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# KidMail

September 23, 2020

Dear MGC Family,

This past week America sadly said goodbye to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Ginsberg had served as a Supreme Court Justice since 1993. For most of her legal career she fought for equal rights for women's rights, gender equality, and for the rights of Native Americans. Ruth Bader Ginsberg is known for her powerful voice of dissent in standing up to the status quo for what she believed in. She leaves behind inspiration for future generations to find their voice and speak their minds in the name of justice. We honor her service and legacy to our country.



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## **This week's newsletter features the following:**

- Packer Friday!
- ECP & Drive-up Free Lunch Program
- Reminders for Virtual learning
- Ways to receive super Internet deals and packages
- How to view your child's grade using PowerSchool
- Soles for Education Walk

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

In Faith,  
Rachel Johnston  
Principal

## **Go Pack Go!**



It's that time of year to back the Pack as they battle it out with the Saints this Sunday. We encourage all teachers, staff, and students to wear their Packer gear on Friday to a live conference/class. I hope to have some great pictures or videos to share next week showing your Packer spirit! Let's keep this winning streak up. Go Pack! Go!

## ECP: How is virtual learning going at home? The next best thing!



Do your kids want to be 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) program is open and ready for you. We offer the following:

- An opportunity for your child to get out of the house and be active
- Availability from 6:30 AM - 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday
- 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 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.** We are currently taking up to 50 students.

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](mailto:kwiatkowski@mgcparish.org).

## Virtual Learning: Reminders

- **Make sure that your child is logging in daily.** If he/she is unable to engage in virtual learning that day, please contact the main office and report the absence to the school secretary-each day your child does not log-in, he/she is marked absent
- To establish contact through Schoology with a teacher or to receive updates, please make sure you are using the Google account set up by MGC
- *Assignments are expected to be turned in on time unless an arrangement was made with the teacher. After a teacher has contacted you to inform you of the situation, and the habit of not turning in work continues, students can receive incident report which will be placed in his/her permanent record*



## Internet Help!

Try Digital Bridge to help you find some great deals on internet service. All you have to do is go to the link and put in your zip code and Digital Bridge will find you the best deals with internet providers in your neighborhood.

[Digital Bridgehttp://lookup.digitalbridgek12.org/](http://lookup.digitalbridgek12.org/)

## **CHOOSE LOVE!**

Choose Love is our new theme for the 2020-2021 school year. We will be working on ways that each of us can choose love instead of hate. If you see someone – a teacher, staff member, parent, or student engaging in an act of selfless love and kindness to others, please let Mrs. Johnston know so we can recognize them in a future edition of KidMail.



## **Standards Based Grading!**



This year, MGC will be grading using a complete Standards Based Grading System. This system is quite different from a traditional grading system. For example, students will be assigned a 1, 2, or 3 and for some advanced students a 4. Completing work is not enough to earn a 3. Students must be able to demonstrate what they know and can do with the knowledge through summative assessments. A 3 means a student has completely mastered the information. This means no traditional grades such as letters or percentages are used to gage student achievement.

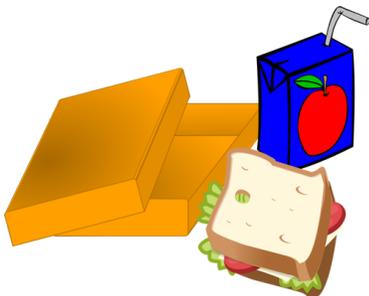
Formative and summative grades can be accessed through **PowerSchool NOT Schoology**. Some positive practices of SBG is that students may have multiple times and ways to show teachers what they can do! The Standards Based Grading handbook can be viewed on our website. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

## **How do you look up your child's grade?**

1. Log into your account on PowerSchool (**not Schoology**)
2. Click on grades and attendance
3. Go to the tab called "Standards"
4. Click on EXPAND to see all standards that in the process of being assessed at this time



## **Drive-Up Meal Program**



Currently, all MGC students are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch for a two-day period with our new Drive Up meal program. Use the Sign-Up Genius link below in order to 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!

- Please register using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0545AAA923ABFB6-drive>
- Register using the Parent/Guardian last name and number of meals you will need for your MGC



## **2020 Virtual Soles for Catholic Education Walk** **- Saturday, October 17**

Although we won't all be walking together on October 17, the Soles for Catholic Education Walk still provides a day for all Archdiocese of Milwaukee schools and parishes to celebrate Catholic education, build community and raise much-needed funds that remain at each school.

Walkers from each school are asked to raise money to help their school reach their fundraising goal. The money raised by each school will receive a proportional match from the sponsorship dollars donated by our wonderful Walk Sponsors. The percentage of matching funds each school receives will be based proportionally on how much the school raises compared to how much is donated by sponsors. The maximum amount of the match per school is \$5,000. Your donation stays at the Catholic school of your choice!

**[Join MGC at the virtual Soles Walk on October 17. Register at:  
https://www.catholicschoolswalk.org/Soles-Walk](https://www.catholicschoolswalk.org/Soles-Walk)**

### **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:**

Mrs. Amanda Rusch

Spanish teacher and MS Religion teacher



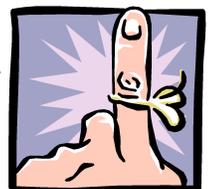
My name is Amanda Rusch, and I was born and raised in Milwaukee (and proud of it)! I went to college at UW-La Crosse, but I've also taken courses in Ghana, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua. This is my second-year teaching at MGC. My favorite thing to do in the summer is to go hiking and exploring new places, especially waterfalls! I also really love to chill in my yard with my dog, Gemma. I set a personal goal of reading two books for fun each month and my favorite children's series is Harry Potter! My favorite sports team is the Gryffindor Quidditch team, of course. You should know that my favorite superhero is Thor,

I am afraid of spiders, and my students are my biggest motivators! (And pie, I really like pie.)

**Mrs. Rusch – you make us proud to be MGC!**

### **Forms**

Have you completed all of your **back-to-school forms**? Please make sure that we have all necessary information. If you have not completed and returned your forms, please do so ASAP. **It is imperative that parents keep us informed about contact information.** If your address, phone number, employment, etc., change you must contact the office immediately. **This is every parent's responsibility!**



## **MGC's Website**



Have you checked-out MGC's website ([www.mgcparrish.org](http://www.mgcparrish.org))? If not, please do so. You'll find a great deal of information about our church and school. The hot lunch menu is posted there as well as the current and any past editions of KidMail. There are also many great student resources available through the library page. Don't miss this great resource!

## **Did you know???**

### **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!



<https://www.wordstream.com/blog/ws/2017/11/07/facebook-statistics>

## **MGC School Calendar**

2020-2021

School Hours:

K4-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7:20 AM – 3:15 PM

K4 half day: 7:20 AM – 11:15 AM

K3: 7:40 – 11:00 AM



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- 8 & 9 - No School - Archdiocese of Milwaukee In-service Days for Teachers
- 17 - Virtual Walk for Catholic Education



- 21 & 28 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference
- 25 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 26 & 27 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

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.