



St. Celestine School

A Place Where All Are Welcome To

Believe, Achieve, Succeed!

www.stcelestineschool.org

January 15, 2025

Dear St. Celestine School Families,

Thank you for your ongoing and continued support of the St. Celestine School mission of educating the whole child and preparing them for the future. The school's motto of **Believe! Achieve! And Succeed!** is evident in all we do.

How do we Believe?

- A recent Archdiocesan survey indicates that 98% of our students identify that God is present in their lives. This is a statement of their developing faith.
- Regular Mass attendance is a part of every child's week. Grades gather for regular morning Masses each week. Each month the whole school gathers to worship.
- Service projects are part of what we do. Students have put together packets for the homeless; raised funds for the sick; and show care for each other in grade level buddy activities.
- Education about faith is present in every grade. Students learn what it means to develop in faith, key tenets of the Catholic faith, and how to use morals to make decisions as they mature.

How do we Achieve?

- St. Celestine School's *iReady* test scores are consistently above the National Average in both Reading and Math.
- Through federal funding, St. Celestine School is an Archdiocesan Next Level School, participating in ongoing professional development tied to phonics and academic coaching.
- Professional development offered through the University of Notre Dame and principal development in the Notre Dame Hernandez Fellowship Program is ongoing.
- A school counselor, special education teacher, speech language pathologist, and resource teacher are available for students who need those supports.
- Students have one-to-one access to devices and academically rigorous instruction using technology.
- The average student/ staff ratio is 10:1 in Early Childhood. In the upper grades, it is 20:1.
- Students experience excellent instruction in Music, Art, Spanish, Physical Education, and Technology.

How do we Succeed?

- Students in the 2023/24 St. Celestine School graduating class received \$160,000 in scholarship funds from high schools. The 2022/23 graduating class received over \$90,000 in scholarship monies.
- St. Celestine graduates are accepted in top Catholic High Schools in the area, including Fenwick High School, Trinity High School, St. Patrick High School for Boys, and Resurrection High School.
- Four graduates from the 2023/24 class were accepted into sCPS Selective Enrollment High Schools.

Tuition rates for the 2025/26 school year have been set and are attached to this letter. As stated in previous communications, there is a gap between what is charged in tuition and what actual costs are. Inflation has impacted much of that gap. Fundraising assists with closing some of that gap.

In determining the amount charged for tuition, conversations with Fr. Paul Cao, the St. Celestine School Board, and the Archdiocese took place. All engaged in these conversations expressed the strong desire to maintain academic integrity, continue a wide range of learning experiences, and keep St. Celestine School strong.

Should you wish to discuss plans for St. Celestine School's future, tuition assistance, and the 2025/26 school year, please contact me at sklich@stcelestineschool.org . I would be very happy to meet with you.

With Gratitude and Blessings,

Sheila M. Klich
Principal



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In accordance with the St. Celestine School Tuition Policy, the first payment for the new school year is due by **May 1, 2025**. The 2025-2026 tuition rates for Preschool full day for 3 and 4 year olds, Kdg. through 8th grade are as follows:

	Tuition				Curriculum Fee	12 Monthly Payments	10 Monthly Payments
	1st child	2nd child	3rd child	4th child			
1.	\$6500.00				250.00	562.50	675.00
2.	\$6500.00	5026.00			450.00	998.00	1197.60
3.	\$6500.00	5026.00	3897.00		650.00	1339.42	1607.30
4.	\$6500.00	5026.00	3897.00	1092.00	850.00	1447.09	1736.50

The 2025-2026 tuition rates for Preschool half day programs are as follows:

3 Day- Morning Program (T,W, Th)

\$4500.00	190.00	390.83	469.00
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5 Day Morning Program

\$5500.00	190.00	474.17	569.00
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A \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee per family is required.

Financial Aid opportunities are available. Families must be registered to apply for financial aid.

Tuition may always be prepaid. **Mandatory fundraising and volunteer hours are not included in this document.** Thank you for your continued support to our school. You will receive invoicing information after the agreement has been received. The first tuition payment for the 2025-2026 school year is May 1, 2025.

Sincerely,
St. Celestine School