



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL



KidMail

March 17, 2021

Dear MGC Family,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I was hoping for more sunshine, but as long as it is not snowing, I am okay with it. I hope this week kids have been focusing on getting in any missing work as trimester 2 closes this Friday. We still have a full day of school on Friday. I would also just remind everyone that Wednesdays are still instructional days and students are required to log in or that absence is part of their attendance record. Students who have excessive absences could find themselves repeating a grade if we do not have enough evidence that they have met standards or have acquired enough instructional time to meet those standards. Every day requires a log in, and an engagement either in live class or through recordings and slides. I know it's been a tough year! I get a little emotional thinking it's been a year since our world was turned upside down. No one could have predicted what was ahead of us last March. We all miss the kids terribly! We are still waiting to hear approval for reopening. I want to assure you that I will inform you in time for you to make appropriate arrangements. Until then, stay strong! We will get through this.

As always, if you have questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. If you call my extension, I am not always able to answer please leave a message and I will call you back at my earliest convenience. Thank you!

In Faith,
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Dates of Importance

March 19 – End of T2, wear purple for Lent
March 22 – May 14 Forward Testing
March 24 – Teacher In-service no school
April 1 – 11:30 Dismissal beginning of Easter Vacation
April 12 – School resumes virtually

St. Patrick

To learn more about the patron saint of Ireland, his life, and miracles visit this site
<https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/who-was-saint-patrick>.



MGC SHOUT OUTS!



From Second Grade:

Alexiah and Sydney have so far logged in every day for the entire year!

Jordynn, Antonio, and Amaris have logged in every day for the second trimester!

Sydney has attended every live class since January 1!

Drive Up Meal Program – Changes – dates/times and location!

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.

Starting March 22 - DATES AND TIMES - MONDAY AND THURSDAY 10:30 AM – 12:30. 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 on 68th Street (middle of the building- look for the pinwheels)** Masks must be worn during pick up!

**New
Link**

• 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-mgcmeal>

If the link doesn't work, copy and paste it into your browser. **You must be registered by 9:00 AM on the day of pick up.**

State Testing

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is the state assessment used for students in grades 3 – 10. Choice schools are required to administer this test even if they are virtual. Virtual testing is not an option. So we have a few plans. We are waiting to see if our Reopening Plan is approved then we will give the test to the cohorts in hybrid. If we do not get approved soon, we will have sign up pages for each grade and those students will come in for testing on that day. We will start the testing after Easter Vacation. More details will be in March 24's KidMail. Here is a link to the parent brochure explaining the State Forward Exam

<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/Forward2021.pdf>



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Check us out on Facebook – because of technical difficulties we have a new page. We 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>



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 - <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>. 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, pay stub, cable bill, paperwork from the state – in the parent's name and address and current date. **This open enrollment period for Choice will close March 22.** 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.

If you enroll online you must send proof of address to the school before the online enrollment period ends or you will need to reenroll online again.

Enrollment for our **K3** half-day program is open too. You can sign up for the half-day or the full day option, which includes our Extended Care Program for the afternoon. K3 is not covered by Choice but if you qualify for Wisconsin Shares/W2 you may use that to cover the tuition.

*** Note that the Online Parent Application site will be down for maintenance from Friday, March 19 at 5:00 PM until noon on Saturday, March 20.**

Lent

Lent began on Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Saturday. It is a time to prepare for Easter. During the season of Lent students may wear purple on Fridays instead of a regular uniform shirt.

Below is a link to a packet for you to use with your family during this holy season of Lent.

<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/Lenten%20Family%20Pack.pdf>

Here is a calendar full of daily ideas you can use with your family during this season of Lent.

<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/LentenCalendar2021.pdf>

Here is a link where you can find bilingual Stations of the Cross, and a list and times of Palm Sunday and Holy Week masses <https://www.mgcparish.org/parish>.



National Women's Month

It's National Women's Month! Here is a great resource for students, teachers and families to learn about the powerful women who have made a difference in our American history. The source provides stories, videos, and other fantastic virtual events <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

" When you have decided what you believe, what you feel must be done, have the courage to stand alone and be counted." – Eleanor Roosevelt



<https://npg.si.edu/blog/eleanor-roosevelt-global-citizen>



ECP is in Need

Spring is almost here!! And it's time to start planning the garden for ECP. It's still early to plant directly, but not too early to winter sow. Winter Sowing- A method of starting seeds outside in winter. In short, we are making mini greenhouses! Milk jugs are the best type of container to use but any large clear or opaque plastic container will do. Two-liter soda bottles are another good choice as are lots of food take-out containers with clear plastic lids like a rotisserie chicken container. If you have any at home you can spare, please send them to ECP or the school office! We'd like these by March 24.

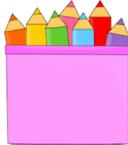
Volunteers



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.

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.



MGC School Calendar 2020-2021



- Wear purple on the Fridays of Lent
- 1 – 22 - Open Choice Enrollment
- 17 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 19 - End of Trimester 2
- 22 – May 14 – Forward Testing
- 24 – No school, Teacher In-service



- 1 - 11:30 AM Dismissal
- 2 – 11 Easter Vacation
- Forward testing continues

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.