Dear Families,

St. Celestine School continues to prepare for face-to-face learning in the fall, with our first day of school being August 20. Every effort is underway to provide a safe, healthy, calm start to the year, integrating the expectations of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Illinois State Board of Education into our educational program. As clarity around them continues to evolve, I will keep you posted on what changes to expect.

Thanks to the families who completed the survey on our remote learning program. Over 80 families provided information on their experiences. That information has already been used to make some decisions about educational programming so that we are well situated for anything the future holds. This includes the following improvements:

- Teachers are participating in professional development opportunities and webinars tied to both face-to-face instruction and remote instruction during the summer.
- Additional devices are being procured to support students who may need them as loaners in the future, should a return to remote learning occur at any point in the future.
- Some teachers are getting loaner devices to support their technical needs to host GoogleMeets and lessons, since many of them have older devices.
- Curriculum materials with both print and on-line capabilities are being purchased as available.

I encourage you to watch this recent Today Show clip exploring remote learning and equity issues for families. St. Celestine School is being proactive to support and improve so that all of our students can learn and all of our teachers can teach.

https://www.today.com/video/many-kids-lack-tech-tools-for-remote-learning-new-report-says-86333509851

We strive to stand apart from all schools in the area in terms of what we have and what we offer. That is true for face-to-face instruction and remote learning. The school never stops in its quest to be the best for you and your family. Please reach out to me if you have any questions at all.

Sincerely,

Sheila M. Klich
Principal