



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Sept. 13, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have a number of exciting events coming soon. Please mark your calendars for the following:

- There is no school on Sept. 22 because the teachers have a Professional Development Day.
- Pastries with the Principal is Sept. 25 right after arrival. It is in the Annex. Please look at the flyer for more information.
- There is a 2:00 pm dismissal on October 3.
- Picture retakes are on October 6, 2023.

Should you be interested in a St. Celestine School car magnet, they are available in the office. Car magnets are a great way to show SCS pride!

If you know of families looking for a great school, please refer them to St. Celestine School. We have space in many grades and look forward to welcoming new families and making our school even stronger.

Blessings,
Sheila M. Klich
Principal



September 13, 2023

Dear St. Celestine School Families,

As many of you have heard, the Tax Credit Scholarship Program is in danger of ending if legislation is not passed by the Illinois General Assembly by November 9th. Over the past six years this program has been central to our efforts to provide high quality, Catholic education to all who seek it; not just all who can afford it.

The Catholic Conference in cooperation with scholarship granting organizations and Agudath Israel are leading non-public schools across the state in an organized effort to bring public awareness to the need for legislative action now. The efforts to pass legislation failed by a small margin in May. We need your help to make our state representative and senators aware of how important this program is to us.

This school year 5 students have already received Tax Credit Scholarships and we anticipate more awards in the coming weeks. While that is not a significant number, many catholic schools rely on these scholarships for enrollment. We also want to make sure families, including St. Celestine families, have access to scholarship sources and school choice. Should the Tax Credit Scholarship end, an avenue towards Catholic education and school choice closes for many and that is not fair.

Past efforts to support the program resulted in an extension. That extension is now ending and we are hopeful the new legislation will be a permanent solution.

Please use this link:
(<https://elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByAddress.aspx>) to find your State Representative and State Senator to express your support of the Tax Credit Scholarship. If you enter your address, you will be directed to their names and contact information. Any support you can give Tax Credit Scholarships helps your school community and the communities of many other Catholic schools.

Thank you for your help to SAVE OUR SCHOLARSHIPS.

Yours in Christ,

Sheila M. Klich
Principal

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Please join us for our monthly

Pastries with the Principal

Monday, September 25, 8am immediately following drop off. We'll meet in the Annex.

All guardians and parents are welcome for a monthly gathering with Ms. Klich to meet and discuss all things St. Celestine! Coffee and pastries will be served.

Please RSVP at this link

<https://forms.gle/N8nYjUaTR2cUwS788>

Save the Dates...

Mondays 8am

September 25

October 23

November 20

December 18

January 29

February 12

March 18

April 15

May 13





Multiple Sports registration due dates are quickly approaching! If your child is interested in one of our fall sports please follow this link to register.

<https://stcelestineschool.org/athletics/>



Boys & Girls Competitive Basketball: Now-September 15th



CO-ED Instructional Soccer: Now-September 15th

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR **ST. CELESTINE**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH | 5-9PM
500 W NORTH AVE, MELROSE PARK, IL, 60160

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **KRDHNEC**
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For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

ONLINE FUNDRAISERS

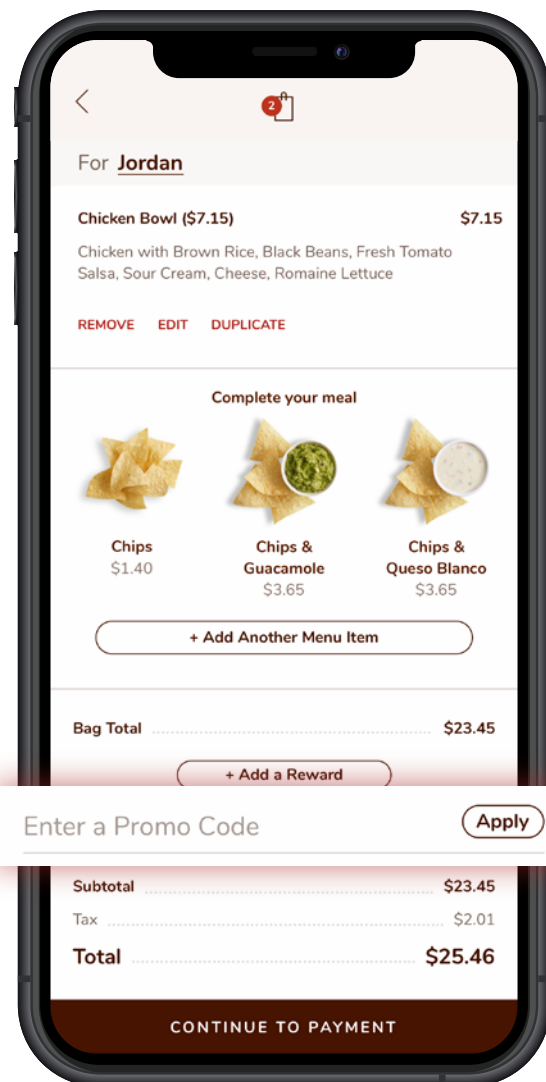


Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the **Chipotle App** or **Chipotle.com**.

Please note all online orders for your fundraiser must be within your scheduled hours and only at the restaurant hosting your event.

- 1** Access the **Chipotle app** or order on our **website**.
- 2** Choose **“Pickup”** and select the location of the restaurant which is hosting your fundraiser.
Delivery orders or orders placed through other apps will not be counted towards your fundraiser.
- 3** Build your order with all your faves.
- 4** Once you’re ready to place your order, input your unique online fundraiser code in the **“Enter a Promo Code”** section. Don’t forget to click **“Apply.”**
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- 5** Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery).
Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of your scheduled fundraiser.

If you or your supporters forget to input and apply the code at checkout, please email us your order information at fundraisers@chipotle.com.



HELPFUL TIP

Once you apply your fundraiser code, your cart will show “Fundraiser” and an amount of -\$0.01. Don’t panic — this is totally normal and how we track the code in our system.

St. Celestine Girl Scouts
invites kindergarten ladies to
bring their favorite stuffed friend for a...

Teddy Bear Picnic



Thursday, September 21
5:30 - 6:30
St. Celestine Annex

Girls will have loads of fun as they learn about being a Daisy Girl Scout in our NEW Kindergarten Troop. Activities will include Arts and Crafts, Playing Games, Snack!

Parents are welcome to attend and should arrive at 5:30 pm to learn more about joining the troop for this year! We are also looking for a co-leader to work with Allie Ketelaar.

Questions: GirlScouts@stcelestineschool.org

RSVP here: bit.ly/44MkfWu



The Elmwood Park Youth Commision's final community bike ride for the season is on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:45PM. Meet out front of the Parks and Recreation Building.

Wear Celtics Spirit Wear and post a picture to our Facebook post to receive an out of uniform pass



Free ice cream after the bike ride!

not a school sponsored event