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Sept. 1, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please read the information regarding important school events and activities.

Parent Nite is Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7pm

Since there is no practical way to start with everyone in the gym, the following plan will be in place:

- Organizations and the Book Fair will be in the Gym
- I will be in the Lobby greeting families as they come in. Please remember that everyone is expected to wear masks while in the building.
- Sessions will be 20 minutes and will be in classrooms, except for 5th and 6th grade, which will be in the Lunchroom. There will be 4 sessions. This allows parents with multiple students to visit each room.

7:00-7:20 pm

7:20-7:40 pm

7:40-8:00 pm

8:00-8:20 pm

Spirit Wear Sale

St. Celestine School is holding an on-line Spirit Wear sale from now until Sept. 18. Please follow this link (<https://stcelestineapparel.lafgrp.com/>) to see options, including a SCS t-shirt designed by 8th grader Jenny T. Throughout the year, SCS will be having Spirit Wear days when kids can wear their SCS gear.

Travel Guidelines

With Labor Day approaching, please be aware of the policy regarding travel for unvaccinated students. Students visiting Orange States must have a negative COVID test that is no more than 72 hours before the start of school.

Please refer to the map in this link (<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html>).

If a child does not have a test and has been to an orange state recently, the child will need to quarantine for 10 days.

Remote learning options will not be provided for families who choose to travel. Parents should work with teachers to get a list of what was done while the child was away.

Wellington Drop Off

While we are very excited to have our students back for face-to-face instruction and a more normal school year, the drop off on Wellington Ave is quite congested. Parents, please do not park along Wellington during drop off. It is more of a “Kiss and Ride” area. This will allow traffic to keep moving. Please follow directions of the crossing guards. Please drive slowly and carefully in the area. Using the parking lot for drop off, with the students walking to the Wellington side is an option for parents that want to stay a few minutes longer with their kids. Please do everything you can to make drop off smooth and efficient.

Thank you for everything you are doing to make the year positive and memorable.

Blessings,
Sheila M. Klich
Principal

Mask Policy/ Expectations for St. Celestine Students and Families

Please review this update guidance regarding masks.

All individuals in the St. Celestine School building will be expected to wear a face mask. In order to accommodate that expectation, the following things are required:

Below are guidelines around types of masks that would and would not be school appropriate:

- Not Appropriate:
 - Bandanas (considered the least effective)
 - Masks with weapons as part of the pattern
 - Loose/poor-fitting masks
 - Masks should not distract from the learning environment in the classroom. Students may wear masks with various designs, but may not wear any masks suggesting violence, using inappropriate language, or at odds with creating a positive learning environment.
 - Mesh, lace or crochet masks
 - Shields alone are not allowed at this time

- Appropriate:
 - Standard store-bought cloth masks- with multiple layers of fabric
 - Masks should fit properly, covering the nose and mouth
 - Handmade masks with patterns (such as flowers or Spiderman)Masks that tie or go behind the ears, with multiple layers of fabric
 - Standard disposable masks
 - Gaiters with 3 layers may be worn
 - One mask must be left at school in case a student sneezes or makes the mask he/she wears from home unwearable during the school day.

- Masks should be washed daily.
- It is suggested that students bring an additional mask with them each day.
- St. Celestine School will provide a paper mask should a mask get soiled, not fit well or fall into a category of mask not allowed.
- Teachers take students outside daily for mask breaks.

Help Kids Fight Cyberbullying and Other Mean Online Behavior

Most kids will encounter mean behavior at some point in their digital lives. For some kids, this experience is a blip that's easily forgotten, while for others it can have deep, long-lasting effects. For parents, the key is staying involved in kids' lives -- both online and off -- so they can step in and offer help if necessary. With guidance from parents and educators, kids can learn how to dodge the drama and stand up for others.

Check out these 6 tips



Define your terms.

Make sure kids understand what cyberbullying is: repeated and unwanted mean or hurtful words or behavior that occur online (through texts, social media posts, online chat, etc.).



Check in about online life.

Just like you'd ask your kid about their sleep, exercise, and eating, stay on top of their online life. Who are they chatting with? How do people treat each other in the games and on the sites they're using?



Role-play.

If kids feel like they might have trouble removing themselves from digital drama, experiment with some different ways they can make a graceful exit. Talk through words they can use, ways they can steer conversations in positive directions, etc.



Encourage upstanding.

Let kids know that supporting a friend or acquaintance who is being bullied can make a big difference. If they feel safe confronting the bully, they should. If not, a private message to the victim can be enough to help someone through a tough time. Speaking up against hate speech is important, too.



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Take breaks.

If you notice your kid getting pulled into digital drama, help them take a break. It's great if they can determine for themselves when they need to step back, but they might need some help setting limits. Putting devices to bed at a specific time, plus breaks for mealtimes and face-to-face connection, can help kids recharge.

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Review worst-case steps.

Walk through what to do if your kid is being bullied online. First, step away. Ignoring a bully can be very effective. If the bullying continues, take screenshots or print out evidence. Then block the person. If it gets worse, report the behavior to a trusted adult. Talk about who those people are and make sure your kid has their contact information.



2021-22 WINTER SPORTS

Register today! Practices start soon!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION
now - September 6, 2021

COST
\$150* (w/ uniform)

SEASON DATES
Late September- Middle December

BOYS BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION
now - September 6, 2021

COST
\$150* (w/ uniform)

SEASON DATES
Late September - Middle of January

For more info and to register, please visit:

<http://www.stcelestineschool.org/athletics>

For more information about the league please visit <http://www.citysuburbanleague.com>

Masks have to be worn since this is an indoor sport!

Boy Scout Troop and Crew 690
Donation Collection Event
October 9, 2021
8:00 am - 1:00 pm



All items must be in good, clean, and sellable condition.

Clothing, Shoes

Textiles (towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, etc.)

Accessories (handbags, belts, etc.)

All clothes and items must be bagged

NO!!!! Electronics, Computers, TV's or large items.

**St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish
St. Celestine Church**

3020 North 76th Court, Elmwood Park, IL

Please drive into the parking lot and look for scouts to assist you.

The Troop and Crew are collecting donations to help with activities, camp and equipment.