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Dear Parents,

St. Celestine School has not had any new COVID cases identified since cases were identified on October 1. Classes have returned from quarantine and everyone appears to be doing quite well. While the situation around the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be quite fluid, I was very pleased to see this recent article (<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/chicagos-private-schools-have-seen-good-success-in-terms-of-covid-19-health-officials/2355150/>) about the success that Archdiocesan schools are experiencing with their protocols and safety measures. While we experienced cases in the school, our measures likely served to prevent spread inside the school. That is worth celebrating! Thank you for your support in these measures.

Please keep in mind, as the holidays approach, that students traveling out of the country will need to quarantine for 2 weeks. Also, students who travel to any identified "hot spots" must quarantine for two weeks, as well. SCS uses this link (<https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance/>) to determine quarantines. It is updated every Tuesday.

November 6 marks the end of the first trimester. Students who are remote learning have the opportunity to return for face to face instruction, should their parents wish. Please email me at sklich@stcelestineschool.org should you wish for your child to return. That way, I can work with the teacher to organized desks and materials for a return on November 9. Please also email me if you have any questions about this.

I have recently learned that the school will be receiving hot lunches for every student through the end of the school year. This is provided at no cost to families.

There are still a number of envelopes with raffle tickets waiting to be picked up by parents. Please pick them up ASAP. Since the raffle is part of the Mandatory Fundraising expectation, accounts will be charged for them.

Lastly, parents please drive carefully when dropping off and picking up students. Even with the staggered schedule, the school area is very busy during those time periods. Should you need to help your child out of a car seat, please use the parking lot to do so. The street areas are for quicker drop offs and traffic needs to keep flowing.

Thanks for your attention to these items. Have a wonderful week!

Sheila M. Klich
Principal