



## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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Dear St. Celestine School Families,

I am pleased to share with you some teaching assignments for the upcoming school year, particularly for our Kindergarten, Fifth Grade, and Junior High programs. We are blessed with a dedicated and talented faculty, and I am confident that each of these teams will provide a strong, faith-filled educational experience for our students. We are also blessed by the fact that all of our teachers have agreed to return for the 2026/27 school year. This is evidence of the strong community and positive relationships at St. Celestine School.

St. Celestine School is pleased to announce that PreK will continue to be taught by Mrs. Alyssa Jelinek and Mrs. Paula Niklewicz. Their love and care for all learners is what makes St. Celestine's program stand out among all PreK programs in the area. This excellence is further being supported through the implementation of the Early Childhood Language Intensive Program (ECLIP) offered through a special partnership with the University of Notre Dame.

Our Kindergarten program will return to having 2 classrooms. They will be taught by Mrs. Michelle Doyle and Mrs. Patti Jensen both of whom show immense warmth, creativity, and commitment to early childhood development. They create nurturing and engaging environments where our youngest learners can grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Their ability to build strong foundational skills while fostering a love of learning is a true gift to our school community.

Mary Guerrero is our First Grade teacher for next year and we are very excited to have our students experience her care, experience, and guidance during the 2026/27 school year. In second grade, the wonder team of Ms. Anna Deavila and Mrs. Sue Petri will guide students through sacramental preparation and growing skills.

Mrs. Christin Kamptner and Mrs. Monique Mueller will help third graders with growing independence and skills, with an emphasis on the great independence needed for the years ahead. These students will also create amazing projects that combine learning and creativity.

We continue to be blessed with Mrs. Jennie Griffin and Ms. Cosette DiVenere in fourth grade. Mrs. Griffin will continue as the Fourth and Fifth Grade Math teacher. Ms. DiVenere will serve as the Fourth and Fifth Grade Reading teacher. The Fifth Grade homeroom teachers will be Ms. Tina Addante and Mrs. Cara Schnoebelen, together bringing a strong focus on academic excellence, student responsibility, and personal growth. Ms. Addante will teach Science and Mrs. Schnoebelen will teach Religion, as well as some Resource work for the rest of the school. These four teachers are skilled at guiding students through these important transitional year, helping them build confidence and independence while maintaining a supportive and structured classroom environment.

We are blessed to provide two homerooms for each grade in our Junior High. Our Junior High team offers a dynamic and rigorous program that challenges students while supporting their individual strengths. These teachers bring both expertise in their subject areas and a deep commitment to forming students in faith, character, and leadership. Mr. Sean Monahan, the Social Studies teacher and Ms. Giovanna Gianfortone, the Junior High Religion teacher, will both serve as Eighth Grade homeroom teachers, preparing our oldest students for high school. Mrs. Leticia Orozco, the Junior High Math Teacher, and Mr. Michael Rios, the Junior High Reading teacher, will serve as Seventh Grade Homeroom Teachers, with instruction geared to the needs of all our Junior High students. Mr. Don Shanahan, the Junior High Science teacher, and Mrs. Amy Roberts, the Junior High English Language Arts teacher, will support our Sixth Grade students as they begin their first year in Junior High.

We are also excited to continue growing opportunities for student engagement beyond the classroom. Next year, Junior High students will have the opportunity to participate in clubs during the school day, allowing them to explore interests, collaborate with peers, and develop new skills based on student interest. These clubs, which will be every other week, will be available to students who have completed all assignments and met all behavior expectations. Students will take a survey about their interests and club offerings at the start of next year. Not only will they have an opportunity to explore new topics, they will also get a chance to work with other Junior High homeroom teachers who will serve as club moderators. More details will be available at the start of the 2026/27 school year.

We are grateful for the dedication of our faculty and look forward to another wonderful year of learning, faith, and growth together. As always, I am available should you have any questions. Please contact me at [sklich@stcelestineschool.org](mailto:sklich@stcelestineschool.org) . I am also available throughout the summer, should questions arise.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,

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