

St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee

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Weekly Update September 5, 2018

Important Dates Wednesday, September 12 Parent Meeting, 6:00 in Room 101

An Update on Mr. Tom

He is home from the hospital! His recovery will be slow and at some point, I'm certain that he will want to stop in and see the students. We will be making a Get Well card for him this week. I will also let Sue, his wife, that the St. Coletta family would like to help in some way, so stay tuned.

We have begun the search for a Teaching Assistant and already have some interest! If you know someone who might be interested and qualified for the position, please let Mr. Bill know. It is our policy to not hire current parents or family members for any school positions.

I think that the hot, humid weather will finally be gone and that we can get back to some decent temps in the classrooms. The students should still bring water bottles if they have them. No matter the temperature, inside or out, it's ALWAYS a good idea to stay hydrated.

Reminders

You will likely continue to get reminders from the school regarding all of the forms that need to be returned to the school. Many of you have already returned the forms... Thank You for that! We are also still waiting for Residency verification from some of you. The dates on the document MUST be between August 17 and September 28. Anything other than these dates will not be accepted per DPI regulations.

For those of you who drop off/pick up your children please be sure to physically come onto the playground to drop off and/or retrieve your child. It is an important safety concern and the beginning and end of the school day are often the most chaotic. The school staff want to be certain that your child is handed over to you (or your designated adult) especially at the end of the day. If you are not aware of it, we are now able to use Door 15. The construction on the wall is complete. However, we still do not have a working doorbell.

As part of the campus-wide safety upgrades, we are planning to have a hard-wired doorbell at Door 15. I will let you know the status of that project. Again, thank you for your patience.

The first Parent meeting of the school year is Wednesday, September 12 at 6:00. We will meet in Room 101. At this time, we do not have any childcare available. I'm certain this could be an agenda item at the meeting. Kristi H. and Katherine G. have arranged for a guest speaker who has some wonderful opportunities that are available for your children through "Believe University". You'll want to make sure you are in attendance to hear this!

Support

Sadly, Lukas' grandmother (Fred's mother) passed away recently. Lukas was very close to his grandma and wanted you all to know that he would appreciate prayers for her as well as his family. The family did share that there will be a visitation and service on Monday, September 10 starting at 10:30. The service will start at 5:30.



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All of this will take place at St. Mary Catholic Faith Community in Hales Corners. You are certainly invited to attend if you are able.

Next week Wednesday, we will begin our “Mindfulness and Relaxation” time opposite our Social Skills time. While Ms. Julie is leading the Social Skills time, Ms. Traci will be leading the “M&R” time. This will involve some simple stretching and relaxing, breathing techniques and special awareness. The students enjoyed Yoga so much last year that we thought we would try this technique this year and see how they respond. The students will be cleaning their yoga mats with a simple solution of water and tea-tree oil after use. The aroma should also be soothing to add to the relaxation sensation. No harmful chemicals to be worried about!

In Social Skills, we have already successfully re-introduced the “Peace Bridge” to the students. The idea behind the “Peace Bridge” is to help solve conflicts, usually between two individuals, when they are having a difficult time resolving conflict on their own. If you’re not familiar with the process, we can show you at the Parent meeting. This would be a wonderful concept to use at home as well. The students are familiar with the process and they are learning to use it well. Sometimes, when we find methods that work well with our students at school, we forget to let the parents know that the same thing can be reinforced at home.

Transition Program

The Transition students didn’t waste any time getting their “Coffee Cart” up and running already! Tuesday was the first day of the service that is provided to the entire school staff. And by entire, I mean St. Coletta AND St. Sebs! The teachers and staff love the idea and look forward to having their beverage orders filled each week. Let me tell you... the Iced Coffee that was served yesterday was very appreciated!

Reflection: “When we make others know they’re welcome and that they belong then we know we all belong.”
-Jean Vanier

