



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

May 6, 2026

Dear Families,

As we begin preparing for the upcoming school year, we are pleased to share that a draft of the 2026–2027 school calendar is now available for your review. We hope this early release supports your family's planning for the year ahead, though dates may change.

As we approach the end of the school year, we also want to share a few important reminders:

Report cards for students with outstanding tuition or fee balances will be available for parent pick-up in the office after school on Wednesday, June 4, or between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5. This will allow parents the opportunity to bring payment (either cash or cashier's check) so that accounts are settled.

Mandatory service hours will be calculated and any unmet hours will be added to your FACTS account on May 14. The cost is \$25 per hour and families are expected to complete 14 hours.

Our Spring Book Fair will take place on May 14. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage summer reading and help your child build their personal library. For added convenience, an online book fair will also be available for families who prefer to shop from home.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our school community.

God bless,

Sheila M. Klich
Principal

ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL DATES 2026-2027

August 4	Organization Day / Packet Pick up 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm
August 20	School begins for Grades 1-8 8:00A.M. – Dismissal 3:05 P.M.
August 24	School starts for PreK & K
August 27	Pictures – Preschool and Kindergarten
August 28	Pictures – 1 st to 8 th Grade
September 7	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
September 9, 10	Book Fair – Details TBD
September 9	Parents Night – Details TBD
September 25	Teacher Institute Day- NO SCHOOL
October 8, 9	Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 A.M. dismissal- No After Care
October 12	Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL
October 23	Junior High Dance (Tentative Date)
November 6	Teacher Institute Day- NO SCHOOL
November 23,24,25,26,27	Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL
December 3, 4	Santa's Workshop (Tentative Date)
December 12	Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 15	School Show 7:00 P.M – Church (Tentative Date)
December 22	Christmas Break begins- No After Care
Dec. 23.-Jan. 5	Christmas vacation – NO SCHOOL
January 6	Classes resume
January 13	8 th grade Graduation pictures (Tentative Date)
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr Day- NO SCHOOL
January 24	Mass & Open House 11:00–2:00 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
February 11	Junior High Dance (Tentative Date)
February 12	Teacher Institute Day- No School
February 15	President's Day – NO SCHOOL
March 11	Spring Pictures
March 25	Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 A.M. dismissal- No After Care
March 26-April 4	Easter Break
April	Spirit Week (exact dates TBD)
April 5	Return to school from Easter Break
April 26	Teacher Institute Day- No School
May	Boosterthon Fun Run Date to be determined
May	May Crowning & 8 th grade ribbons; 8 th Grade Dinner Dance
May 1	First Holy Communion (Tentative Date)
May 13	Spring Book Fair- Details TBD
May 21	Teacher Institute Day – NO SCHOOL

May 31	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
May 28	8 th Grade Graduation 7:00P.M.
May (TBD)	Kindergarten graduation
June 4	The school year ends at 10:00 A.M. dismissal- No After Care

Dates on this calendar are subject to change.

Emergency days are June 7-11 if needed.

On the 1st Tuesday of each month, school will dismiss at 2:00 P.M (9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1)– after school care will be available on these days. On dates where dismissal is before noon, aftercare will not be provided.

Families will be notified as to the dates of Grade Level and school Masses closer to the start of the 2026/27 school year.

Parents Club meetings are at 7:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Announcements will be shared as to whether the meeting is virtual or face-to-face.

Athletics Board meetings are typically the third Monday of every month at 7:00pm.

School Board meetings are typically the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.

Communications as to dates when Out of Uniform Passes may not be used will be shared each month.

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:



St. Celestine School



DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 5:00-8:00 pm

LOCATION:

7306 West Lawrence Ave, Harwood Heights, IL 60706



Raising Funds
WITH



raisingcanes.com

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Queen of Hearts

The Queen has some news...

The next drawing is on

Wednesday, May 6 at 8 PM

at Union Tap - 7707 Westwood DR

\$3,130 in the pot

*Tickets will be sold outside the school
on Wednesday and at Union Tap*

Watch for a Facebook Video!

St. Celestine School



You're invited to the

SCS ATHLETICS BANQUET

Join us for an evening of celebration and recognition as we honor the outstanding achievements of our various sports teams.

**THURSDAY MAY 7
AT 6PM**





Please Donate

*Dear St. Celestine families,
Girl scouts Emma and Lilly from junior troop 47219 are collecting food for the food pantry to help earn our bronze award. We are asking for each grade to donate an assigned item.*

- Preschool: Pancake mix*
- Kindergarten: Pasta noodles*
- 1st grade: Oatmeal*
- 2nd grade: Mac and cheese*
- 3rd grade: Instant mashed potatoes*
- 4th grade: Soups of any kind*
- 5th grade: Tuna fish*
- 6th grade: Meals in cans*
- 7th grade: Jelly*
- 8th grade: Pasta sauce*

*Any other non-perishable items are also appreciated. Please bring all donations in by **May 8**. The class with the most donations will get a reward. Thank you for your help in supporting the food pantry.*

*Girl Scouts,
Emma and Lilly*





SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR
It's Book Fair Time!

It's hard to believe another school year is coming to an end! That means it's time for our **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** ! This is a great time to stock up for summer reading.

The one-day only book fair
will take place...

Thursday, May 14th
St. Celestine School Annex
8:00am - 3:00pm

Students will be attending the one-day book fair with their classroom. Parents are welcome to join their child when their classroom attends the book fair; Parents can also shop online. Scholastic will ship all online purchases directly home.

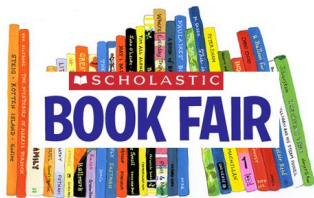
Online Book Fair

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stcelestineschool>

May 15-30

Please note that Scholastic does charge 10% sales tax on all transactions. Please consider giving your child an extra dollar or two to cover the tax. It is very hard to say no to a \$4.95 book when they only have \$5. **We highly recommend using e-wallet, Scholastic's safe, cashless way for your child to shop at the book fair.**

For more information, See the attached flyer.



Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers!

If you are available to help setup on Wednesday night and/or volunteer for the book fair, please sign up for a time slot at <https://signup.com/go/MqHnWJW>
Book fair is always a fun event to help out at!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Happy Reading!!

Arwen KruS arwenpez@gmail.com

BOOK FAIRS

CASHLESS...THE EASIEST WAY TO SHOP THE FAIR!



A safe alternative to cash, **BOOK FAIR eWALLET** is the best way to fund your student's wish list! eWallets can be used at the in-school Fair or online to shop from 5,000+ products. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online, monthly Bookclub class sales, or to fund an eWallet for a future Fair.



CREATE ACCOUNT



ADD FUNDS



and/or
SHARE WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS



SHOP

To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stcelestineschool>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: volunteers hand-pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children, and they are sent to partners around the world where they're used in orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to break the cycle of poverty.



Girl Scouts invite you to help make a difference!



St. Celestine faculty, staff, students and their families, SU 401 Girl Scouts and their families, and St. Mother Theodore Guerin Religious Education students and their families are invited to volunteer at:

**Feed My Starving Children on
Wednesday, June 10, 2026 from
7:00 to 9:00 pm at
740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL 60173**

There are strict children to adult ratios.

- Grade 10-12: 5 children to 1 adult
- Grade 7-9: 4 children to 1 adult
- Grade 3-6: 3 children to 1 adult
- Grade K-2: 1 children to 1 adult



As a way to further engage your children in the volunteer experience, please consider making a monetary donation towards Feed My Starving Children and/or purchasing an item in their gift shop. Patches are also available for purchase in the gift shop as well.

Please register by Saturday, May 30th!

To register to volunteer, please use the following link:

<http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=V1VD8N>

2026 Celtics
SOCCER
Registration

**Registration
closes 7/12**



JV

Varsity

Fee

Grades

Grades

\$125

4-6

7-8

[Click here to register.](#)



CELTICS



CROSS COUNTRY

Open for students entering 4-8th grade in the Fall
Register using the QR code



**REGISTRATION OPEN
UNTIL 8/1**



Practices typically
after school. 3
meets typically on
Friday afternoons

FEE \$60



Silver Jubilee Celebration

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination


With grateful hearts and deep thanksgiving to God,
we joyfully invite you to celebrate the


25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination


of

Rev. Paul D. Cao

*Please join us for a
Thanksgiving Mass and Reception*

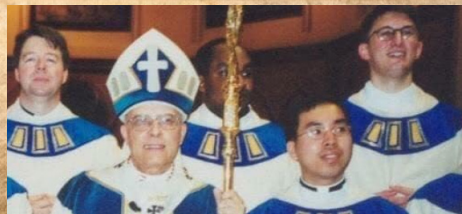
 May 17, 2026

 Time: 11 A.M.

 Location: St. Celestine Church

Your presence will be a blessing
as we give thanks for 25 years
of faithful service, spiritual
guidance, and dedication
to God's people.

Reception to follow.



Totus Tuus Summer Faith Camp

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish is hosting a Summer Faith Camp for students June 7-12, 2026, called Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours).

~The Totus Tuus camp blends faith formation, daily Mass and many fun activities. This is the fifth summer that we are hosting this camp. Last year's camp was a lot of fun and we hope that many more students can join us this year.

~The day program is for students entering Grades 1-6 and meets Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 8-12.

The evening program is for students entering Grades 7-12 and meets Sunday-Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 7-11.

The camp is held at the St. Celestine location.

~The cost is \$90 per child for the day program and \$45 per child for the evening program.

The Registration form and online payment options are available using the link below:

<https://stguerinparish.org/totus-tuus/>

For more information, please contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski, Religious Education, 708 453-2555 ext. 5017 or email rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org

Looking forward to having many students join us
for a week of faith-filled summer fun!



**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.