



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dec. 13, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please remember that the last day of school before break is December 21. We will have an **11:00 dismissal** and **there is no after care**.

Please join me in thanking our many organizations, parents, and volunteers for their help in making the Christmas season festive. Together we work to give our students the very best. I want to celebrate this and the ways it helps make our students happier and better people. During the days of the Santa's Secret Shop, I witnessed multiple occasions where students brought money they found on the floor to the office, rather than pocketing it. This honesty and quality of character is because of what they see modeled here and at home! I am so proud of this!

As we get closer to Christmas break, there are a few other random reminders.

- The lost and found items that are not picked up before break will be donated.
- Students who are absent 3 days, will need a doctor's note to return, as this is school policy.
- Students must be fever free for 24 hours without medication to return to school.
- 8th Grade Graduation pictures are on January 10, 2024.

With Gratitude, Blessings, and Holiday Cheer,
Sheila M. Klich
Principal



Dear St. Celestine School Parent,

You know when you walk through the doors at St. Celestine School, you are entering a truly special place. You are part of a family. You are part of a mission to provide the best possible education to students in the area.

Your tuition is an investment in your child's future. Last year's graduates were offered nearly \$90,000 in scholarships in area Catholic High Schools. We have a few students accepted into CPS Selective Enrollment High Schools. We are very proud of these young men and women and their success is just one measure of the success of our school.

Another measure is our continued strong performance on the *iReady* assessments. Our students performed well above the National Average and above the Archdiocesan Average in both Reading and Math. This indicates the strength in our educational performance and our resilience after the pandemic which changed the learning experience for some many children around the world.

Each year, it is our goal to ensure the cost to our families remains manageable. We recognize the challenges of inflation both to our families and to our school. Year to year costs continue to increase. We try to work with each of our families to provide what we can.

The average cost to educate students last year was \$6,457, while tuition for one child during the 2022/23 school year was \$5,763 per year, which includes the Curriculum Fee. This average accounts for sibling discounts and tuition assistance provided to families who qualify. That leaves a gap between what is spent and what is collected.

This gap is filled through fundraising and donations, as well as very careful management of school resources. We need our families, our alumni, our friends and other stakeholders to help fill that gap. We need your help now more than ever. With your assistance, you are not just making a donation, you are fulfilling a mission- the mission of excellent education!

Please continue to help with fundraisers, making your own donations, requesting outside donations and whatever you can as we continue to thrive and grow as a school. We are partners in a mission and are very blessed to have you.

As always, you are in my prayers,

Sheila M. Klich
Principal

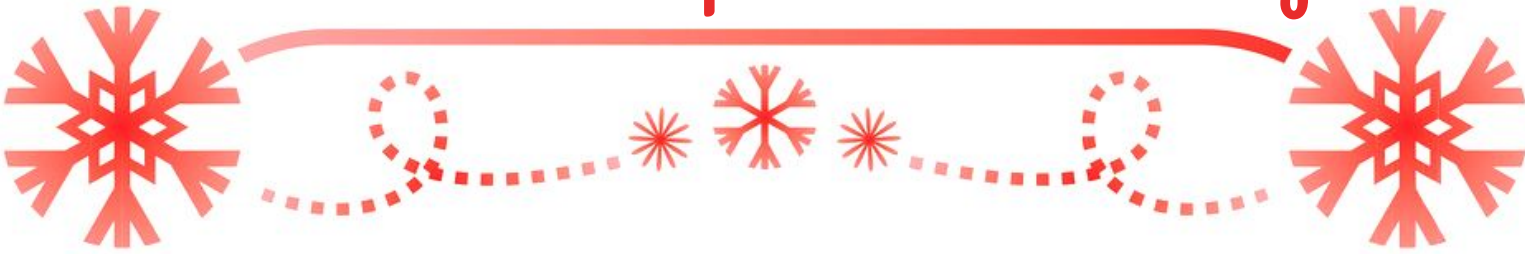
ST. CELESTINE CLASS OF 2024 FUNDRAISER



Show your support for the St. Celestine Class of 2024 on
Wednesday, December 13th 2023 from 5pm - 8pm

1. Place a **Mobile Order** using the Chick-fil-A app or at <https://order.chick-fil-a.com/>
2. When placing your mobile order, toggle "Support Community Care Event" at check out!
3. Pick up your mobile order at
4512 N Harlem Ave Norridge, IL 60706

Christmas Spirit Wear Day



Bring in \$1.00 to join in the St. Celestine's Christmas Spirit Wear Day! Dress in your Christmas pajamas, favorite holiday shirts, ugly Christmas sweaters, or wear red & green!

All money raised will go towards the
St. Celestine School
Teachers & Staff Appreciation

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAY WILL BE...
Tuesday, December 19th



Name: _____ Room #: _____

Thank you and Happy Holidays from the SCS Parents' Club

Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund



Dear St. Celestine Families,

During this season of thankfulness and gratitude, the St. Celestine School Community is putting together the Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund. This fund provides the opportunity for our school families to come together as one and show our appreciation of the SCS faculty and staff. 100% of the donations will be used in appreciation of the faculty and staff to provide Christmas gifts and holiday cheer and host luncheons, special treats, and celebrations throughout the school year.

While donations are completely optional, we are hoping that all our SCS families are able to contribute to the fund. Currently, one-third of our SCS families have contributed. Donations of all sizes will continue to be collected through Friday, December 15th. Please fill out the slip below and include it with cash or check payable to *St. Celestine Parents Club* in an envelope labeled Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund.

As we approach the holiday season, we wish all St. Celestine School families a holiday filled with joy, health, and happiness! Thank you for your consideration and support.

☐ Yes! Our family is contributing to the SCS Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund.

Family Name: _____ Donation Amount: _____

Child's Name/Room #: _____ Child's Name/Room #: _____

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ACCEPTING LATE ORDERS

Fundraiser

St. Celestine Parents' Club is selling Lou Malnati's Pizza Coupons!

Purchase pizza coupons for \$15 using the form below by December 15th. Bring your coupon to any area Lou Malnati's to receive your 9" frozen deep dish pizza, with a choice of cheese, spinach, pepperoni, or sausage!

Forms Due: Friday, December 15

Delivery: Wednesday, January 10

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Student Name: _____ Classroom: _____

Number of Pizza Coupons

X \$15

Total Paid

- ☐ check
☐ cash

Checks payable to
St. Celestine Parents' Club

SAVE THE DATE



Hosted by

St. Celestine Parents' Club

Saturday, March 2nd

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Elmcrest Banquets



LAST CHANCE SIGN UP!



Volleyball Registration Closes
Friday December 15th



All 4th-8th Graders are eligible and encouraged to
join!

Sign up at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr8HP_mt458TqINRGxnV921oE3cqn-DQgdb-RgGjYAiLi2Q/viewform