

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Nov. 29, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

December 7 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.
- At the end of the show, parents must come to the classroom to pick up students after the performance. (Should a parent want a child to be released to walk home, that information should be sent to the teacher in a written note.)

The students have been practicing for weeks. They are very, very excited about the show.

Lastly, please remember that the last day of school before break is December 21, 2023. **We will have an 11:00 dismissal and <u>there is no after care</u>.** Please note that items in Lost and Found will be donated if they are not picked up prior to Christmas Break.

Thank you for all of the things you do to make this season bright!

With Gratitude and Blessings, Sheila M. Klich

Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund



Dear St. Celestine Families.

During this season of thankfulness and gratitude, the St. Celestine School Community is putting together the Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund. This fund provides the opportunity for our school families to come together as one and show our appreciation of the SCS faculty and staff. 100% of the donations will be used in appreciation of the faculty and staff to provide Christmas gifts and holiday cheer and host luncheons, special treats, and celebrations throughout the school year.

While donations are completely optional and gifts of all sizes are welcome, we are hoping that all our SCS families are able to contribute to the fund. Donations will be collected through Friday, November 29th. Please fill out the slip below and include it with cash or check payable to St. Celestine Parents Club in an envelope labeled Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund.

As we approach the holiday season, we wish all St. Celestine School families many celebrations filled with joy, health, and happiness! Thank you for your consideration and support.

\Box Yes! Our family is contributing to the SCS Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund.		
Family Name:	Donation Amount:	
Child's Name/Room #:	Child's Name/Room #:	
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St. Celestine Parents' Club is selling Lou Malnati's Pizza Coupons!

Purchase pizza coupons for \$15 using the form below by December 1st. Coupons will be delivered through Brown Envelope on December 20th. 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: Friday, December 1	Delivery: Wednesday, D	ecember 20
Name:	Phone:	
Email Address:		
Student Name:	Classroom:	
Number of Pizza Coupons	Total Paid	
X \$15	\$	□ check □ cash
	Checks payable to	

St. Celestine Parents Club





Let's spread some Christmas Cheer at our Parents' Club December Meeting!

Dress in your favorite Christmas Ugly Sweater.

Bring an appetizer to share.

BYOB or bring a

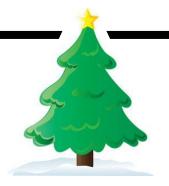
bottle of wine.

Parents' Club will provide plates, napkins, utensils, & cups!





St. Celestine School Community Tree Trim



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

When:

Sunday, December 3rd 12:00 – 1:30 pm Following 11:00 am Children's & Scout Mass, we will gather at St. Celestine School.

What:

- Enjoy hot cocoa and treats!
- Participate in a free throw contest!
- Take a photograph with Santa!
- Hang an ornament(s) on the St. Celestine Tree(s)!
- Make an ornament for the St. Celestine Church and/or St. Cyprian Church trees!
- Make a holiday card for our community heroes, our first responders!
- Make and take an ornament for home!

Cost: There is no cost for this event; St. Celestine Parent's Club, St. Celestine Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts Pack #4690 and Boy Scouts Troop #690, Celtic Athletics, St. Mother Theodore Guerin Men's Club, St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Council, and St. Celestine School are co-sponsoring this community event.

RSVP: To ensure hot cocoa, treats, cards, and ornaments for all, please RSVP using the following link https://forms.gle/V4XQ6nkLyo3m8G3v9 by December 1st.



Make an Ornament for Our Tree Trim

Tree Theme: The Meaning of Christmas

Ornaments: Individuals are able to create ornaments for the tree as well!

- The ornaments should be small ornaments (2 to 3 inches in size), created/decorated by students, and follow the theme of *Meaning of Christmas*.
- Please follow these guidelines for safely creating outdoor ornaments.
- Bring your ornament to the Tree Trim to hang on our School Community Tree!

St. Celestine School Community Tree Trim Decoration Guidelines



Please review the materials recommendations and keep in mind animal safety when constructing your ornaments.

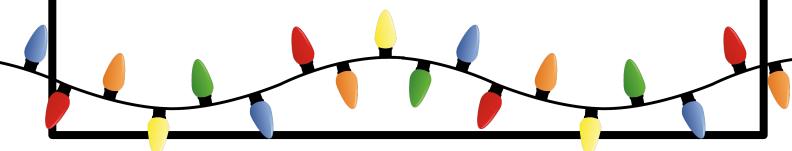
Materials Recommended for Ornaments:

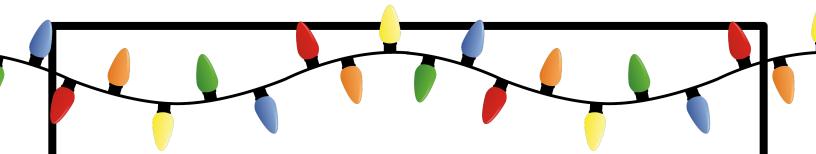
- Decorated popsicle sticks
- Laminated Paper
- Styrofoam balls
- Plastic needlepoint clothespins
- Foil wrapped objects
- Strung beads
- Yarn
- Fabric
- Soda Cans
- Wood items
- Plastic containers (film, margarine, etc.)
- Plastic milk bottles



PLEASE REMEMBER DURABILITY. The ornaments need to withstand the elements of winter. Ornaments should be painted, varnished, shellacked, or laminated. Water-soluble glue (Elmer's) is NOT recommended.

Please hang ornaments with string or yarn (no wipe or pipe cleaners). Tie the ornaments on tight enough that they will not blow off, but not so tight that volunteers are unable to remove them.





Materials NOT Recommended for Ornaments:

FOOD ITEMS (including, but not limited to):

- Cereal
- Suet with bird seed
- Peanut butter balls with bird seed
- Dog biscuits
- Pine cones dipped in peanut butter
- Pet food
- Food on strings
- Candy canes
- Ice cream cones with birdseed
- Graham crackers

NON-DURABLE ITEMS:

- Ornaments made of dough
- Varnished or shellacked dough
- Strung styrofoam "peanuts"
- Objects with jagged edges
- Unlaminated paper

OTHER:

- Tinsel (or icicles)
- Straw
- Glass
- Ceramic/Porcelain
- Anything breakable
- Anything valuable





Marine Lance Cpl. Nickolas A. Daniels Breakfast with Santa Toy Drive

Sponsored by the

Elmwood Park Neighborhood Civic Organization and the Montclare Elmwood Park Kiwanis

Sunday December 10, 2023 9am to 12pm

Enter through St. Celestine School Front Entrance 3017 N. 77th Ave. Elmwood Park, IL 60707



- *Please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or a girl \$10.00 limit per toy
- *Breakfast will be served
- *There will be a visit from Santa
- *Bring a bag of canned goods for your visit with Santa

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

Arts and Crafts
Send a Letter to Santa
Send a Holiday Card to the Military

Compliments of the following organizations









Order form for St. Celestine School 2023 Christmas Show



Make choice below.

Please note that Blu-Ray High Definition DVDs require a Blu-Ray DVD player and will not play in a standard DVD player

Student's name:	
Class room:	
	Standard DVD\$15
	Blu-Ray HiDef DVD\$15

Please visit www.mapparty.com to view photos from over 10 years of St. Celestine events