



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dec. 3, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for your support and help this Christmas season. This is a very busy time for the school.

Registration for returning families has begun. Tuition for the 2026/27 school year is being set. Current families interested in reducing their tuition amounts are encouraged to read the information related to new family referrals included in this week's brown envelope.

December 11 is the St. Celestine School Christmas Show. Please join us for this wonderful event!

- Students must be dropped off in their classrooms by 6:30pm.
- Parents walk through the hallway from the gym to the church to get seats. (There is more seating this year due to the students being in their classrooms. Consequently, please do not run to seats.)
- Church doors will open at 6:45 for the general audience.
- Students may not have phones out in the classrooms. Their winter coats and gear will be kept in the classroom.
- Students should wear red and green or Christmas attire, or dress nicely for the event. Jeans are not allowed.
- At the very end of the show, parents must come to the classroom to pick up students after the performance. All children must be picked up by an adult. The students have been practicing for weeks. They are very, very excited about the show.
- A videographer has been hired to record the event. Information about how to get a link of the recording will be provided next week.

Other School and Parish events include:

- Toys for Tots event on December 7 from 9:00 am until noon at St. Celestine School.
- The St. Celestine School Band concert is December 8 at 7:00 pm.
- On Friday, December 19, there will be an 11:00 am dismissal and Christmas Break will begin. There will be no After Care. School resumes on January 5, 2026.

There are a few other reminders. The Lost and Found is quite full. Please check for any missing items there. Starting in January, all items will be cleared away.

With Gratitude and Blessings,
Sheila M. Klich- Principal

St. Celestine School
New Family Referral Program Terms
School Year 2026-2027

As valued members of our school community, you play a crucial role in shaping the vibrant and supportive environment that makes St. Celestine School special. We are excited to announce the launch of our New Family Referral Program, and we need your help to continue growing our wonderful community.

Why Refer a Family?

At St. Celestine School, we believe that the best ambassadors for our school are the families who experience it every day. By referring new families to our school, you help us to:

1. **Expand our community:** Welcoming new families enriches our school culture and brings fresh perspectives and ideas.
2. **Support our mission:** More families mean we can continue to offer diverse programs and opportunities for all students.
3. **Strengthen our bonds:** Sharing the positive experiences you've had at St. Celestine helps build a stronger, more connected community.

Here's the Program Details:

1. **Eligibility:**
 - The program is open to all current families of the school.
 - Referrals must be for new families who have not previously enrolled at the school.
2. **Referral Process:**
 - Referring families must complete a referral form available at the school office or on the school website.
 - The referred family is **required** to include the **referring family's name** during the enrollment process.
3. **Incentives:**
 - Referring families will receive a tuition credit of \$300 for each new family that enrolls and completes one full trimester.
 - There is no limit to the number of new families a current family can refer. However, the tuition credit is limited to the referring family's annual tuition amount for the school year for which the referred family completes the terms of the referral program.
4. **Conditions:**
 - The referred family must enroll and remain in good financial standing for the school year.
 - Tuition credits will be applied to the referring family's account in April.
5. **Exclusion:**
 - Referrals of siblings of current students are not eligible for the referral incentive. We provide discounts for families with multiple children.
6. **Program Duration:**
 - The referral program is valid for the 2026-2027 academic year.
 - The school reserves the right to modify or terminate the program at any time.
7. **Additional Information:**
 - For any questions or additional information, please contact the school office at 708-453-8234.

We are confident that with your support, we can continue to grow and thrive as a community. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Celtic family. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school with your help!

ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL FAMILY REFERRAL PROGRAM

Referral Form - Referring Family

REFERRING FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

NEW FAMILY INFORMATION (Family Being Referred)

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REFERRAL DETAILS

How do you know this family? _____

Has the family expressed interest in enrolling? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Should we reach out to the family for a tour? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes/Comments: _____

Incentive (Optional)

☐ I understand that successful referrals may qualify for tuition credit, as defined in the New Family Referral Program Terms.

Referring Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



Dear St Celestine School Families,

Parents Club is excited to share that Santa's Secret Shop is coming on Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th!

Santa's Secret Shop, a Fun Services program, provides SCS with quality, moderately priced gifts for moms, dads, siblings, aunt, uncles, grandparents and more! The gift option includes licensed sports items, popular jewelry choices, toys, and many personalized family items.

Each classroom will be given an allotted time to shop each day. Students should bring cash or check for their shopping trip. This is an exciting time for the students to pick special gifts for their families while gaining experience in selecting and purchasing items and handling money.

Adult volunteers always play a vital role in the success of the holiday shop. Parent volunteers are needed to decorate, set up the shop in our school Gym, assist students with their wish lists, and handle the registers. Please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/iSqMHlt>

Questions? parentsclub@stcelestineschool.org

Happy Holidays!
St. Celestine Parents Club



MARINE LANCE CPL. NICKOLAS A. DANIELS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA TOY DRIVE

Sponsored by:
Elmwood Park Neighborhood Civic Organization

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
9:00AM - 12:00PM

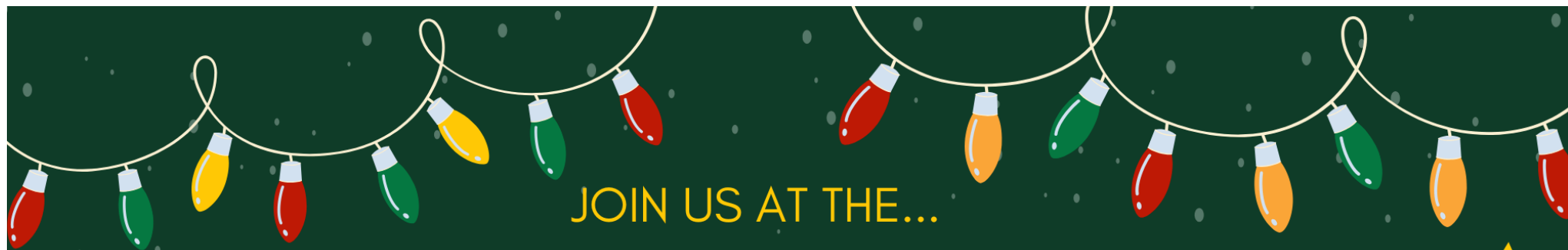
St. Celestine School - Front Entrance
3017 N. 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL 60707

- Please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl - \$10 limit per toy
- Non-perishable food items collected by your visit with Santa
- Breakfast and photo with Santa
- Send Holiday Cards to Military members
- Send a Letter to Santa
- Enjoy Arts and Crafts

Live Entertainment:
Turning Point Dance Studio
Hugo's Elvis - Tribute Artist

Compliments of the following organizations





JOIN US AT THE...

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIM

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 7TH

ST. CYPRIAN
CHURCH

FOLLOWING
9:00 AM MASS

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 14TH

ST. CELESTINE
CHURCH

FOLLOWING
11:00 AM MASS



St. Celestine Christmas Community Tree Trim



Tis the season for the Community Tree Trim!

We are celebrating our community with a collaborative tree trim of seven beautiful trees and an afternoon of Christmas merriment. Please join us this Christmas Season for the Community Tree Trim at St. Celestine School! All are welcome!

When & Where:

Sunday, December 14th 12:00 – 1:30 pm

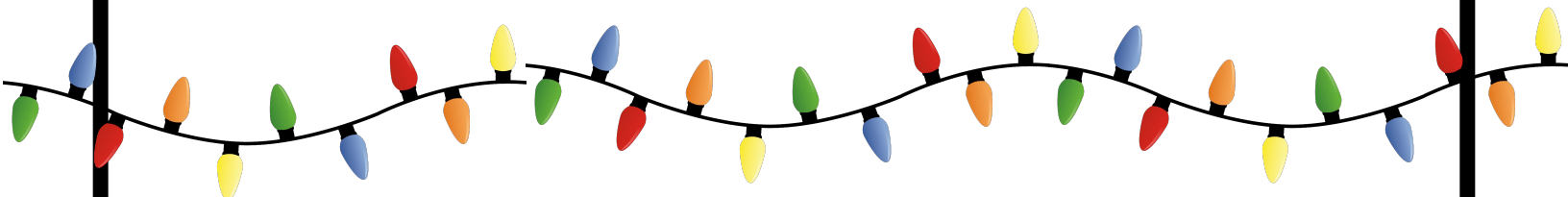
Following 11:00 am Scout Mass, we will gather at St. Celestine School.

What:

- Enjoy hot cocoa and treats!
- Hang ornaments on the St. Celestine Tree(s)!
- Listen to Christmas Carols!
- Make a holiday card for a senior community member!
- Make and take an ornament for home!
- Participate in a free throw contest!
- Take a photograph with special holiday visitors!

Cost: There is no cost; St. Celestine Girl Scouts, Scouting America Troop & Pack 4690, SCS Athletics, St. Celestine Parents' Club, St. Celestine School, SMTG Religious Education, SMTG Men's Club, SMTG Women's Club, and SMTG Parish Council are co-sponsoring this community event.

RSVP: To ensure hot cocoa, treats, cards, and ornaments for all, please RSVP using the following link <https://bit.ly/TreeTrim2025> by December 3rd





Lou Malnati's®
PIZZERIA

Pizza Coupon Fundraiser

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

Purchase pizza coupons for \$15 using the form below by December 4th.

Coupons will be delivered through Brown Envelope on December 17th.

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: Thursday, December 4th Delivery: Wednesday, December 17th

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Student Name: _____ Classroom: _____

Number of Pizza Coupons

Total Paid

X \$15

\$

☐ check # _____

☐ cash

Checks payable to
St. Celestine Parents' Club

St. Celestine School

Christmas Raffle

Front & Second Row Seating at the
St. Celestine Christmas Concert on
Thursday, December 11, 2025 7:00 pm



Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 - Cash or Checks payable to *St. Celestine Parents' Club*

To purchase tickets, complete the slip below and
return to school **NO LATER** than Friday, December 5th.

Winners will be drawn and announced in a special digital brown envelope announcement.

Tickets: _____

Family Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total: \$ _____

Email: _____

☐ Cash

Student Name: _____ Classroom #: _____

☐ Check # _____

St. Celestine Girl Scouts



SHARE A SLICE. SHARE A MEMORY.

SHARE THE GOOD

Order By: Thursday, December 4th

**Order your Butter Braids from any
St. Celestine Girl Scout or click here:**

bit.ly/ButterBraids2025



**Order Pick Up: Saturday, December 13th
St. Celestine School @ 2:00 pm**

Questions: GirlScouts@stcelestineschool.org

**Butter Braids - the delicious
frozen pastry braids - can only be
purchased through fundraisers.
Butter Braids are stored frozen;
the evening before you serve a
Butter Braid, you simply remove
from the freezer, let it rise, and
bake in the morning.**

**St. Celestine Girl Scouts
appreciate your support!
This fundraiser supports
St. Celestine's Girl Scout events
such as Lock-In, Community Tree
Trim, and the Girl Scout Banquet.**

Jingle Bell Run

Sunday, December 14 at 2 PM

2 PM in front of the school! Register by December 12 at stguerinparish.org or just show up. Hot chocolate and medals included!



St Celestine's HOME Basketball Game Schedule
Cheer for our teams! Watch our students play!

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Boys / Girls</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
Wednesday	15-Oct	4B	5PM	St Eugene
		5B	6PM	St Eugene
		6B	7PM	St Eugene
		7/8B	8PM	St Eugene
Thursday	16-Oct	4/5G	6PM	SMOW
		7/8G	7PM	SMOW
Sunday	19-Oct	4B	1PM	St Mary of the Angeles
		6B	2PM	St Mary of the Angeles
		7/8B	3PM	St Mary of the Angeles
Thursday	30-Oct	4/5G	5PM	St Eugene
		7/8G	6PM	St Eugene
		4B	7PM	St Sylvester
		7/8B	8PM	St Sylvester
Monday	3-Nov	4/5G	5PM	SRB
		7/8G	6PM	SRB
		4B	7PM	Berchmans
		7/8B	8PM	Berchmans
Thursday	6-Nov	7/8G	5PM	MSW
		4/5G	6PM	MSW
		7/8B	7PM	St Stans.
Saturday	8-Nov	6B	2PM	SRB
		5B	3PM	SRB
		4B	4PM	SRB
Wednesday	12-Nov	5B	5PM	SMOW
		6B	6PM	SMOW
		7/8G	7PM	SMOW
		7/8B	8PM	SMOW
Tuesday	18-Nov	4B	5PM	SPC
		5B	6PM	SPC
		6B	7PM	SPC
		7/8B	8PM	SPC
Thursday	20-Nov	4/5G	5PM	SPC
		7/8G	6PM	Berchmans
		5B	7PM	Berchmans
		6B	8PM	Berchmans
Monday	15-Dec	5B	7PM	MSW
		6B	8PM	MSW
Thursday	18-Dec	4/5G	5PM	SPC
		7/8G	6PM	SPC
		7/8B	7PM	SJB

**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.