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KidMail

January 13, 2021

Dear MGC Family,

This week's KidMail is the most difficult one I have had to write all year. We are still witnessing the historical fall out of last week's vicious attack on our nation's Capitol. How do we begin to relieve our children of fear and confusion, and how do we begin to heal? We are lucky that as we embark upon this next week we have two important tools in our pocket.

The first one is looking to a man who continues to inspire us-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It's never been a more perfect time to reflect on Dr. King's life and legacy. On Monday, January 18, we will be closed to honor his memory, and learn from him what we must do to move forward. An inspiring quote from Dr. King shows how our faith in Christ and our goal of peace guides us: **"Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. Indeed, it is a weapon unique in history, which cuts without wounding and enables the man who wields it."** Just because children may not clearly understand the situation (not sure even I clearly understand), doesn't mean they may not feel the hurt, fear, and confusion from images they see through the media. So, I have included a source below that might help aid you in having these difficult conversations.

[Common Sense Media](#)

Another tool we always have at our call is prayer. Today, I would ask you to repeat the prayer of St. Francis with your child. It is a prayer that I personally take great comfort in, but it also compels me to "do and be" better in my own daily life.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or by phone if you have further concerns, questions, comments, or just need to talk. I can be reached at (414) 442-7600 extension 119 or johnston@mgcparish.org.

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Birthdays

We just want to give a great big Happy Birthday this week to the following students! We hope you have a wonderful day. Mrs. Johnston apologizes for missing you in the principal's video:

- Eli Herrera
- Jayde Holley
- Leilanny Parra-Camacho
- Ar'Mani Robinson
- Elicora Young

Dates of Importance

January 14 – K4 Pick-Up

January 15 – Packer Day

January 18 – No school MLK Jr. Day

January 31 – February 6 Catholic Schools' Week

February 1 – Open enrollment for Choice Students (online)



K4 Pick-Up

Thursday, January 14 from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Please come to the main entrance to pick up essential activities for your child. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Kunstmann at Kunstmann@mgcparish.org.



Go Pack! Go!

MGC is participating in another Packer Day on Friday, **January 15**. Students and staff are encouraged to wear Packer gear or green and gold to ensure another Packer victory! Go Pack! Again, we would love to share some pictures in KidMail.

Volunteers

Do you want to make a difference here at MGC? Do you want change? Be the change you seek by becoming involved! We are looking for volunteers for our Home and School Association and School Committee for this year and next. Joining these committees is a wonderful opportunity to ensure your voice is heard and to help implement necessary and relevant changes needed for MGC to move forward successfully. Please contact Mrs. Berthold if you are interested in joining. We would love to hear from you.



Update Info

Parents – if you have new phone numbers or email addresses please let the school office know so we can update our records. To continue to work together we need to be able to communicate with you. Working together is how we will succeed.

Drive Up Meal Program – **BRAND New Procedures**

All MGC students are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch through our drive through program. This program supports the lunch program at MGC. Your participation in the drive up meal program helps us continue to provide breakfast and lunch for those students at ECP and secures jobs for those in the program. **NEW DATES and TIMES Monday and Thursday 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM or 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.** On Monday you will get three lunches and three breakfasts. On Thursday you will get two lunches and two breakfasts. Take advantage of this great opportunity and support the lunch program. MGC Families can pick up meals in the Breezeway lot (by the playground equipment.) Masks must be worn during pick up!



- Register with the Parent/Guardian last name and number of meals you will need for your MGC family at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545aaa923abfb6-drive6>. If the link doesn't work copy and paste it into your browser.

Next Year???

Yes it's time already to start planning for the 2021-2022 school year! Just like this year, ALL applications for School Choice will need to be filed on-line. There are no more paper applications for School Choice. Just as in the past, parents will need to provide the school with proof of address. This can be a WE bill, cable bill, paperwork from the state – in the parent's name and address. If you have a child who will be new to MGC and/or to School Choice in the fall that requires a new student application and will require a completed, signed 2020 federal tax return. We will send home additional information soon. For now, parents should keep their January WE bill, cable bill, or paperwork from the state handy for enrollment purposes.

School Committee

You may find the minutes for the School Committee meetings online on the MGC website under School News <https://www.mgcparish.org/school-news>.

Visit our website



You'll find a great deal of information about our church and school on our website (mgcparish.org). Current and past editions of KidMail can be found there. There are also many great student resources available through the library page at <https://www.mgcparish.org/school-library>. Check out the Resource Links for sites that cover all subject areas.



Virtual Learning Reminders - Updated!

Attendance is absolutely necessary for our students to make learning gains. We are working hard to attain approval for opening in a hybrid model. Remember students are to attend all live classes. If for some reason they are unable to attend, a parent/guardian is to contact the teacher. The expectation would be for the student to access the instructional video and any worksheet that goes with it for the day. Keep in mind that 9 missed classes can result in disciplinary action.

When students attend class, they are expected to comply with following:

- wear a uniform shirt
- cameras are on
- mute buttons are on unless asked to unmute
- no writing in the chat section without permission (this can be very distracting to learning)
- to participate
- never be eating, drinking, on other devices, or playing with pets during class time
- should be in a conducive learning environment-at a table/desk-not lying in bed



Thank you for your consideration and efforts. Working together, we can be successful. Please check your child's grade regularly either using your Powerschool log-in, learning format, or by contacting your child's teacher.

Grades: Have you checked your child's grades lately?

Stay on top of how your child is doing with PowerSchool. Being informed of your child's progress is a great way to support your child's learning. Remember a 3 means your child has reached mastery on the standard and this is our goal for all standards for all students. A 2 means that your child is still developing skills to reach mastery. To help achieve mastery you could help your child review math facts, read with them or have them read to you, or come to office hours for additional one-on-one or small group time with the teacher. Log into PowerSchool and check your child's grades under Standards frequently. If you are seeing a lot of 1's this means that essential work/assessment is missing. If you need assistance with PowerSchool, please contact the office or Ms. Schwartz. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have additional questions or concerns. The more we can work together to support our children's learning the greater success they will experience.

Like us on Facebook

Unfortunately, the old MGC School Facebook crashed and burned. We have started a new page and hope you will "like and follow" us! We post MGC School news, pictures, updates and more on the page so be sure to "follow" us.

<https://www.facebook.com/MGCMilwaukeeWI>



MGC School Calendar

2020-2021



- 18 - No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 31 - 2/6 - Catholic Schools Week



- 1 - Open Enrollment for School Choice begins - On-line Registration!!!!
- 17 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences

All dates are subject to change with notice.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to check KidMail each Wednesday for regular updates.

MGC's Extended Care Program is fully licensed.

Children must be registered with all completed paperwork turned in.

ECP is open on most days when school is not in session, but children must be pre-registered.

Parents/guardians are responsible for all ECP fees; failure to pay may result in dismissal from the program.