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March 31, 2021

Dear Parents,

St Celestine families!

We are excited to kick off our St Celestine School Dance Challenge on April 27th. **Our goal is to raise \$15,000 for new technology and program enhancements and to strengthen our school community.**

Our school has always relied on fundraising to provide exceptional opportunities to enhance student learning. And this year, we have more needs than we've ever had before, which means we need your support more than ever.

We completely understand if your family is not in a position to financially support the school right now. You can still be involved by simply SHARING about our fundraiser with friends and extended family online at funrun.com. Sharing IS supporting!

As you know our school is limiting visitors and non-essential staff, so all communication to students and staff during the fundraising and character development program will be delivered via video instead of in person.

Key dates to remember:

- **Registration Opens - 4/13**
Register on [FUNRUN.COM](https://funrun.com), SHARE, & GIVE!
- **Fundraiser Kick Off - 4/27**
- **Event Day - 5/6**
SAVE THE DATE!

We are grateful for our St Celestine school family! Thank you for your support this year. We all need it!

Sincerely,

Sheila M. Klich
Principal



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DATE: March 31, 2021

Dear Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued partnership as we continue to instruct students during this pandemic year. We wish to inform you of some changes that will affect our usual standardized testing this spring. After much consideration, the Office of Catholic Schools **has decided to forego the requirement that all schools implement the ACT Aspire summative assessment for Grades 3-8 for the 2020-2021 school year.** Instead of administering the ACT Aspire, **Catholic elementary schools will implement the i-Ready assessment between May 10 and June 4.** While our original intent was to implement the ACT Aspire, the demands of serving our remote and in-person learners equitably and the burden of implementing this test proved too difficult. We feel it is important to prioritize instruction time over testing demands and continue the great learning progress happening in our classrooms.

The i-Ready will be given to all students, whether they're learning in-person or remotely.

In addition to this change, we have a specific ask of our families who have chosen to receive instruction remotely from St. Celestine School. Due to our desire for an accurate and authentic picture of your child's academic performance, we ask that you connect with your school and arrange for your child(ren) to attend a two-hour in-person time block so your child(ren) can take the i-Ready assessment with live teacher support. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed during the testing to help ensure your child's safety. We know this may not be possible for all students due to individual medical and personal concerns, but it is the preferred method for taking this exam. If you don't choose in-person, your school will reach out with a specific remote testing plan.

The Office of Catholic Schools appreciates your continued support and commitment to instruction this year. For specific questions about standardized assessments, we encourage you to contact your principal, or you may reach out to Dr. Hedi Belkaoui, Director of Continuous Improvement in the Office of Catholic Schools, at hedi.belkaoui@archchicago.org.

Yours, in Christ,

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools

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Director of Continuous Improvement



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Dear Parents,

Please read this reminder of travel expectations over Easter break. Please also note that our dismissal on April 1 is at 12:45 for students who typically dismiss at 2:45 and 1:00 for students who typically dismiss at 3:00.

St. Celestine School continues to work with the Archdiocese of Chicago on the most up to date travel requirements for travel over Easter break. **Enjoying a break at home without travel is the preferred option for St. Celestine School students and families.**

If traveling, please keep the following in mind:

Since the vaccine is not available for children, children are expected to follow the requirements for non-vaccinated individuals listed below.

Domestic travel in states designated Orange on the [Chicago Emergency Travel Order map](#) requires:

- Ten-day quarantine upon return if there is no negative pre-arrival test (any test administered by a third-party is sufficient; however, a self-administered test is not acceptable) **OR**
- A pre-arrival negative test (within 72 hours prior to return arrival to the state) with strict masking, physical distancing and avoidance of in-person out-of-school gatherings. Archdiocesan schools should accept any negative test prior to school attendance (including tests administered upon return to the state), but no earlier than 72 hours prior to return arrival to the state. Any test administered by a third-party is sufficient; however, a self-administered test is not acceptable. Availability of testing out-of-state residents varies from state to state, so we advise making a plan for receiving tests within 72 hours of your child's return to school.
- The test result must be presented to the school in writing and will be kept on file
- For domestic travel in states designated as Yellow on the [Chicago Emergency Travel Order map](#), no quarantine or pre-arrival test is required. However, travelers must maintain strict masking and physical distancing.

- If a state is Orange or becomes Orange at any point while the child is there, the 10 day quarantine or negative test result expectations apply. This applies if a state is Yellow but becomes Orange during the trip, a negative test or 10 day quarantine is needed.

International travelers must follow CDC guidelines:

- Traveler is to be tested three to five days after their return to the U.S. and must quarantine for a seven-day period even if the post-arrival test is negative (any test administered by a third-party is sufficient; however, a self-administered test is not acceptable).
- If traveler chooses not to take a test three to five days after their return to the U.S., he or she must quarantine for 10 days after arrival.

Sincerely,

With Gratitude and Blessings,
Sheila M. Klich
Principal