



St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee

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Weekly Update: 1/13/2021

DATES TO REMEMBER / CALENDAR REMINDERS -

January 18th - No school (MLK Day)

January 20th - End of 2nd Quarter

February 10-11: Conferences

Reminder!

Teachers will be reaching out soon to schedule virtual conferences. We will do our best to accommodate you and ask that you are flexible as well in order to get the updates on your child. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and share information with the staff that will help our students to be more successful.

The Debate Continues...

There is continuing debate whether or not schools should open for in-person learning or remain with a virtual scenario. When you follow the medical expert's advice it is clear that the ability to safely open schools for in-person learning depends largely on the health of the community in the which the school is located. In the city of Milwaukee, the risks are still very high. The number of confirmed positive cases continues to increase and unfortunately the number of CoVID-related deaths is also increasing. For now, St. Coletta Day School will remain with a Virtual Learning scenario keeping our students and our staff as safe as we can. We will continue to monitor the situation as always.

Attendance

It is more important now than ever to make certain that our students are present and visible during our school day. We want to make sure that our students continue to learn and make progress. After all, that is what educators do. It is especially challenging in a Virtual situation. It might be tempting to become a bit lax in making sure that students are logged-in and participating throughout the day. We would especially like to notice an increase in the asynchronous activities in the student's schedules. Recently, we started recording student's 'participation' in their lessons. This action will help the staff to know how we can be more supportive to insure that our students continue to be successful. We track all absences and tardies, whether they are excused or unexcused and notify families of those occurrences. We need to keep an accurate account of student progress and attendance as part of our involvement in the Special Needs Scholarship Program.

Mission Statement

This is a good time to review our Mission Statement. It is a good reminder to all of us. **"We will provide an academic, social and life skills curriculum within an engaging environment to meet the needs of students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to prepare them to realize their full learning potential and become valued and contributing citizens."** As a parent, you have an opportunity and a responsibility to support your child in fulfilling that statement. What better way to help prepare our students than to teach them responsibility preparing them for real-world experiences!

Winterfest at the Urban Ecology Center - Washington Park

Winterfest 2021 - Experiencing Outdoor Play
February 6, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | Free!

Winterfest 2021 is a celebration of winter and outdoor play in our parks. Come on out and enjoy socially distanced activities that include a Sledding Station, Tracking & Nature Hikes Station, Ice Skating Station, Snow Science Station, Snow Shoes Station, Hot Beverage Stations, a Grab & Go Lunch Station and more! Families will also have the opportunity to build snow sculptures with Milwaukee Art Museum ice sculpting kits.



Make sure to wear a mask and dress for the weather. [Pre-registration](#) is not required for this drop-in program, but feel free to [RSVP on Facebook](#) to let your friends know you're coming.

Inspiration: *"We can be wise from goodness and good from wisdom." Marie Von Ebner-Eschenbach*