



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Halloween is just around the corner and I am re-sharing the reminders about costumes. They are:

- Weapons of any kind are not allowed
- No masks, gory makeup, face paint, hair dye
- Appropriate hats are allowed if they are part of their costume
- Girls must have skirts knee length and should be worn with leggings/tights
- No sleeveless shirts or tank tops are allowed
- Costumes must allow for freedom of movement
- Violent characters or costumes going against our Catholic beliefs are not allowed
- Costumes may not include representations of political figures, symbols, slogans, or support any political parties or movements. The goal is to maintain a positive and inclusive environment in which all students feel comfortable and respected.

The Halloween costume parade will be in the back half of the parking lot, rather than around the block this year. It will begin at 9am. This allows for greater security. Parents are asked to form a ring around the area and students will parade in the middle. Cones will be placed in an oval shape around the area where students will parade and parents are asked to stand in a ring around the cones. Students will parade in the middle.

Please be aware of the absence policy for St. Celestine School.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is fundamental to the academic success and spiritual growth of our students. For this reason, students are expected to attend school on a daily basis for the school term, unless an absence is excused.

A student is absent from school when he/she is not physically present on a required student

attendance day. A student is tardy when he/she is not physically present at the posted opening of a regular required student attendance day.

Reporting Process:

Absences

For your child's protection, it is necessary for parents/guardians of students in all grades to call the office (708-453-8234) between the hours of 7:00am-8:00am to inform the school that the child will be absent that day. If a parent/guardian fails to report a student's absence, it will be recorded as unexcused. The

school will contact the parent/guardian if a student is absent and a notice of absence is not received before the opening of the student attendance day.

A student absence will be excused if it is due to: (1) student illness (including mental/behavioral health); (2) observance of a religious holiday; (3) death in the immediate family; (4) a family emergency; (5) other situations beyond the control of the student as determined by the principal; (6) other circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent/guardian for the student's mental, emotional or physical health or safety; and (7) other reasons approved by the principal.

Please give the following information:

- 1. Student's name*
- 2. Name of the person calling and the relationship to the student*
- 3. Reason for the absence*

The school office will call those parents who have not contacted the school by 9:00am.

When a student is absent for 3 or more days due to any contagious illness such as chicken pox, pink-eye, head lice, strep throat, or whenever the Health Department recommends it, the child must bring a note from a certified doctor giving the child permission to return to school.

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. The school reserves the right to notify the authorities if a child's rate of absences remains high without justifiable cause.

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.

Have a wonderful week!

*With Gratitude and Blessings,
Sheila M. Klich
Principal*