



## PRINCIPAL'S

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Sept. 23, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we move through another busy week of learning, activities, schedules, and responsibilities, I want to pause simply to say **thank you**.

Our school is made stronger each day by the care you show your children, the encouragement you offer our teachers, and the trust you place in us. In classrooms, hallways, at Mass, on the playground, and during the ordinary moments in between, we see children growing not only in knowledge, but also in kindness, confidence, faith, and friendship.

Catholic education is a partnership between home, school, and parish. We are grateful to walk alongside your family as we help our students discover the gifts God has given them and learn how to use those gifts in service to others.

Even in the busiest weeks, there is much to celebrate: a student who helps a classmate, a teacher who offers extra patience, a family who supports a school event, a child who tries again after a difficult moment. These small acts of goodness are meaningful, and they reflect the love of Christ within our community.

May we all take a moment this week to notice the good around us and thank God for the people who make our school such a special place.

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

- There is no school on September 25 because the teachers have a Professional Development Day.
- September 28 is the Out of Uniform Day for returning the brown envelope this month.
- There is a 2:00 pm dismissal on October 6.
- Our next Parent's Club Meeting is at 7pm on October 6. There are a number of great events coming and wonderful opportunities to volunteer.
- Parent/ Teacher conferences are October 8 and 9. Dismissals on those days is at 11:30 am and no after care is provided.

Also, as the weather gets colder and students wear school sweatshirts, we encourage you to write their names on the tags.

Thank you for everything you do to help support St. Celestine School.

Blessings,  
Sheila M. Klich  
Principal

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR **ST. CELESTINE PARENTS' CLUB**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD | 4-8PM**  
**500 W NORTH AVE, MELROSE PARK, IL, 60160**

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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **GAWMDWF**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



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

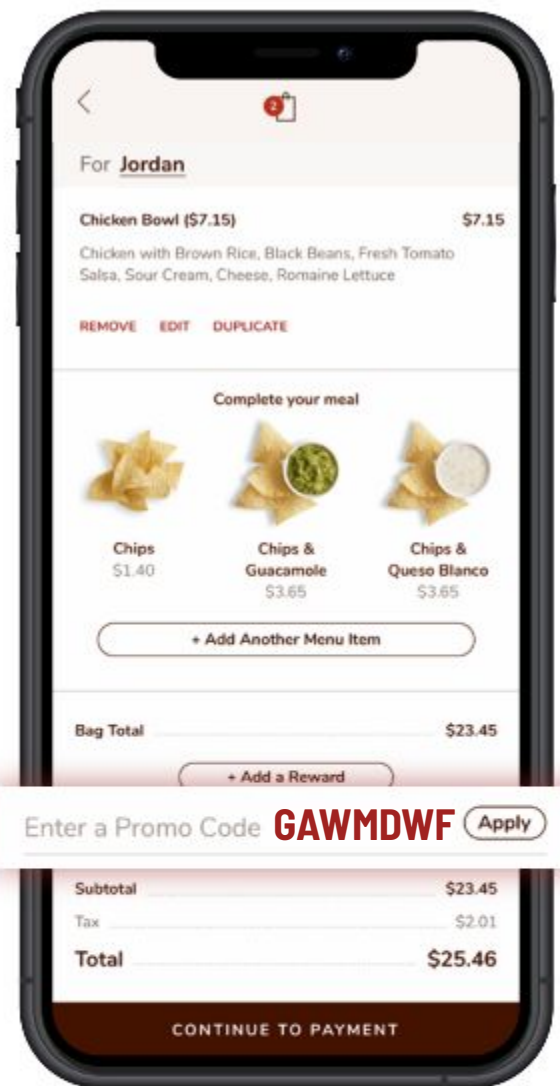


Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the **Chipotle App** or **Chipotle.com**.

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."**  
**PROMO CODE: GAWMDWF**
- 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](mailto:fundraisers@chipotle.com).



Fundraiser x

- \$0.01

## 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 SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 24th 1:00 - 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** St. Celestine School

**WHAT:** All our invited to participate in this spooktacular community event: face painting, Halloween BINGO, a monster museum, pumpkin catapults, cake walks, pumpkin mini golf, and Halloween games! Families will enjoy fall activities sponsored by our very own SCS faculty. Take a chance on a raffle basket and enjoy seasonal treats! Decorate a pumpkin, visit the petting zoo, take a pony ride, and so much more!

**COST:** Event wristbands include the cost of all activities:

- \$20 per child
- \$15 per child if purchased by Friday, October 9th

Raffle tickets \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Fall treats and sweets, concessions, and raffle tickets available for purchase at the event. Cash and checks accepted.

**SPECIAL:** The classroom with the most wristbands purchased by Friday, October 9th earns OPEN GYM!

**VOLUNTEER:** The SCS faculty are volunteering their time to host the activities so that families are able to enjoy this community event. However, we are seeking some volunteer support:

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

Purchase by submitting the slip below with cash or check to  
*St. Celestine Parents' Club* by Friday, October 9th!  
Send to the SCS Main Office in an envelope marked Fall Festival.

# Wristbands: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom #: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cash ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_



save the date

**SEPTEMBER**

**23**



**OCTOBER**

**21**



**NOVEMBER**

**12**



**JANUARY**

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**FEBRUARY**

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**MARCH**

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**APRIL**

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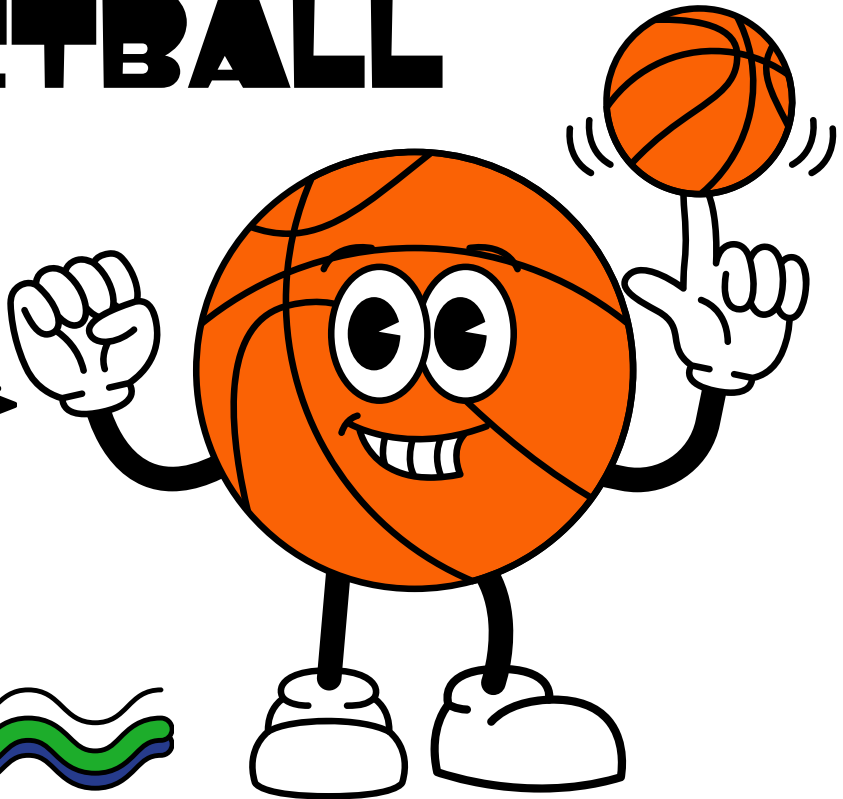
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SCS ATHLETICS

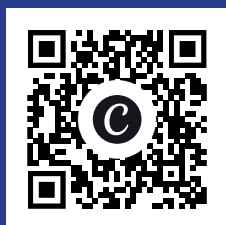
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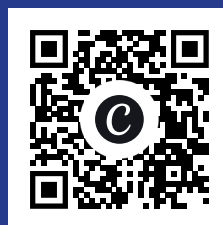
GIRLS REGISTRATION CLOSES 9/23  
BOYS REGISTRATION CLOSES 10/7

4TH GRADE-8TH GRADE

BOYS



GIRLS





ST CELESTINE CELTICS

# SOCCER PACK THE PITCH



Sunday 9/27 at  
St Patrick High  
School

Join us to celebrate our  
8<sup>th</sup> graders!!

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**JV WHITE 2PM**  
**VARSITY 3PM**

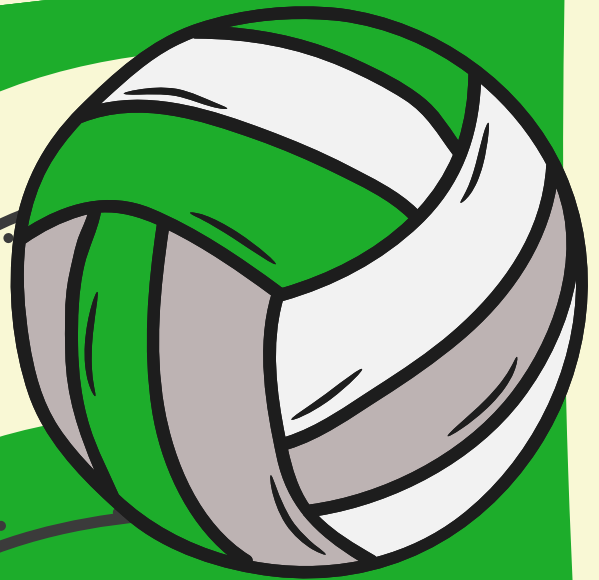


# Celtics VOLLEYBALL

## PACK THE GYM

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 22

5 pm - 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
6 pm - 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
7 pm - 8<sup>th</sup> grade



Come cheer on  
our Celtics for  
their last home  
game as we  
honor our 8<sup>th</sup>  
graders

Games &  
prizes during  
8<sup>th</sup> grades  
game





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Dear Parishioners and Catholic School Families,

As our children head back to the classrooms, I am writing to you about a significant opportunity to find additional funds to both public and nonpublic schools in our state. Congress passed a new federal tax credit program for 2027 that could generate hundreds of millions of additional dollars for both public and nonpublic school students in Illinois. For Illinois to participate in the program, Governor Pritzker must opt in.

As an advocate not only for Catholic education, but also for the education of all Illinois children, I ask that you contact the Governor to ask him say “yes” to this program. It will give Illinois taxpayers the choice to contribute to programs that will help all children in our state *and* receive a federal tax credit for their donation. These funds are truly needed. They could help Catholic school families cover tuition, after-school programming, supplies, technology or other much needed items. Donations could also be directed to support programming and other needs for public school students and their families. It could benefit just about every child and every school in our state.

If Governor Pritzker does not opt in, you can still donate to programs such as this, but to receive the tax credit, you will need to donate to a school program in another state. Recent polling suggests that in one year, as much as \$2 billion could be generated to boost education programming in our state. According to that same poll, if Illinois does not opt in, Illinois taxpayers may send as much as \$1 billion for educational services in other states.

The program allows taxpayers a 100% federal tax credit for contributions up to \$1,700. Any family earning up to 300% of the regional median income may qualify for scholarship assistance. This means more than 90% of all K-12 students would be eligible for support in Illinois.

According to our polling data, Illinois taxpayers will contribute to the program regardless of whether Illinois opts in or not. Shouldn't Illinois dollars benefit Illinois school children?

**Please visit <https://www.ilcatholic.org/federal-scholarship-tax-credit-program/> for more information and to learn how to send a message to the Governor and ask him to opt-in to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit. You can also call the Governor's office directly at 217.782.6830.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago



# OPT IN FOR OUR KIDS

Stronger Together. **Better for Illinois.**

## A federal tax credit scholarship program for K-12 Education

- **Benefits ALL types of schools.** Can add up to almost **\$2 billion** in new resources to public and private schools. **It doesn't take from existing funding.**
- **Supported by Illinoisans.** Nearly 7 in 10 Illinoisans support opting into this program.
- **Keeps Illinois dollars here.** If Illinois doesn't opt in, it has been reported that people will donate up to \$1 billion to schools in other states to receive the tax credit.
- **Opportunity** for public and private school families to work together for a common goal – **to support ILLINOIS kids.**



**It's a tax credit. It's voluntary. It's popular. It works.**

### HOW IT WORKS

- Taxpayer contributes to a scholarship granting organization which uses the funds to support scholarships for K-12 students.
- Taxpayer receives tax credit for their donation.

### WHO BENEFITS

- Students from ALL backgrounds
- Kids in public, private and faith-based schools.

**Call Governor Pritzker today!**

**Tell him: OPT in for Illinois KIDS! Call 217.782.6830**

or visit [gov.illinois.gov/contact-us/voice-an-opinion.html](http://gov.illinois.gov/contact-us/voice-an-opinion.html)



Learn more about the Federal  
Scholarship Tax Credit and how  
it helps Illinois families.



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Estimados feligreses y familias de las escuelas católicas,

Ahora que nuestros hijos vuelven a las aulas, me dirijo a ustedes para informarles de una importante oportunidad de conseguir fondos adicionales tanto para las escuelas públicas como para las privadas de nuestro estado. El Congreso aprobó un nuevo programa federal de créditos fiscales para 2027 que podría generar cientos de millones de dólares adicionales para los estudiantes de escuelas públicas y privadas de Illinois. Para que Illinois participe en el programa, el gobernador Pritzker debe dar su consentimiento.

Como defensor no solo de la educación católica, sino también de la educación de todos los niños de Illinois, les pido que se pongan en contacto con el gobernador para pedirle que diga "sí" a este programa. Permitirá a los contribuyentes de Illinois elegir contribuir a programas que ayudarán a todos los niños de nuestro estado y recibir un crédito fiscal federal por su donación. Estos fondos son realmente necesarios. Podrían ayudar a las familias de las escuelas católicas a sufragar la matrícula, las actividades extraescolares, el material escolar, la tecnología u otros artículos muy necesarios. Las donaciones también podrían destinarse a financiar programas y otras necesidades de los estudiantes de las escuelas públicas y sus familias. Podría beneficiar a prácticamente todos los niños y a todas las escuelas de nuestro estado.

Si el gobernador Pritzker no se adhiere a la iniciativa, podrás seguir haciendo donaciones a programas como este, pero para beneficiarte de la deducción fiscal tendrás que donar a un programa de escuelas de otro estado. Las últimas encuestas indican que, en un año, se podrían recaudar hasta 2.000 millones de dólares para impulsar los programas educativos en nuestro estado. Según esa misma encuesta, si Illinois no se adhiere al programa, los contribuyentes de Illinois podrían destinar hasta 1.000 millones de dólares a servicios educativos en otros estados.

El programa ofrece a los contribuyentes una deducción fiscal federal del 100 % por aportaciones de hasta 1.700 dólares. Cualquier familia cuyos ingresos no superen el 300% de la renta media regional puede optar a una beca. Esto significa que más del 90 % de los estudiantes de educación primaria y secundaria tendrían derecho a recibir ayudas en Illinois.

Según los datos de nuestras encuestas, los contribuyentes de Illinois contribuirán al programa independientemente de si Illinois decide participar o no. ¿No deberían los fondos de Illinois beneficiar a los niños de las escuelas de Illinois?

**Visita [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) para obtener más información y saber cómo enviar un mensaje al gobernador y pedirle que se acoja al Crédito Fiscal Federal para Becas, o llame' el gobernador – 217-782-6830.**

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Arzobispo de Chicago



# PARTICIPA POR NUESTROS NIÑOS

## Juntos más fuertes. **Lo mejor para Illinois.**

Un programa federal de créditos fiscales para becas en K-12

- **Beneficia a TODOS los tipos de escuelas.** Podría suponer hasta casi \$2,000 millones en nuevos recursos para escuelas públicas y privadas. **No supone una reducción de la financiación actual.**
- **Con el apoyo de los habitantes de Illinois.** Casi 7 de cada 10 habitantes de Illinois están a favor de adherirse a este programa.
- **Hace que el dinero de Illinois se quede aquí.** Si Illinois no participa en el programa, se ha informado de que la gente donará hasta 1.000 millones de dólares a escuelas de otros estados para poder beneficiarse del crédito fiscal.
- **Una oportunidad** para que las familias de las escuelas públicas y privadas colaboren con un objetivo común: **apoyar a los niños de ILLINOIS.**



**Es una deducción fiscal. Es voluntario. Es popular. Funciona.**

### CÓMO FUNCIONA

- El contribuyente realiza una donación a una organización que otorga subsidios y que utiliza los fondos para financiar becas para estudiantes de K-12. Luego, recibe una deducción fiscal por su donación.

### ¿A QUIÉN BENEFICIA?

- Estudiantes de TODOS los orígenes
- Niños que estudian en escuelas públicas, privadas y confesionales.

**¡Llama hoy al gobernador Pritzker!**

**Dile que: ¡Participe por los NIÑOS de Illinois!**

Llama al **217 782 6830**

o visita [gov.illinois.gov/contact-us/voice-an-opinion.html](http://gov.illinois.gov/contact-us/voice-an-opinion.html)



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las familias de Illinois.



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