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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for your support during this second week of remote learning. I have had a number of parents ask about continuing with remote learning next week. While we miss seeing students and know St. Celestine's safety protocols have been safe and effective, the school supports parents in whatever decision they feel is best for the week before Christmas. Please contact me at sklich@stcelestineschool.org if you are planning to continue with remote learning for this week before Christmas.

If you are planning to send your child for the week of Dec. 14 and have a "loaner" device from the school, please keep the device at home for when remote learning is in place from January 4 until January 15, 2021. Please remember that students will return for face to face instruction on January 19.

Please remember that the remote time from January 4 until January 15 is a time spent in quarantine and not additional travel time. Should a family travel during that time, they will need to quarantine an additional 2 weeks in remote learning. On-site care is available for families from January 4 until January 15, provided they did not travel over break or partake in situations that would require a 2 week quarantine over Christmas. This opportunity is being provided as a service to individuals who have work schedules that cannot be altered and has limited availability. This is for the health and safety of all school community members.

The school is in the process of planning a virtual "Get Healthy" fundraiser. We are supporting local businesses by having them provide live-streamed events for children and parents. The events will be over the course of the weeks from January 4 through January 15 and will focus on things such as exercise, cooking, and healthy activities. If you know of a small business who would be willing to donate time for this, please reach out to me at sklich@stcelestineschool.org or Gina Griffone at development@stcelestineschool.org. We want to create a fun-filled few weeks of activities to usher in 2021 and beat the winter doldrums.

Lastly, while the Christmas season may feel very different than in past years, we are preparing for Christmas. Please mark your calendar for Mr. Kamptner's "Keep Christ in Christmas" performance. It is Dec. 14 at 7pm and a Facebook Link will be available that evening

With Gratitude and Blessings,
Sheila M. Klich



Dear Parents,

Here are some resources that may help with stress during the holiday season, especially stress caused by the pandemic. Please know that you are appreciated and supported during this unusual holiday season.

<https://childmind.org/article/holiday-during-the-pandemic/>

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/news/idph-issues-covid-19-holiday-season-safety-tips>

<https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/patients/coronavirus-information/family-resources/self-care-parents>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2020/11/09/how-to-cope-with-extra-stress-during-2020-holiday-season/6227223002/>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/stress-management/in-depth/stress/art-20047544>

As you journey forward during this Advent season, the University of Notre Dame has a digital Nativity Scene Advent Calendar that may help you in prayer

<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/events/creche-exhibit/>

Please enjoy these beautiful scenes as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

St. Celestine School