

St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee

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Weekly Update: 11/10/2020

DATES TO REMEMBER / CALENDAR REMINDERS -

November 13th- No School, (Teacher work day)

November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break

December 11th- No School (Teacher work day)

December 23 - January 1, 2021: Christmas Break

January 8th - No school (Teacher work day)

Remembering a Special St. Coletta Alumni

Let me share a bit of St. Coletta Day School history with you... or should I say '*herstory*'. Anne Carley Gallun was a student at St. Coletta Day School many years ago. In fact, it is noteworthy to say that she was in the very first class when the school opened in 1956. Sixty-four years ago, a group of concerned parents had the ground-breaking dream of creating a school for their children with special needs. That is how St. Coletta Day School came to be. Anne died this past summer at the age of 71. Her story is a testament to her well-lived life. I hope that you will find it worthy of reading and sharing with your family and friends. You will find the link to her story here: https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/2020/11/06/covid-19-s-legacy-life-and-death-milwaukees-anne-carley-gallun/6096120002/?fbclid=IwAR3RCCWOp-Zy1bBRcMwFysTDOJv-C6lu1cm37MvDT7At-jpVg_M-nxKZYyw

Stay Protected... Please

As we enter into the 9th month of the CoVID 19 coronavirus pandemic, please remember to follow the CDC guidelines for keeping yourself, your family and all others safe and healthy. There are families associated with our school who know first-hand that this virus is nothing to take for granted. The numbers of confirmed cases in Wisconsin continues to rise at alarming rates. Schools across the state are making the challenging decision to switch to all-virtual learning. The colder months of late Fall and Winter are here and it is likely that these numbers will continue to surprise us. With the holidays approaching, please be responsible when gathering with family and friends. We made the decision to stay with a Virtual Learning scenario to keep our students and staff safe. We will remain with a Virtual Learning scenario until it safe to return to in-person learning. We are all learning to reinvent what family gatherings look like in these difficult times. Remember to give thanks for all that you have and let's hope together that we will be able to celebrate in new ways.

Student Virtual Schedules

We are in the process of making some changes to the student's Virtual schedules. This should make it easier for them to get their asynchronous assignments completed. We have noticed that there are many times throughout the day when the students should be working on assignments and they are not. The new changes should make it work much more efficiently. The asynchronous schedule time is an important part to the overall schedule and will be noted as such in the Progress Reports. It remains essential that you are able to monitor this asynchronous learning time with the students.

Assignment Due Dates

Now that we are in the 2nd quarter and people are comfortable with the schedule and expectations, we would like to remind you that all assignments should be submitted on time. If there is an extenuating circumstance, assignments will be accepted up to one (1) week after the due date. After that grace period, for unusual circumstances, submissions will no longer receive credit.

When In Doubt - Please Check Our Website!

The school's website is a treasure trove of information. - [scdsmke.org](https://www.scdsmke.org)

There, you will find the answers to so many of your questions; *(these are actual questions that have been asked)*

- "Is there school on Thursday?" = <https://www.scdsmke.org/important-dates.html>
- "When is Christmas Break?" = <https://www.scdsmke.org/2020-2021-school-calendar.html>
- "I misplaced my Weekly Update, is there anything important I need to know?" = <https://www.scdsmke.org/weekly-updates--important-informaion.html>
- "What is Ms. _____'s email?" = <https://www.scdsmke.org/our-staff.html>

Our students are consistently encouraged to "use their resources" - for example; Looking up the definition of a word in the dictionary instead of just asking their teacher or parent what it means. As adults we need to encourage that self sufficient behavior by modeling it ourselves.