



KidMail

March 9, 2022

Dear MGC Family,

We begin this full week of Lent each morning with prayer and reflection. Children are doing the spiritual work we are called to do by self-reflecting on how we can live our lives like Christ did. Lent is a time to look inside our hearts to help us be our best selves. We are also praying daily for war torn Ukraine, its displaced refugees, and its cities under siege. Students may have many questions during these difficult times as we strive to climb out of a pandemic to navigate through a violent crisis that affects the entire world. I have included two resources to aid you in having these challenging conversations.

This is a great site that includes interactive maps and kid friendly resources for talking to children about this current Ukrainian crisis.

<https://everyteachereveryday.kinf.org/resources-for-talking-to-kids-about-ukraine/>

A great article about how to approach the topic with children from top psychologists.

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/03/02/health/kids-anxiety-ukraine-wellness/index.html>

Though these are tough times, MGC remains hopeful, prayerful, and we anticipate working on slowly and carefully transitioning back to normalcy as we see COVID cases decrease. As we are still at a medium to high risk according to the CDC, we ask that families still honor our COVID mitigation protocols. Students are still to come to school masked until further notice. I also remind parents that students are to remain at home if they display COVID symptoms or flu-like symptoms. These symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, chills, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, sneezing, or chest pains. The stomach flu is another virus that is rearing its ugly head, so I encourage students to continue frequent hand washing and sanitizing. I appreciate your support as we continue to monitor the situation and continue our communications with the Milwaukee Health Department.

Here are some changes we are implementing this week:

- Masks will be optional for outdoor recess, masks still required inside the building
- Students are allowed to play football (no tackle football) and basketball outside as long as they are not sharing equipment with other classes

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

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Dates of Importance

Mar. 1 – 22 Open enrollment for Choice
Mar. 10 – Spirit Wear Day – See Padre below
Mar. 11 – Teacher In-service, no school
Mar. 21-Apr 29 – Forward Testing
April 1 – 8th Grade pictures and any make up pictures
April 14 – 11:30 Dismissal and Easter Vacation begins
April 25 – Students Return
May 9 – Teacher In-service, no school



Next Year?!?

It's time to start registration for the 2022-2023 school year! The School Choice window is open for this month. Parents, please keep a copy of your February WE bill, cable bill, or a pay stub dated in February. You will need to log in to your DPI account in and register and then send us your proof of address – using one of the documents listed above. Let's try to have all returning students re-registered by the end of the March window – March 22. <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

Forward Testing

The Forward Test will be accessible to 3rd – 8th grade students from March 21 to April 29. During that time we have Easter Vacation. Our goal is to have all testing completed before Easter. To reach this goal, we need your help. Please do not schedule any appointments during the testing window. Remember testing is for students in 3rd – 8th grade. You may read more about Forward Testing on the brochure found at this link:

[https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/Forward Brochure for Families.pdf](https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/Forward%20Brochure%20for%20Families.pdf)



Tardies & Attendance

There is an increase in tardiness and absences. Students are to be in their classrooms by 7:50 a.m. each morning. Prayer begins at 8:00 a.m. sharp each day. This is an important time for the school to pray as a community, for us to set focus and purpose for our day, and it is part of our faith filled curriculum. Excessive absences can have dire consequences such as grade retention, serious loss of learning, loss of important instructional time, loss of enrollment for the 22-23 school year, and possibly expulsion. As we step into a new trimester, students have much to do to show mastery of learning so that students can be promoted to the next appropriate level. Poor attendance and habitual tardiness negatively affects a child's ability to meet learning standards. As we struggle to fill learning gaps from the pandemic, the importance of being mindful about being on time and daily attendance cannot be overstressed. We know our MGC kids always deserve the best we have to offer in Catholic education.

MUHS Helpers



We give a special Shout Out to four seniors from Marquette University High School who recently spent two weeks at MGC serving in our 1st- 4th grade classrooms. We thank Tate Czajkowski, Mio DeMichele, Chris Magnus and Eric Delgado for their patience, positivity and dedication to our students and teachers! Proud to Be!

Report Cards

Trimester 2 report cards will be emailed to you tomorrow. Parents and guardians are expected to email the teacher that the report card has been reviewed and received. This is an important time to really look at your child's progress so far, their successes as well as areas that need improvement. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We know learning is a partnership that requires frequent and clear communication to best support the needs of your child. The Success Indicators on the report card speak to your child's behavior. This is also an important part of how we encourage spiritual work. If you see your child has a 1 or a 2 in an area, it might be a talking point as to what strategies can help your child become more successful in a holistic manner-mind, body and spirit.

Annual Padre Serra Tournament Go MaGiC!!!!

Congratulations to our 8th grade boys for receiving an invitation to the Padre Serra Tournament. This is quite an honor!

Let's all plan to come out and support our 8th grade boys' basketball team as they start their Padre Serra Tournament run Saturday, March 12 at 4:30 PM. All games will be held at St. Thomas More High School at 2601 E. Morgan Ave. Show your pride in MGC by coming out and wearing your MGC spirit wear. Let everyone know you're there by cheering LOUDLY for our team!!!! Go MaGiC!!!! (Any MGC student who attends the game in MGC spirit wear may see Mrs. Johnston or Mrs. Hartung for a free dress coupon! Look for them in the stands.) (www.thepadreserra.org/)

In honor of the boys going to the Padre, we are having a Spirit Wear Day tomorrow! Uniform pants with MGC Spirit Wear shirts/sweatshirts, or jerseys.



National Women History Month

This month we celebrate the wonderful contributions of women to our American history. In this week's KidMail, we showcase: Sojourner Truth, civil rights activist, human right's activist, women's rights activist, writer, orator, dreamer, and inspirer of women.



“ Life is a battle anyway. If we laugh and sing a little as we fight the good fight of freedom, it makes it all go easier. I will not allow my life's light to be determined by the darkness around me.”-Sojourner Truth

<https://www.biography.com/activist/sojourner-truth>

For more information on inspirational and dynamic women of our history, visit the following website!

<https://www.history.com/news/bold-women-who-changed-the-world>

MGC's Website

Have you checked-out MGC's website (www.mgcparish.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 so you don't have to worry about losing yours. Current and past editions of KidMail are also posted there. There are also many great student resources available through the library page. Don't miss this great resource!



Get Involved at MGC



MGC ECP is hiring! If you love children and have a high school diploma call to find out about full or part time opportunities.

MGC Home and School Committee and School Committee

Both of these school organizations need new members. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mrs. Johnston.

More details about all openings may be found at the following link.

<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/Opportunities%20at%20MGC.pdf>

MGC School Calendar 2021-2022

ALL students are expected to arrive on time and to be picked up on time.

Students may start arriving at 7:30AM.



- 1 - 22 Choice Enrollment is open
- 11 – Teacher In-service, no school
- 21 – **Forward Testing starts (ends April 29)**
- 28 – Teacher In-service, no school



- 1 – 8th Grade Graduation Pictures and make up pictures for other grades
- 14 – 11:30 Dismissal, Easter Vacation begins
- 25 – Students Return
- 29 – End of Forward Testing



- 9 – Teacher In-service, no school
- 27 – 11:30 Dismissal, Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day
- 30 – Memorial Day, no school

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.

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serving, learning, loving, and living lives of integrity as Christ did.*