



## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear St. Celestine School Families,

Please review St. Celestine School's Handbook as it relates to attendance. Please note vacations do not constitute excused absences and the school is not obligated to provide work prior to or during vacations. I will be contacting individual families if students have been excessively absent to determine supportive and effective next steps. Rather than being punitive, this policy exists to ensure student success in academics.

### **EXCESSIVE ABSENTEEISM**

*A meeting may be held with parents, teachers and the Principal for any student who misses or is tardy seven days of school in a trimester.*

*After seven unexcused absences or tardies, the school reserves the right to issue detentions before or after school.*

*Additionally, if appropriate, the school may provide the parent/guardian with a list of resources where they may obtain counseling or social services that will encourage daily attendance and promote success.*

*If there is no improvement in attendance or cooperation by the student or parent guardian with its efforts for their child, the student may be withdrawn from the school.*

Thank you for your attention to this and for your support as we provide the very best learning environment for students.

Lastly, every year the Archdiocese of Chicago administers the 5 Essentials Survey to parents, teachers, and students. The insights gathered help guide planning, strengthen school culture and support continued growth across our community. Strong participation truly makes a difference, highlighting successes and areas for attention for the years ahead. I am asking you to take some time and complete the survey using the link below. This helps inform the choices made and direction the school takes in the future. I thank you, in advance, for the information you provide by taking the survey.

Link to survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/archchicago/survey/parent/>

I truly appreciate you completing this survey, since it provides an overview of what is successful and what is not.

With Gratitude,

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Principal