



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

January 7, 2026

Dear St. Celestine School Families,

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 the children in the area. This mission has been part of the St. Celestine School experience for 90 years, which is a magnificent accomplishment!

Your tuition is an investment in your child's future. Last year's graduates were offered nearly \$90,000 in scholarships to 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. Parents of St. Celestine School graduates report regularly on the academic accomplishments of their children.

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.

As St Celestine School celebrates its 90th anniversary, we have many activities planned for our community. Chief among these is the Sunday Catholic Schools Week Mass on January 25, 2026 at 11:00 am, which will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich. New families, current families, and alumni are invited to the Mass and Open House.

This special day includes:

- A 9:30 am Early Childhood presentation for new families interested in PreK, Kindergarten, and First Grade.
- The 11 am Mass where students are invited to come in uniform. Students will receive an out of uniform pass for attendance.
- Immediately after Mass, students and families are invited to an Open House where they can visit class rooms and participate in 90th anniversary activities.

Current families and new families which have not yet registered for the 2026/27 school year are encouraged to do so at this time. The registration fee increases from \$100 to \$125 starting January 26, 2026.

Everything families do to support the school has a positive result. The dedication of all of our organizations has a huge impact on the environment. Our Athletics Board, Parents Club, School Board and Scouting Programs are second to none. Join me in thanking them for their dedication in community building, especially after the wonderful events and activities from this past holiday season!

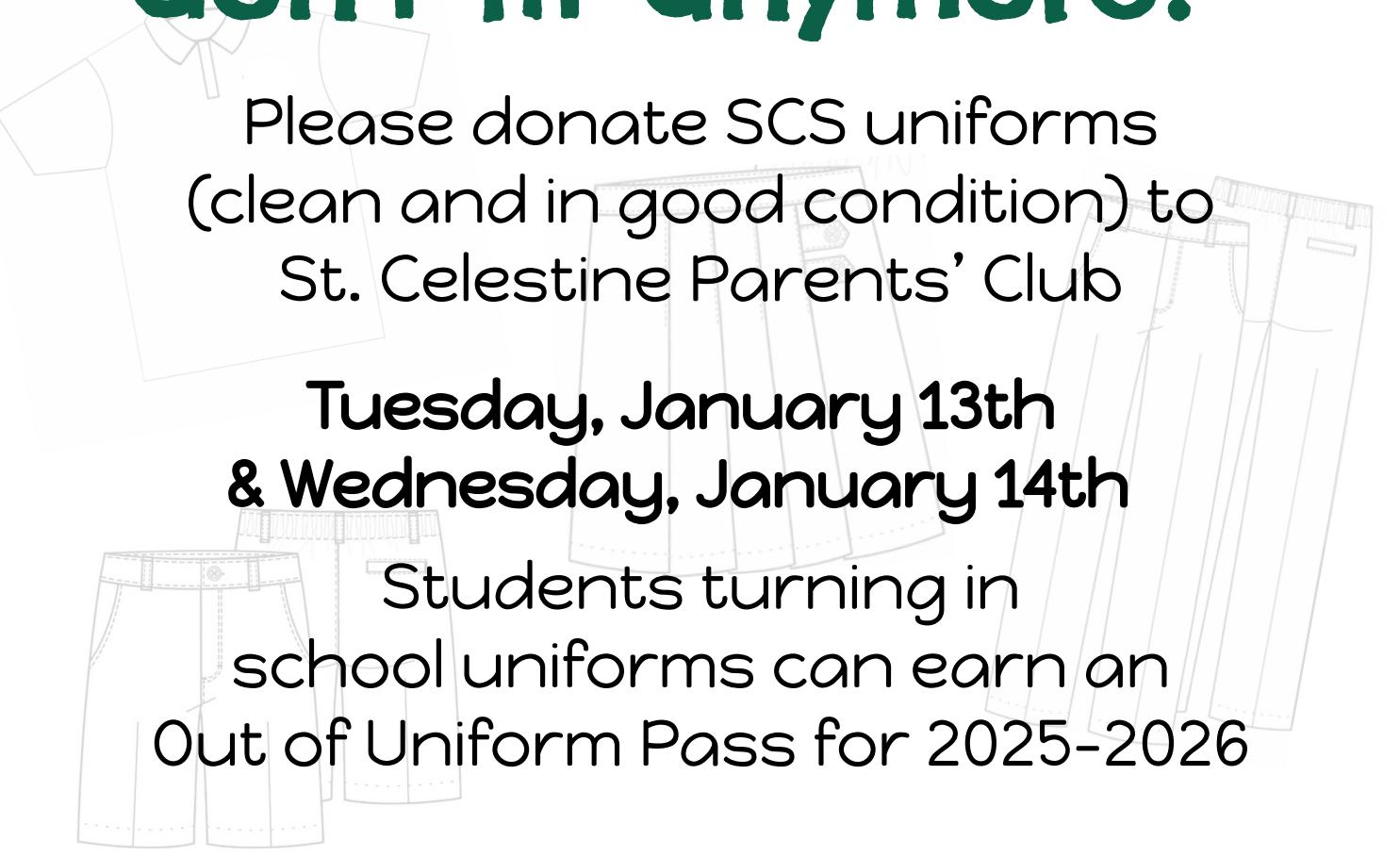
Part of what makes St. Celestine so special is you! Your support, sacrifice, and care do not go unnoticed. During the first half of the school year, thousands of service hours were logged by many amazing families. Letters reflecting the numbers of hours are being sent in this week's Brown Envelope. If you have questions regarding your hours, please contact me at sklich@stcelestineschool.org. Navigating multiple organizations and many, many opportunities while compiling these letters was a large task. Also, please note that there are many future events where your support and service are needed, guaranteeing a stronger school and a better community for everyone.

As always, you are in my prayers,

Sheila M. Klich
Principal

Uniform Donations Needed!

**Are you wondering
what to do with
uniforms that just
don't fit anymore?**



Please donate SCS uniforms
(clean and in good condition) to
St. Celestine Parents' Club

**Tuesday, January 13th
& Wednesday, January 14th**

Students turning in
school uniforms can earn an
Out of Uniform Pass for 2025-2026

Place uniforms in a plastic bag with slip below.

Student Name: _____

Grade/Classroom: _____

EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:30 pm

Enter through the Main Doors of the School

- **COME FIND OUT ABOUT OUR EXCELLENT EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM AT ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL**
- **LISTEN TO THE TEACHERS IN PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, AND FIRST GRADE AS THEY PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ARE READY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS**
- **TAKE A TOUR OF THE CLASSROOMS**
- **LEARN ABOUT HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

**MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SHEILA KLICH, PRINCIPAL
708-453-8234
SKLICH@STCELESTINESCHOOL.ORG**



Join Us For A



FUNDRAISER

When:

Thursday, January 15
5:00 – 8:00 PM

Mention
St. Celestine
Parents' Club
when you order!

Where:

**3131 Thatcher Ave
River Grove, IL 60171**

15%

of the proceeds
will be donated
to
St. Celestine
Parents' Club!

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

BAGS TOURNAMENT

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Sunday, January 18th 2026

11AM Blind Draw

12PM Tournament Start

Located in the gym



*Cash Bar
Split the POT*

For more information contact:

Nicole DiMaggio at
athleticdirector@stcelestineschool.org

**Tickets can be
purchased in the
Parish Office**

**\$30
TICKET PRICE
INCLUDES**

- One entry into the blind draw
- NFL Wildcard Games

CASH PRIZES!!!!



****Must be 21 years and older to attend**

St. Celestine Parents' Club

presents

PIZZA DAY

on Wednesday, January 28th

Student Name: _____

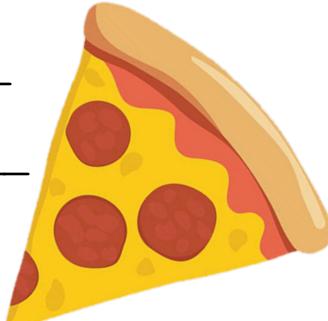
Room #: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Pizza (The slices are $\frac{1}{8}$ of a pizza, and most students can only eat one slice.)

_____ Slice(s) of Cheese X \$4 = \$_____

_____ Slice(s) of Sausage X \$5 = \$_____

_____ Slice(s) of Pepperoni X \$5 = \$_____



Dessert (A dessert will be provided to all students at no cost.)

Beverage

_____ Soda Can (1st-8th) X \$1 (Limit of 1) = \$_____

_____ Water (Pre-K-8th) X \$1 = \$_____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ cash check #_____

Send order form with cash or checks to
St. Celestine Parents' Club
in envelope labeled **PIZZA DAY**

To make pizza day possible, we are seeking
volunteers: <https://signup.com/go/utPvDpw>

Orders
Due
January
15th

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, JANUARY 30

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

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

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.

We Need You!

FOR ST. CELESTINE PARENTS CLUB

Please consider volunteering with St. Celestine Parents' Club next year!

Open positions (2 year term) include:

President

Secretary

Fundraising Activity Coordinator

Open positions (1 year term) include:

Vice President

Those interested in an open position will share their interest at the March Parents' Club meeting.

Interested candidates should email:

parentsclub@stcelestineschool.org

