way. Their brother, Mark Vessini passed

away on August 21. This is a very sad loss for a very dear St. Celestine family. The link for the obituary (<https://www.belmontfuneralhome.com/obituary/mark-vessini> ) includes information about services, which will be held this Saturday at St. Celestine Church.

Blessings,  
Sheila M. Klich  
Principal