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Dear Parents/Guardians;

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! The beginning of this year looks very different from years past as we come together in a virtual school environment. This spring started our experience with a distance learning program and, given teacher and family feedback, we have worked to create a more effective learning environment for all of our students. St. Coletta instructional teams have been working hard to create an engaging virtual class schedule, to provide the necessary technology for all students to access their educational program, and develop training programs for staff, students, and their families in preparation for this school year.

To introduce you to your child's new learning environment, we will hold our first virtual Student & Family Orientation and Open House on Friday, August 21 at 11:00am. **This year, orientation is mandatory for students and their parents/guardians.**

It is very important that you attend and learn about our distance learning program and participate in a technology training that will be needed to start out the school year. Administrators, instructional leaders, and the IT department will be available to answer questions about our virtual learning program and how to access the different components such as logging into Zoom and accessing the Unique Learning System.

We are committed to working with all of our students and their families to ensure you have the tools you need to engage in our distance learning program. To that end, we hope to have all student devices ready to be distributed before the first day of school. The national demand for student devices has made the process of ordering more challenging, but our Chromebooks are scheduled to arrive this week and our team will work diligently to get them set up and ready to go. All devices and individualized distance learning materials kits will be distributed to you.

During orientation, you will also have the opportunity to virtually visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher, therapists, support staff, and classmates. They will walk you through the daily class schedule, how instruction will be presented and how the distance learning materials will be used. We will also review specific policies and procedures that have changed given the virtual format.

We look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am! A meeting invitation will be sent to you.

Sincerely,

Christie Mandeville  
Principal



