



## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

October 9, 2024

Dear Parents,

Please keep these upcoming dates on your calendar.

- Thursday, October 10: Parent Teacher Conferences- There is an 11:30am dismissal. Lunch and After care will not be provided.
- Friday, October 11: Parent Teacher Conferences- There is an 11:30am dismissal. Lunch and After care will not be provided.
- Tuesday, October 15: Raffle ticket sale ends- All tickets and money are due in the St. Celestine School office.

We will be conducting various drills during the school year. This letter is to help you understand the importance of this as well as to understand each type of drill.

The students and staff of your school will be practicing 3 primary emergency drills each year. They are "FIRE DRILLS"; "LOCKDOWN DRILLS"; and "TORNADO DRILLS." Each type of drill is explained below.

### **FIRE DRILLS**

The school will conduct "Fire Drills". This is a requirement for all schools in the State of Illinois. We want each student to understand and be aware of the importance of this drill and not be afraid when the fire alarm is sounded. By practicing they will know what to do and how to do it. We will be having a Fire Drill next week.

### **LOCKDOWN DRILLS**

The school will conduct A "Lockdown Drill" during the school year. This type of drill will secure the school building and safely shelter all students, staff and visitors inside the building. The purpose of this drill is to keep the students safe from any danger outside or inside the building. During a "lockdown drill" all of the perimeter doors to the school building will be locked and will remain locked until the danger or issue outside or inside the building is removed. To enable everyone to remain safe, no one will be allowed to enter the building or leave the building until the authorities authorize such a release. We will be having a Lockdown Drill later in the month.

**TORNADO DRILLS**

The "Tornado Drill" will be conducted each school year. The purpose of this drill is to be prepared to move to a safe location within the building in case of severe weather or tornados. We will be having a Tornado Drill within the next month.

Thankfully,

Sheila M. Klich  
Principal