



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

KidMail

November 18, 2020

Dear MGC Family,

I can hardly believe it is almost Thanksgiving! This has been such a strange and difficult year. However, even in times of strife, I would encourage everyone to try to think about not all the things we don't have during a pandemic year, but all the things we do have! We have our education, our families, and our faith. I also highly encourage you to be as safe as possible during the holiday season by restricting your travel, not gathering in large groups, mask wearing, hand-washing, and social distancing.

Another aspect that is difficult to believe is that we are almost through the first trimester! At this time, children should be working hard to make up any missing work that is needed before those grades close. Keep in mind that next week Wednesday is a half-day until 11:30, with Thursday and Friday off. Monday will already be November 30th! Feel free to reach out to the teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Also, don't forget that this Friday is wear Blue day to celebrate the day Mary chose love God. In doing so, she chose love and hope for the world, and we hope that every day our community chooses love and hope over hate and division.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (414) 442-7600 extension 119 or at johnston@mgcparish.org.

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Dates of Importance

- November 25 – 11:30 dismissal (ECP is open all day)
- November 26 - Thanksgiving, no school.
- November 27 – No school
- December 2 – 11:30 dismissal
- December 4 – End of the trimester

The Trimester Ends December 4!



Have you checked your child's grades lately? Please log into PowerSchool and check your child's grades under standards. If you are seeing a lot of 1's this means that essential work is missing. If you need assistance with PowerSchool, please contact the office or Ms. Schwartz. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns. **The trimester ends on December 4.**

Thanksgiving Drives

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year where we are grateful for what we have, and we give to those who are in need. MGC parish and school are collecting items for this year's **Thanksgiving Food Drive** sponsored by our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. There are many ways to give! You can drop off a box at church or drop some off while picking up lunch. Please, non-perishable items only. **The Food Drive ends on November 25th.**



Another wonderful drive the church is having is the coat drive. The MGC Human Concerns Committee is sponsoring a **“Winter Wear” drive**. **During the month of November, they will be collecting: coats, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves.** All items donated will be delivered to the Cathedral Center in Milwaukee. The Cathedral Center of Milwaukee is a homeless shelter serving women and families. Donations can be brought to the Parish Office during business hours or placed in the marked containers in the church vestibule.

A little generosity can go a long way.

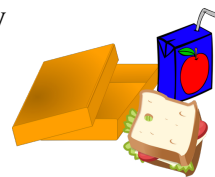


CHOOSE LOVE!

Mary Chose Love: **Friday, November 20**, we ask all kids to wear light blue shirts to celebrate the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary where she chose to dedicate her life to God (God is love). How are you choosing love in today's tumultuous world?

Drive Up Meal 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-drive4>

Monday Material Pick Up



Mr. Claassen, Ms. Updegraff and Mrs. Hartung will have materials for pick-up at the front entrance from 8:00AM – 4:30PM on Monday, November 23. Mrs. Pelaez will have materials for pick-up at the front entrance from 10:00AM – 2:00PM. When you come you can pick up lunch if you have registered. This would also be a great time to drop off library books from last year.



MGC SHOUT OUTS!

Third grade is doing a great job of coming to all live classes!

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 this way is the best we can do. Each week we will introduce you to a valued member of our staff in our Teacher Feature.

Mrs. Diane Kunstmann
K4 teacher



I graduated from Lakeland College 2010 and worked in the Early Childhood Field for over 30 years. This is my 9th year teaching K4 at MGC. My first class is in 7th grade! I love being in a K-8 school because I can see the changes from year to year. The best part of being a teacher is watching the children grow and develop over the year. I love the light bulb moments when “they get it and they are so proud!” I think of the K4 kids as little caterpillars when they arrive on the first day. On the last day, they are beautiful butterflies ready to flutter away

I enjoy reading children’s picture books. There are so many great children’s picture books that I can’t narrow it down to pick a favorite. I love being with family. I am married, with two married children and two wonderful grandchildren that help me think of new ideas for K4! My favorite tradition is making homemade ravioli and enjoying a special dinner with family. I like to take walks and go on bike rides with my husband.

Everyone who knows me would most likely say that I talk, a lot! I like to listen too. I love listening to people’s stories and learning about them as well as sharing mine! I like numbers and dates that connect. That being said 3, 6, and 9 are my favorite numbers. But I like it when my age is an even number! I’m odd this year. I like to laugh. There is nothing like laughing until your cry! (in a good way)

Mrs. Kunstmann – you make us proud to be MGC!

New Facebook Page

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>



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. **Most of the sites highlighted for the month are Thanksgiving themed.**



ECP is Open!

Mother of Good Counsel's ECP (Extended Care Program) is open and ready for you. We are currently taking up to 50 students. PPE is provided and 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.

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

Virtual Learning Reminders - Updated!

CHROMEBOOK REMINDERS: Remember that Chromebooks are rentals and property of MGC. Damage incurred from poor care will result in a loss of the deposit.



Virtual Protocols-please review these with your children: Students who have been warned more than 3 times about these behavior are subject to receive an incident report.

- **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 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)

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>.

MGC has SCRIP!

Are you thinking about Holiday Shopping? With Scrip you can buy gift cards from your favorite brands to use for your daily purchases or give as gifts. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. The order form is online or linked below. Contact the Parish Office to purchase at 414-442-7600 ext.102 or 105. https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/Church/Scrip%20GeneralOrderForm_Final.pdf

MGC School Calendar

2020-2021



- 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.