



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Sept. 30, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians:

These last weeks have been filled with a tremendous amount of excitement about an important announcement!

St. Celestine School is launching an updated website at the beginning of October! It is beautiful! That said, work will continue to be done on pages in the weeks ahead, but the majority of the work is done. I cannot thank Hugo Lugo, Joe Ciconte and John Gallagher enough for their patience and support through this process. Please check out the site in the next few weeks!

Conference schedules have been created for October 8 and 9. Please check your child's brown envelope for the letter with your scheduled time. Please remember that there is an early dismissal those days and after care is not provided.

Parents Club has been hard at work planning events. They need volunteers for the upcoming uniform sale on October 8 and Fall Fest on October 24.

October 2 is Picture Retake Day for those who missed Picture day earlier in the year.

With Gratitude and Blessings,
Sheila M. Klich
Principal



VARSITY SOCCER PLAYOFF GAME

**Come cheer on your #1 seeded Varsity
Soccer team as they take on SRB in
Round 1 of the playoffs**

**Wednesday
9/30**

**Elmwood Park High
School**

6:30 pm

Check in with Athletics for Dojo points!

Let's Go Celtics!





JV SOCCER PLAYOFFS

**Come cheer on our JV team as
they take on SMOW**

10.1.2026

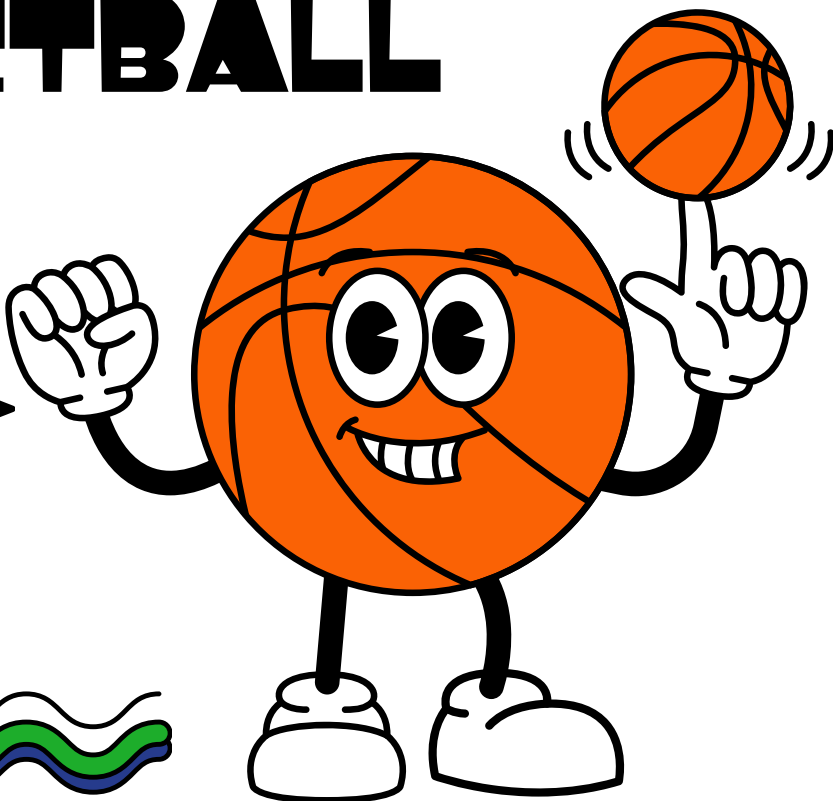
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**WILDWOOD PARK- 6950 NORTH
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SCS ATHLETICS

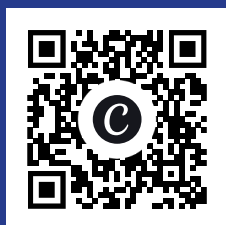
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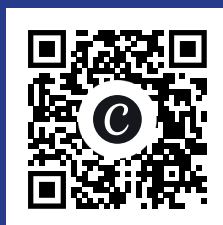
GIRLS REGISTRATION CLOSES 9/23
BOYS REGISTRATION CLOSES 10/7

4TH GRADE-8TH GRADE

BOYS



GIRLS





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY

Schedule:

10/02; 11/06; 12/04

3pm - 4pm: Divine Mercy,
Rosary and Scripture
Reflection.

4pm-7pm: Silent Prayer

6pm-7pm: Confession
Available.

7pm: Benediction

**St. Mother Theodore
Guerin Chapel**

3020 N 76th Ct, Elmwood
Park, IL 60707

**"Come to me, all of you who are
weary and loaded down with
burdens, and I will give you rest."
Mt. 11: 28.**





ST GUERIN
PARISH

Mass and Mingle

Community Building

Join us for Mass & Mingle after the 11:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month—a time to connect, build friendships, and strengthen our parish community.

Sunday, October 4

Mass at 11:00 AM |
Coffee, Cake, Fellowship
after Mass in the Annex and
the Gym

All are welcome!



3020 N. 76th Court
Elmwood Park, IL 60707



Fireside Chat



FIRESIDE CHAT

with your priests

Join us for a small, informal evening at the rectory to share faith, build relationships, and talk about our hopes for the future of our parish. Please scan the QR code to sign up.

6:30PM - 8:00 PM

3005 N 76TH COURT, ELMWOOD PARK

St Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

St. Celestine PARENTS CLUB



**Tuesday, October 6th
7:00 pm**

Meeting Topics

2026-2027 Room Parents & Helpers
JH Halloween Dance
Fall Festival
Halloween Classroom Celebrations
Parents' Club Green & Gold Gala Fundraising Event
SCS Faculty & Staff Appreciation and Support
Uniform Resale
Restaurant Fundraisers

Location

Annex
St. Celestine School

**BABYSITTING
AVAILABLE!**

OCTOBER

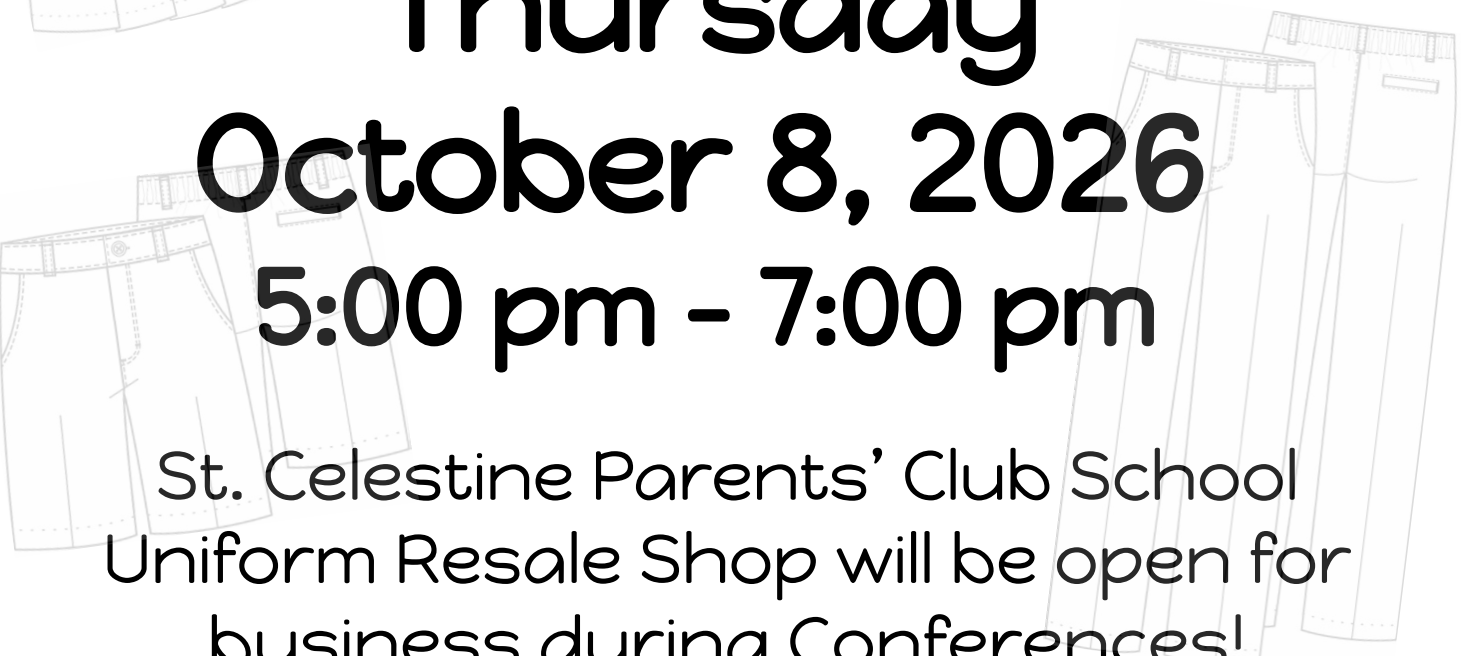


St. Celestine School

Uniform Resale Shop



Thursday
October 8, 2026
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



St. Celestine Parents' Club School
Uniform Resale Shop will be open for
business during Conferences!

The sale will be held in
the lunchroom.



Cash & Check Sales
Checks to
St. Celestine Parents Club

St. Celestine's Food Pantry Donations

Please Donate If You Can!!!!!!



5th Grade Girl Scout Troop 47362 is gathering food donations for the St. Celestine's food pantry to Nourish those in Need for the month of October. If you have any extra canned goods: beans, veggies, boxed cereal, pasta, tuna, etc., please bring them to school with you all month long.

*Please check expiration dates!

Drop in the Big Plastic Tub near the School Front Door!

Thank You!



St. Celestine's - Girl Scout Troop 47362

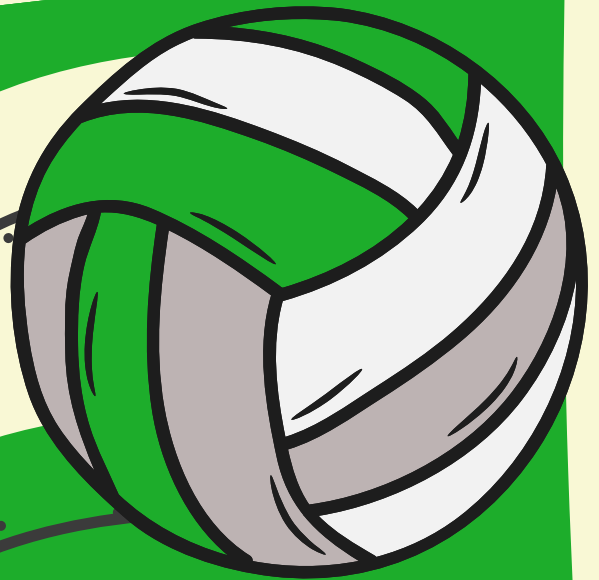
Cece, Olivia, Joy, Avery, Juliette, Emilia, Lilliana, Emily, Diana

Celtics VOLLEYBALL

PACK THE GYM

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 22

5 pm - 6th grade
6 pm - 7th grade
7 pm - 8th grade



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

Games &
prizes during
8th grades
game



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: _____



Office of the Archbishop
835 North Rush Street
Chicago, IL 60611-2030
312.534.8230
archchicago.org

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



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 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



Infórmate sobre el Crédito Fiscal
Federal para Becas y cómo ayuda a
las familias de Illinois.



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