

St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee

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Weekly Update: 10/1/2020

DATES TO REMEMBER / CALENDAR REMINDERS

Thursday, October 8th: No School- teacher work day

Friday, October 9th: No School- teacher work day

Thursday, October 22: No School-Conferences

Thursday, October 23: No School-Conferences

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Can you believe that we've been in school a whole month! Time is literally flying by. A word about the scheduled Non-pupil attendance days... just as those days were created for the teaching staff to plan, correct assignments, make adjustments to lessons and conduct team meetings, **so too** can our students use those days to complete any missing work. They can also use that time to go back and revisit any of the lessons and tasks that have been recorded.

We are aware of some issues with the iPads and are doing our best to figure out the next steps to correcting those issues. The platform that we are using, Google Classroom, has just initiated some upgrades. The staff is learning about these upgrades and seeing how they will enhance the virtual learning experience for our students. Please be patient with us as we learn along with our students. It is likely that we will need to have you drop off the iPads at some point so that we can have them upgraded. Ideally this would happen over a long weekend so that you could drop off the iPad at the end of a school day, the upgrades would be made over a period of a couple of days. We would then make arrangements for you to pick up the iPad so that you have it before the next school day. This procedure will take some time to organize and make the necessary changes.

Regarding assignments to be turned in... There is a 'form' and then in many cases, there is a 'picture' that needs to be turned in as well. We are getting the forms (most of them) but we are not getting the pictures that should accompany the forms.

PICTURE DAY PROOFS / MONTHLY FUN MAIL!

Those families who had their school photos taken on September 14th will receive the 'proofs' in an envelope that our school office is sending out. You are under no obligation to purchase photos. If you choose to buy photos of your child, you can do this online or by sending your order to school. Orders are due by October 14th. **If you feel you need a retake, a parent must contact the St Sebastian school office at (414) 453-5830 by October 14th.** Picture retake day will be after school on October 20th, by appointment. The envelopes, which will be addressed to the students, also contain other items like stickers, small prizes, candy, and other awards that the students have earned.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!

Please make certain that when students are in their Google Classrooms that they keep their **video cameras ON** and their **microphones on MUTE** unless they are asked to do otherwise. When we are conducting lessons, we need to see the students as well as hear them. This is more of an issue when the whole group is together in Homeroom, morning meeting and Read Aloud and afternoon meeting.



Microphone OFF



Camera ON



Another **VERY** important thing to remember is - when your student's microphone is on - every noise, conversation, argument, etc... that is going on in the same room/area can be heard by the teachers and all of the students in the class. Classes are recorded live and shared with all the students as a learning tool/resource. Unfortunately some of the discussions that have been heard in the background lately have contained inappropriate language. **You will never know when the students will be asked to turn on their microphones** - so this is a good time to remind you to please have those conversations in a separate part of your home, away from the students. We all need to uphold the SCDS guidelines in a Virtual Learning environment, which includes: Respect, Responsibility, Peacemaking, Kindness, and Honesty.

Inspiration: "The two lasting gifts we owe our children are Roots and Wings"