



KidMail

October 21, 2020

Dear MGC Family,

I hope that conferences went well today! It was great to see some smiling faces. If you have not signed up yet for conferences, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. **These are mandatory conferences. Students in grades 4-8 must attend with their parents/guardians.** The next conference day is **next Wednesday, October 28, 2020.**

I just wanted to add that although I realize that virtual learning is challenging, I would remind parents and students that either attending the live lesson or watching the videos is ideal. I am finding a lot of students are attempting the work, but not watching either the recorded or live lesson. As you can imagine, this causes some problems. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

As I mentioned two weeks ago, October is the *Month of the Holy Rosary*. The Rosary is a wonderful prayer to help you become closer to God. The link below is a great resource to all the prayers of the rosary. Feel free to send me a text or a video of your family saying the rosary so we can share!



<https://www.newadvent.org/images/rosary.pdf>

(Thank you, Cecilia & Annabella Nance!)

This week's newsletter features the following:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Virtual Reminders
- ECP & Drive-up Food Program
- Shout-outs & Teacher Feature
- Choose Love
- Basketball update (attached)
- Frequently Asked Questions (attachment)

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or problems, please feel free to reach out to me via email johnston@mgcparish.org or (414) 442-7600 extension 119.

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Parent-Teacher Conferences!



It's that time of year again for parent teacher conferences. As you know, keeping in communication with your child's teacher is essential for any child's success. This is a great opportunity to check on your child's progress and discuss any concerns you may have. Although we are virtual at the moment, this first round of parent teacher conferences is mandatory. **Children in grades 4-8 are required to attend with their parent/guardian.**

Conferences are being held today and next Wednesday on **October 28**. A live virtual conference through either Zoom or Google Meet is preferred. Teachers will be contacting you to schedule this important mandated meeting.

Great questions for conferences:

- How is my child progressing?
- What can I do at home to support my child's learning?
- What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?
- May I share a concern?
- What is the best way to communicate with you?
- Does my child need help in a particular area?
- How is my child's participation in class?

Virtual Learning Reminders!

One other thing that seems crazy is that we already have one full month of virtual learning under our belt. So I would like to remind you of some really important things as we move forward this year:



1) Virtual Protocols-please review these with your children:

- **Students should check their email for important messages!**
 - Cameras must be on during live/virtual lessons
 - Mute buttons should be on unless asked to unmute
 - Students are required to log-in to their learning format-each day
 - Students must submit/access information or work using MGC email account
 - Students are required to wear uniform shirt
 - Students should never be engaging on other devices, eating or drinking
 - No side chats with other students are allowed (just as they would not be allowed during direct instruction in an in-person classroom)
- 2) Wednesdays are required instructional days and attendance is taken
 - 3) **Specialty classes such as Art, Spanish, Gym and Music are NOT optional**, but a required part of MGC curriculum
 - 4) Watching/attending mass is part of the religious curriculum

I understand that this is not an easy adjustment to virtual learning, but I would ask that we begin to adhere to the virtual agreements and expectations that have been properly put into place to ensure academic success. I know if we work together that we can navigate effectively through this virtual landscape.

Basketball Update

The MaGiC Basketball season is still up in the air due to Covid-19. However, if the league offers a season for our athletes, we need to know immediately who wants to and is willing to play basketball this season for grades 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. If you have a 5th, 6th, 7th, and/or 8th grade athlete that is interested in playing for MGC this basketball season, please email the following information **by October 29th** to MGC Athletics at athletics@mgcparish.org:



- Student Name
- Grade
- Gender
- Guardian Name
- Guardian Email
- Guardian Phone Number

Please see the attached letter for more details.

Thank you on behalf of the Athletic Board. Stay safe and healthy.

Shawn Gleesing
MGC Athletic Director
athletics@mgcparish.org

Need a break? ECP can help!



Do you want your kids in school? Do you need a break at home from home schooling? Do you just feel overwhelmed? Mother of Good Counsel's ECP (Extended Care Program) is open and ready for you. We are currently taking up to 50 students to attend. We offer the following:

- An opportunity for your child to get out of the house and be active
- FREE breakfast and lunch
- a welcoming staff available to assist with homework help
- Wisconsin Shares available to those who qualify
- a safe and fun place to be with friends
- PPE is provided, all COVID precautions are put in place for safety

Registration fee is \$50.00 for the first child, \$10.00 for each additional child in the family. ECP is open Monday – Friday 6:30am - 6:00pm. ECP Hourly Rates are \$5.50 for ages 6+, \$6.25 for ages 4 thru 5, and \$6.75 for 3 years of age.

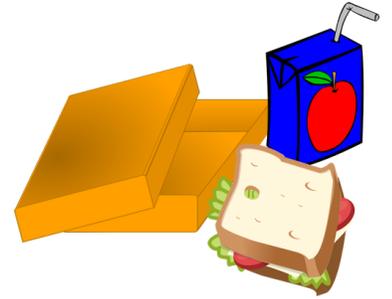
A 15% discount applies to private pay parents who pay their bill in full by the following Friday. Otherwise, the total owed reverts to the full rate.

Limited space so sign up soon.

If you are interested in finding out more about this wonderful opportunity, please contact Ms. Mindy Kwiatkowski at (414) 442-7600 ext. 123, or email at kwiatkowski@mgcparish.org.

Drive Through Lunch Program

Currently, MGC students are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch for a two day period through our drive through program. Take advantage of this great opportunity, pickup times are from 10:30-12:30 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 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-drive3>.

CHOOSE LOVE!



Choose Love is our new theme for the 2020-2021 school year. Do you have a picture or story to share as to how your child is working on our school theme? Please contact Ms. Johnston! **Send us pictures of your child making the heart symbol with their hands.** (berthold@mgcparish.org)



MGC SHOUT OUTS!



Catholic Schools Walk 2020

MGC gathered together last Saturday to participate in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee sponsored Soles for Catholic Education walk. This is an annual fundraiser and community-building event for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese. MGC walkers met at MGC for mass and a special blessing by Fr. Reed before setting out on a 2-mile trek around the Enderis Park neighborhood. A special shout out to the students and their families that showed up to walk! We were lucky to have Principal Johnston, Fr. Reed and a large number of our teachers and their families brave the cold, show up in their MGC spirit wear, and walk to raise awareness of the many benefits of Catholic education! You make us proud to be MGC! More pictures may be found at <https://www.mgcparish.org/school-photos>.

It's not too late to donate! Walk donations are being accepted until November 10. Donations to the walk go directly to MGC School. Feel free to drop off your donation to the Parish Office or go to the walk website and donate online: catholicschoolswalk.org

Thank you for your donations and prayers. We greatly appreciate your support.

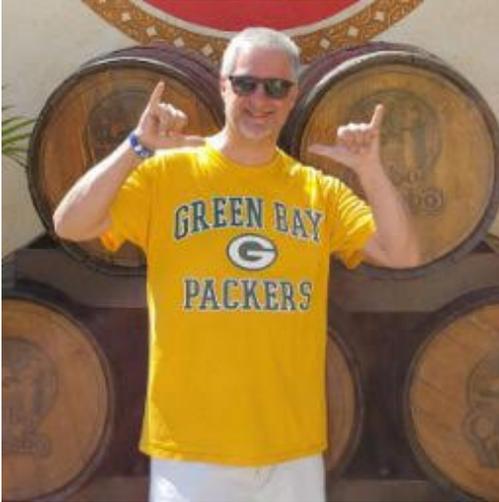
MGC Teacher Feature

Mother of Good Counsel is blessed to have such good people in their employ. In a perfect world we could introduce you face to face but in our current state introducing you virtually is the best we can do. Each week we will introduce you to a valued member of our staff in our Teacher Feature.

This week we introduce:

Mr. Paul Reichertz

5th grade teacher



Mr. Reichertz is a Milwaukee native, attended Wisconsin Lutheran College and has been a teacher for 18 years. He loves to vacation anywhere warm but loves the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field and the Green Bay Packers. As a child his favorite children's book was "The Greatest Quarterbacks of the NFL." Mr. Reichertz is motivated by music and is a huge heavy metal rock band fan and is currently re-reading "The Van Halen Saga." He said the thing he loves most about being a teacher is "spending time talking with my students and getting to know them better."

Mr. Reichertz – you make us proud to be MGC!

MGC is on Facebook!!!

Look for Mother of Good Counsel Grade School. There is a picture of our school building. It's a great way to receive updates and reminders. Be sure to like, follow & share!



MGC School Calendar

2020-2021



- 28 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference-no scheduled school



- 25 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 26 & 27 - No School - Thanksgiving Break



- 2 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 4 - End of Trimester 1
- 23 - 1/3 - No School - Christmas Vacation

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.