

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



September 2, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for your attention to St. Celestine School safety protocols. We appreciate working with you to keep the school safe. With a desire to work with families in a positive manner, we request the following:

- Please do not respond in anger if asked to present an ID when picking up your child.
- Please drive responsibly around the school area and do NOT park on the Wellington side near the cones at drop off.
- Please do not park in the handicapped parking spots, especially at drop off.

Mark your calendars for September 9th. It is Parents Night from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. Parents are invited to meet the teachers, Fr. Ton, and representatives from the organizations that help the school. Any children who attend must be registered for babysitting. See this week's flyer for details.

Parish Taste is on September 12th from 4:00- 9:00PM. Join us for fun, food, entertainment, and games from 4:00pm until 9:00pm.

Lastly, the Elmwood Park Youth Commission sponsors bike rides. They are listed below:

- September 23 at 7:00pm starting at Centennial Park
- October 21 at 6:00pm starting at the Parks and Recreation Building

If families email me pictures of themselves at the ride in St. Celestine gear (or with bikes decorated with St. Celestine colors/ decorations), they will be entered into gift card raffle. The raffle will be on October 23. Think of it as a fun way to promote the school!

Blessings,
Sheila M. Klich
Principal

St Celestine

PARENT'S NIGHT KID- SITTING *Service*

When: 9/9 7pm

Where: St Celestine School

Cost: \$5/child

This year, students are not permitted in the gym, annex, hallways, or classrooms during Parents' Night. The Class of 2027 will provide supervised student care while parents attend Back-to-School activities. Register below. Cash preferred.



**questions? email
scs8th-
pc@stcelestinesch
ool.org**

 SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!
COMING SOON!

September 9th & 10th

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

and

Parent's Night on September 9th

7:50 pm - 9:00 pm

From picture books to adult best sellers, everyone can find a new favorite!

Your child will visit the book fair with their class on Wednesday and Thursday during the school day. Parents are welcome to join their child when their classroom attends the book fair. Families can also shop online.

All online purchases will ship directly to your home too!

Online Book Fair

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stcelestineschool1>

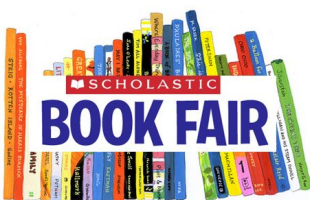
September 9th - 22nd

Parents may shop the book fair on Parent's Night starting after the first classroom presentation as well. Shop for your young readers or help build the classroom libraries. To do so, check out the classroom wish lists at the Book Fair or pick a book on your own to donate!

Please note that Scholastic does charge 10% sales tax on all transactions.

Please consider giving your child an extra dollar to cover the tax. It is very hard saying no to a \$4.95 book when children 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 Tuesday night and/or volunteer for the book fair, please sign up for a time slot at <https://signup.com/go/hSZuUBk>

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.



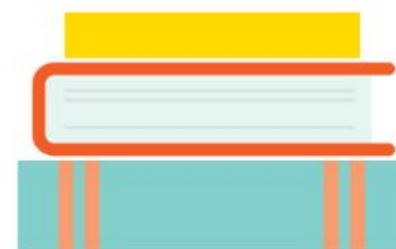
CREATE ACCOUNT



ADD FUNDS



and/or
SHARE WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS



SHOP

To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stcelestineschool1>



St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Taste

Food Fest and Entertainment

Saturday, September 12 from 4 to 9 PM

St. Celestine Church 3020 N. 76th Court, Elmwood Park

**American, Filipino, Italian, Mexican,
Polish, and Vietnamese food**

Raffles (Win a 65 inch TV!) DJ, face painting and fun for kids!

American: Hot Dogs, Pizza,, Pop, Beer, and Wine

Root Beer Floats and Desserts

Italian: Meatballs, Bread, cannoli dip, Italian Sausage, coleslaw

Polish: Kielbasa, Pierogi, sauerkraut

Vietnamese: Egg Rolls and Rice

Filipino: Spring rolls and pansit

Mexican: Chicken Tinga or Carnitas Tacos, Rice, Corn on the cob

ATTENTION ALL

St. Celestine Parents

The Parish Taste is
Saturday, September 12th!

**WE NEED OUR
ST. CELESTINE FAMILIES!**

School organizations will be
sponsoring booths with Hot Dogs,
Pizza, Face Painting, Temporary
Tattoos, and Glowsticks!

Please support Parents' Club,
School Board, and Athletics by
signing up to volunteer for a shift
at the Parish Taste!

SIGN UP HERE

bit.ly/SCSVolunteerSignUp



SCAN ME

Uniform Donations Needed!

Are you wondering what to do with uniforms that just don't fit anymore?

Please donate SCS uniforms
(clean and in good condition) to
St. Celestine Parents' Club

**Tuesday, September 22nd
& Wednesday, September 23rd**

Students turning in
school uniforms can earn an
Out of Uniform Pass for 2026-2027

Place uniforms in a plastic bag with slip below.

Student Name: _____

Grade/Classroom: _____

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

3020 N. 76th Court
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
stguerinparish.org 708-453-2555

September 2, 2026

Altar Servers

Serving at the altar is a special way for young people to participate more deeply in the Church's worship and to grow in faith, reverence, and love for Jesus Christ.

Altar servers exercise an important liturgical ministry. They assist the priest and deacon during the celebration of the Mass and other liturgies and help the entire parish community worship with reverence and prayer. Through attentive and faithful service at the altar, servers are invited to deepen their own prayer and to serve Christ and His Church with joy.

Boys and girls in **Grade 4 and above** from **St. Celestine School** and the **St. Mother Theodore Guerin Religious Education Program** are invited to serve. Training will be provided.

Please complete the form below and return it by **September 20 for school students** or **September 27 for Religious Education students**. Forms may be returned to teachers or catechists, the Pastoral Center, or the collection basket at Mass. **We look forward to welcoming our young parishioners to this beautiful ministry of service to Christ and His Church.**

My child has my permission to be an Altar Server. _____

Print Student's Name _____

St. Celestine School Student _____ Religious Education Student _____

New Server _____ Returning Server _____ Grade _____

Print Parent/ Guardian Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

New Altar Servers Training (in church) Dates and Times (please choose one):

Friday, September 25, 3:15pm _____ Saturday, September 26, 11:45am _____

Monday, October 5, 3:15pm _____ Saturday, October 10, 11:45am _____

Training will last about one hour and you may wait for them in church.

My child can serve at the following mass times (please check all that apply):

Saturday, 4:30pm _____ Sunday, 7:30am _____ Sunday, 9am _____ Sunday, 11am _____

CALLING ALL PARENTS

COME JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR

I'd like to invite the school parents to join the Adult Choir. We meet on the first three Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30 PM, and we sing at the 11:00am Mass at St. Celestine on the second, and fourth Sundays of the month. It's personally and spiritually rewarding to worship at Mass through singing, and there are other benefits of joining the choir.

- You have no homework for one hour and fifteen minutes.
- You get to sing great songs.
- Choir people are fun to hang out with.
- You get me as the Choir Director.
- Singing is an excellent stress reliever.
- Let someone else help the kids with their homework one night a week!
- It's a great workout for your brain.
- You don't need to buy any equipment.
- You'll learn a lot of choir jokes.

Parents, I know you are very busy. I will even give this a special name. **It's called**

Come When You Can

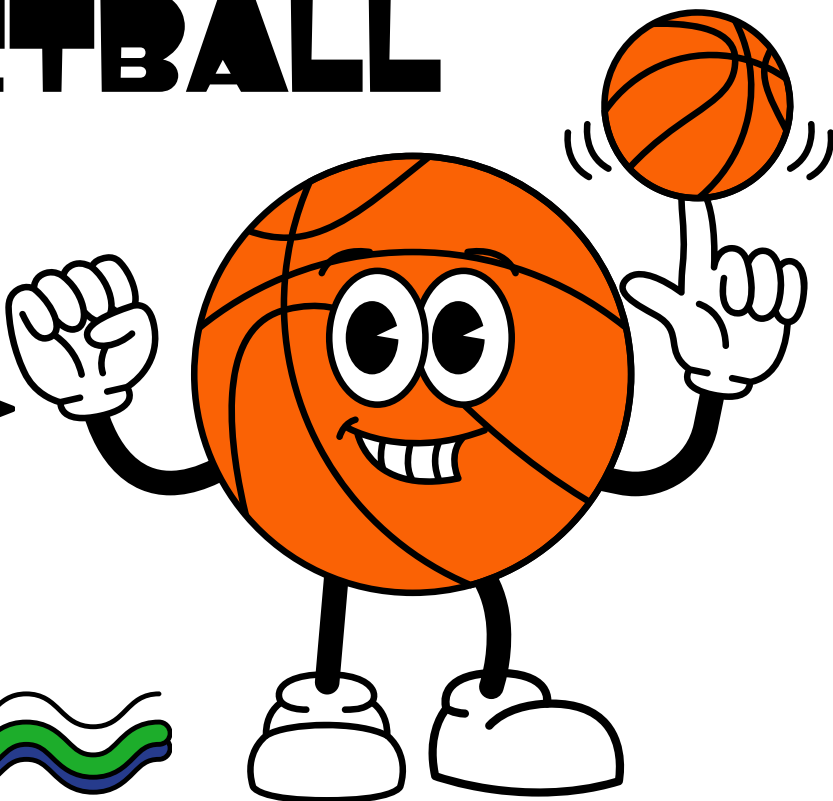
**You will never be fired if I don't
see you on a Wednesday or
Sunday.**

Please call me at 708-453-2555, email me at ckamptner@stcelestineschool.org or come to our first choir practice Wednesday night, September 16 in the Music Room of the school at 6:30 PM. You can enter off the gym entrance.

Hope to see you on September 16

SCS ATHLETICS

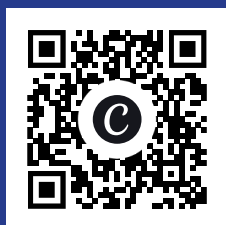
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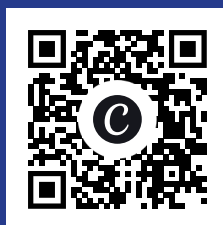
GIRLS REGISTRATION CLOSES 9/23
BOYS REGISTRATION CLOSES 10/7

4TH GRADE-8TH GRADE

BOYS



GIRLS



ST. CELESTINE ATHLETICS PRESENTS

ATHLETICS MASS +

Sunday September 13th at 11am

Calling all St. Celestine students
and Athletes



Join us for mass and a special
blessing from Father Ton

*Be sure to wear your favorite
St. Celestine jersey!*



Soccer



Cross Country



Basketball



Volleyball



Track



Instructional
League



After mass soccer games at St. Patrick High School.
Come support our teams and cheer them on!



**Varsity - 2pm
JV White - 3pm**



Athletic Board

Meetings

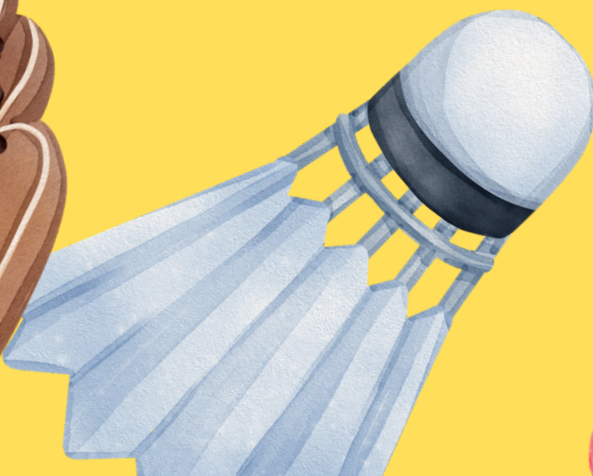
Creed Center



September 21	7PM
October 19	7PM
November 16	7PM
December 21	7PM
January 18	7PM
February 15	7PM
March 15	7PM
April 19	7PM
May 17	7PM

All are welcome!

Questions? Email athleticdirector@stcelestineschool.org



SCS ATHLETICS

COACHES & ATHLETIC BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

EMAIL
ATHLETICDIRECTOR@STCELESTINESCHOOL.ORG

Welcome Back to School

Dear St. Celestine School Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new and returning families, heartfelt wishes for a year of growth and learning for all, and thoughtful prayers for God's blessings throughout the year ahead.

At our school, all parents and/or guardians of children attending St. Celestine School are members of the Parents' Club. No fee required! No experience needed! This means that all SCS families are encouraged to attend Parents' Club sponsored events, activities, and/or meetings. SCS Parents' Club is responsible for planning and implementing many activities, events, and fundraisers throughout the school year to support and engage students and their families, faculty and staff, and our school community.

There are many ways to get involved and participate:



Attend our [monthly meetings](#). Parents' Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. We meet virtually one month and in person the next month. Meetings are place to share new ideas, collaborate on special projects and events, and meet other SCS families. All are welcome!



[Volunteer](#) your time at events such as Scholastic Book Fair, Fall Festival, Santa's Secret Shop, and Pizza Day. We appreciate the countless volunteer hours that so many SCS family members donate to St. Celestine School. Our volunteers make our community stronger. To make volunteering even easier, we have made signing up to volunteer a one stop spot. Click here for current and upcoming [volunteer opportunities](#) and [volunteer requirements](#).



Join us at our [monthly restaurant fundraisers](#). Our restaurant fundraisers help support our school and offer an opportunity socialize with other SCS families. We are looking forward to a few special restaurant nights this year. Make sure to join us for Spooky Season at Culver's in October and Fat Tuesday at Portillo's in February. Don't miss a chance to win special prizes and out of uniform passes!



Celebrate at special events and activities. All activity and event information will be shared through Brown Envelop and on [SCS Parents Club and Events web page](#). We are especially excited to invite all our families to our Annual Fundraising Event in March!

Questions? Please reach out to ParentsClub@stcelestineschool.org

Best wishes for a wonderful
2026-2027 school year
for St. Celestine School!

St. Celestine
PARENTS CLUB



St. Celestine School Parents' Club

2026-2027 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, September 1st 7:00 pm

Virtual: <https://meet.google.com/hqt-ixgc-gag>

Tuesday, October 6th 7:00 pm

St. Celestine School Annex

Tuesday, November 3rd 7:00 pm

Virtual: <https://meet.google.com/hqt-ixgc-gag>

Tuesday, December 1st 7:00 pm

St. Celestine School Annex

Tuesday, January 12th 7:00 pm

Virtual: <https://meet.google.com/hqt-ixgc-gag>

Tuesday, February 2nd 7:00 pm

St. Celestine School Annex

Tuesday, March 2nd 7:00 pm

Virtual: <https://meet.google.com/hqt-ixgc-gag>

Tuesday, April 6th 7:00 pm

St. Celestine School Annex

Tuesday, May 4th 7:00 pm

Virtual: <https://meet.google.com/hqt-ixgc-gag>

Tuesday, June 1st 7:00 pm

St. Celestine School Annex



St. Celestine School Parents Club



St. Celestine Parents' Club is blessed to have many volunteers! Through the commitment of these volunteers, we are able to provide many opportunities to our students, staff, and community! Are you interested in volunteering? Check out these resources to get you started on your volunteer experience!



Volunteer Sign Up

Are you interested in volunteering for upcoming Parents' Club sponsored events? Click here for all of our current volunteer opportunities!

<https://signup.com/go/hSZuUBk>



Volunteer
Requirements

All volunteers working with students must meet the Archdiocese of Chicago requirements for volunteering. Click here to get started!

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

St. Celestine School Parents' Club



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Throughout the school year, there are many activities and events that need volunteer support from our SCS Community! Click here for all of our current volunteer opportunities! <https://signup.com/go/hSZuUBk>

Year Round Opportunities

- Join the Parents Club Board
- Be a Room Parent or Helper

Fall Opportunities

- Parent Club Meetings
- Uniform Donation Organization
- Organization Day
- Uniform Resale
- Fall Book Fair*
- Parish Taste
- 8th Grade Events Committee
- Fall Festival
- Restaurant Fundraiser
- JH Halloween Dance*

Winter Opportunities

- Parent Club Meetings
- Santa's Secret Shop*
- Pizza Day*
- Annual Fundraising Event Committee
- JH Valentine's Dance*
- Spring Shenanigans*
- Uniform Donation Organization
- Uniform Resale

Spring Opportunities

- Parent Club Meetings
- Annual Fundraising Event
- Teacher Appreciation Week*
- Spring Book Fair*

*These events or volunteer roles will require volunteers to work with students.

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