

St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee

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Weekly Update January 22, 2020

Important Dates:	Sunday, January 26	Open House, Kick-off to CSW
	Tuesday, January 28	Kohl's Wild Theatre
	Friday, January 31	Discovery Day!! Need Bag Lunch

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 26 is the kick-off to Catholic Schools Week. Even though we are not a 'Catholic' school, we are located in St. Sebastian School and have been invited to participate in this special week of activities.

Here is the link to everything you need to know about the special activities and 'dress' days for next week. Remember, even on special dress days, we ask that the attire still be tasteful!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GDdfRz5COYF87crC10tczPHkOv4UW4sodbDrY8fq60o/edit>

Catholic Schools Week ends with Discovery Day on Friday, January 31

WHAT YOU NEED FOR DISCOVERY DAY

Students should bring a bag lunch from home. Each family must complete the registration/waiver form. This form is attached to today's Weekly Update. There is a fee of \$10 per child. Please complete the waiver and put it in an envelope with the \$10 fee CLEARLY MARKED DISCOVERY DAY. Then put your child's name on the outside of the envelope along with your child's homeroom teachers name (Ms. Rachel-Rm 1, or Ms. Courtney-Rm 101)

Service Project Challenge

Today, Fr. Peter Patrick announced at church that he would like to challenge our students to each bring in 1 can of vegetables/fruit OR 1 box of cereal. The students are to bring these items to church on Wednesday, January 29. Helping to feed those in need doesn't just happen during the holidays. There are people who are hungry EVERY day. Students may bring their items as early as tomorrow and we'll keep them safe in the classrooms.

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

Our art teacher, Ms. Brennan, is in need of plastic bags - A LOT of plastic bags. She needs the single use kind that you get from any store - Pick & Save, Target, Menards, etc. Please bring them to the art room or drop them off in the office. What a great way to rid your house of these environmental nuisances and start a new habit of using reusable shopping bags!!

Transition Program

Today some of the Transition students were organizing their third-floor room across from Mr. Bill's office. They were organizing items, talking about inventory for their Coffee Cart, TAKING inventory for the coffee business and cleaning up the 'clutter' in the room. Essentially, they were doing at school, what they could easily do at their homes! What a perfect opportunity to



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put those skills to work in a practical situation. And really, that's what the message was at the Parent meeting last week. Find those tasks that need to get done at home and modify them in whatever way you need and let your kids have at it! If you don't have anything that needs organizing, find something... make up something... be creative!

Think outside the box. Maybe start with their bedroom. Or if that's too overwhelming, start with one drawer in a dresser. Take everything out, reorganize it and put it back in. Maybe get rid of somethings to donate to a shelter or a friend. There are lots of ways that kids can sort... by color, by size, by shape. Imagine the possibilities!

There is a small bookshelf just outside the church in the Gathering Space that gets re-organized on a regular basis by one of our students. Why? Because every week someone who goes to church on the weekend looks for a particular book, browses through them and puts them back haphazardly! It's a skill that could lead to a job. Most, if not all, of the jobs that are created here at school are transferrable skills for real jobs someplace else.

Reflection: "It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can!"

~ Sydney Smith

