

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience, help and support as we begin the first week of school. I do have some very important reminders for you in this communication.

- To help you prepare your child for the year ahead (either in terms of face-to-face learning or remote learning), St. Celestine School is working with Carol Morrone MSW from Mobile Therapy Centers. Carol will be hosting a parent session on August 18 from 6:30 until 8:00pm. Parents must register for this session by contacting Carol Morrone at Cmorrone@mtcus.com prior to the session.
- On Thursday, August 20th, students in Grades 1-8 with last names ending with A-L will attend for a full day. On Friday, August 21, students with last names ending with M-Z will attend for the day.
- Please be sure to include the **AGREEMENT TO ADHERE TO COVID PROTOCOLS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY** for students returning for face-to-face instruction. That form can be found at the link below. It does need to be signed by face-to-face learners per the Archdiocese of Chicago.

<https://stcelestineschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Covid-Protocols-Agreement.pdf>

- The first full day of classes for all students will be August 24.
- Many families have asked for details regarding the St. Celestine School Remote Learning option. Remote learning begins August 31. A communication with specifics will be sent once the teachers have attended the meetings to prepare for the school year. Please know that the following items are going to be in place for Remote Learning:
 - A Book/ Material Pick Up day on August 22. Parents will receive a schedule to come and get school materials.
 - Chromebook "loaners" will be available for pick up on August 22, as well.
 - Instruction will consist of daily contact with St. Celestine Teachers and Staff, recorded lessons, use of different learning applications and software, depending on grade levels, and more traditional book/ written work.
 - A schedule of packet drop offs and pick-ups will be created for families, as well.

Please be patient as we work through arrivals, dismissals and the logistical pieces of our return to school plan. There will be adjustments, as needed and all are being done with the goal to maintain social distancing, mask-wearing protocols, health, safety and the positive school community that St. Celestine School has always had.

Thank you for your prayers and support in the weeks ahead!

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