



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for your patience regarding the school going to remote learning because of the dangerous weather conditions and huge amount of snow. These last few weeks have had a whole winter's worth of snow!

The marking period comes to a close on February 19, with the third marking period beginning February 22. It is hard to believe that we are entering the final marking period of the school year. What a strange year it has been.

Over the last few weeks, I have gotten a number of questions regarding students moving from remote learning back to face-to-face or from face-to-face to remote learning. Ideally, we do want families to have students return to face-to-face learning. The school has followed safety protocols to the letter and have worked very hard to provide the best instruction possible to both learning groups. Please contact me at sklich@stcelestineschool.org if you have any questions on what a return would involve.

Parents have asked about switching students to a day or two of remote learning, especially when we have had inclement weather. Any movement from one group of learners to the other is involved. It frequently involves multiple groups of teachers and changes to groups within Google Classroom. With nearly 400 students, moving students around for a day or two is not possible, because it could get confusing very quickly and negatively impact the consistency of instruction overall. While the school wants to work with every parent and does everything possible to ensure preferred instruction, we cannot shift students around for a few days here and a few days there.

This has been a historically unusual year in education throughout the world with teachers, parents and students working in ways they never imagined. The Archdiocese is conducting an annual survey to get feedback on school performance. It is through the University of Chicago. Please follow the link and complete the survey.

2021 Archdiocese of Chicago Parent Survey

Link to survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/archchicago/survey/parent/>

Your feedback will help St. Celestine School navigate challenges, continue in areas of strength and address areas for improvement. Your time to answer the survey is truly appreciated.

Please also register for the 2021/22 School Year, if you have not already done so. The on-line registration form is available on the school's website at <https://stcelestineschool.org/forms/> . If you have questions regarding any aspect of registration, please contact the school office.

Thankfully,

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Principal