

# St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee

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Weekly Update December 18, 2018

**Important Dates** Wednesday, December 19 Classroom auction  
Friday, December 21 Dress-down day/ Christmas party/gift exchange

## Reminders

Please remind your child that there are special activities happening the rest of this week and that they need to be on their best behavior. If their behavior warrants it, they will miss some of the planned activities if they need to make up wasted time, missing assignments and poor choices.

Wednesday, tomorrow, is the deadline for getting in their pizza orders for Friday's special pizza lunch. We have extra order forms at school. If you send the \$\$ we can have the student fill in the order form so that it is turned in on time.

## Christmas Activities

The Classroom Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 21 starting at 12:00. As the students finish their lunch. We will assemble in Room 101 for the party. We will have only limited snacks since they will have just finished lunch. We like to have the students open their surprises one at a time as the gifting continues so everyone has a moment of surprise! We also have a student Committee working on some of the details for that party.

Here is a timeline for the party:

12:00-12:30	A Christmas story and conversation about how families celebrate the holiday
12:40-1:00	Pinata (in the gym)
1:00-2:15	Gift exchange, snacks and short activities (time permitting)
2:15-2:30	Clean up and pack up for the vacation!

We always create a Naughty 'n Nice list and based on behavior, a student may find themselves making up time the day of the activities on December 21 and miss part of the party. And, yes, in the past, some students have missed part of the fun. It's all about their good choices. And as you know, there are consequences for making poor choices. The students will know, on a daily basis, where they stand in respect to the party.

## Bullying Concerns

A topic that we often discuss in Social Skills and at our weekly "check-in" centers around bullying. As you know, bullying is displayed in many forms and will not be tolerated at school. One type of bullying that needs to be addressed is Cyber Bullying. With all of the devices available to our students these days, it is challenging to keep up with everything. As a parent, you play a big role in helping to keep bullying from happening. You can, and should, monitor what your child does with their phone or your phone outside of school hours. Of course, we want our students to interact with each other like any other kid will do. However, when things are shared between students that affect their school work and behavior, then the school must step in and intervene. In the next few weeks, you will receive an updated Family Handbook. Pay particular attention to the section on use of technology. Students are welcome to have their phones at school for emergencies. The phones must be



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kept in their book bags at all times. Members of the staff will, and have, confiscated phones when students do not follow the rules.

Similar issues have been noted on student's iPads. We instruct our students that the iPad that they are issued at the beginning of the school year is their iPad to use at school for instructional purposes. They are NOT to let other students use their iPad for any reason unless they have permission from an adult in charge. Please help us to enforce these rules of use especially when using phones and iPads.

## Other News

Today was Ms. Jan's last day with us. When we invited her to "help" us out in Mr. Tom's absence, we never intended it to go on as long as it did. We are grateful for Ms. Jan's presence and for the time she spent with us in our time of need. She will be at the Christmas party on Friday and of course, the students will see her periodically as she is a substitute at St. Sebs. Thanks Ms. Jan!

The ColettaScope committee will be meeting on January 17 to evaluate this year's event. At the Parent meeting, there were suggestions and comments shared that will also be shared with the committee. A representative from the Parent Group will be in attendance at the evaluation meeting. I would encourage you write down your comments and suggestions and send them to either Kristi Haanstad or Katherine Gomez so that they can share them with the committee. Planning for next year's event will start after the Accreditation visit in February.

*Reflection: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."*

*Francis of Assisi*

