

St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee

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Happy New Year everyone!

As we begin a new calendar year, I have a couple of updates for you.

We welcome a new student, Danielle Kirksey to St. Coletta Day School! She begins today and will be in Ms. Courtney's homeroom. She shadowed for part of a day before the holidays. Please make her feel welcomed.

Thank you Katherine for the update on the change of meeting date for the January Parent meeting. As Katherine mentioned, watch for notification about Best Buddies childcare for that meeting. We will also let you know where the meeting will be held. We would love to increase our attendance at these Parent meetings. Lately, attendance is between 40-50%. At the first Parent meeting in September, we were closer to 85%. Let's try to return to that kind of commitment. If you have not been to a Parent meeting recently, we would love to see you. Important information is shared at these meetings. The Parent leadership is very cognizant of keeping the meetings short and on-track. We understand that everyone is busy, and we value your input at these meetings.

Over the holidays, some of you may have seen a news report on TV or maybe heard through social media that one of our students was temporarily missing. That situation was quickly and quietly resolved, and the student was returned safely home. What works best in situations such as this one is to not give a lot of unnecessary attention to the individual. Doing so could trigger a negative reaction which would not be helpful. Rather, a 'business as usual' approach focusing on the routine of school and work is the better idea. If you have any questions or concerns, you can direct them to Mr. Bill.

And finally, let's work really hard to get students to school on time (7:45) for the rest of the school year. Attendance is always a challenge and it takes everyone to put forth an effort to make it work. Students should begin to take responsibility in the mornings to make sure that they are ready when their bus arrives or, if transported by family, they should be ready to go when the driver says it's time.

Just as a reminder, our staff is outside of Door #15 at 7:25 every morning to receive our students. Buses are usually arriving at that time. Families who transport their child are also welcomed to arrive as early as 7:25 if that helps your timing for dropping off other children at another school or for you to get to where YOU need to be on time. The purpose here is not to create a struggle in the morning. Rather, the purpose is to teach responsibility and the importance of being at school on time. That's a 20-minute window of opportunity for your child to be on time. Clearly, we have no control over the bus transportation.

I understand that the bus situation can be very frustrating especially when it is an on-going issue. Please know that our school staff does what they can in order to assure that transportation issues are kept to a minimum. As always, it is best for the parent to call the Bus company directly whenever there is an issue. They are more likely to respond to a concerned parent than to someone from the school calling. In all cases, our school administration is concerned about the safety of our students especially when it comes to transportation whether that is via MPS bus routes or Private transportation.

Thanks!
Mr. Bill

"To be happy... free your heart from hatred, free your mind from worries, live simply, give more, expect less." (unknown)

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