



KidMail

March 16, 2022

Dear MGC Family,

This is a very exciting time with Spring on our doorsteps! This week we celebrate the second week in Lent with daily reflections on how can we be more like Jesus. This is an essential question I ask the children each day. Lent is often mistakenly thought of as a time of giving something up. I like to encourage people to think more about how we can make positive changes in our lives. This could be adopting a better work ethic, working on being more prepared for school, or even just working on being kind to others or thinking about others on a daily basis. Don't hesitate to talk with your child about ways they can do the spiritual "work" this Lenten season.

We have other fun events happening this week as well. Tomorrow we celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Children are allowed to wear their best green outfits with uniform pants. We say a great big congratulations to our 8th grade boys basketball team for winning their Padre game this past Saturday. We are so proud of them! It was a nail-biter! We ask students and staff to wear their spirit wear this Friday to support our team as they fight again this Saturday. Students may wear jeans as long as they are appropriate for school-fitting appropriately, and no rips or tears of any kind.

Also, I ask that children still come to school masks as we are still implementing universal masking. We are closely watching the data and recommendations from the CDC. I will inform you when we make changes. I also would like to remind parents that students are still not allowed to come to school sick. A nasty flu is making its way around the city...as if COVID weren't enough to worry about! If your child is displaying the following symptoms, they should be kept home: diarrhea, stomach ache, vomiting, fever, sore throat, body aches and chills, chest pains, or coughing. If a child is sent home due to illness such as vomiting or fever, he or she has to wait 24 hours to return to school. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated and helps us keep our doors open, our environment safe and healthy, and stops the spread of infectious diseases such as Influenza, COVID, or RSV.

Finally, I cannot stress enough the importance of being on time daily for school and being present. Students are only given 10 days by the state of Wisconsin before being considered truant. Excessive tardiness and absences can have very serious consequences. Students with excessive absences can lose their CHOICE spots, be turned down for enrollment for the 22-23 school year here at Mother of Good Counsel School, or be asked to repeat a grade. If your child has missed more than 25 days this is a real possibility. Time is precious. Our kids have lost a lot of it during the pandemic, and we owe them the opportunity to begin school with breakfast and prayer and proper preparation.

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. 17 – Wear green in honor of St. Patrick's Day – green shirts and if you have green pants, or skirts/jumpers otherwise –uniforms on the bottom

Mar. 18 – Spirit wear to support 8th grade basketball team

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



Forward Testing

The Forward Test will start next week! Please do not schedule any appointments during the testing window and make sure students are on time – we start first thing in the morning. 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



Black History Month Projects

On the website you may view some of the projects the students were working on during the month of February. Here is the link <https://www.mgcparrish.org/school-photos>.

Annual Padre Serra Tournament

Go MaGiC!!!! – Updated Game

Congratulations to our 8th grade boys for winning their first game in the Padre Serra Tournament. Let's all come out and support our 8th grade boys' basketball team as they continue their Padre Serra Tournament run Saturday, March 19 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/)



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/>

National Women History Month

This month we celebrate the wonderful contributions of women to our American history. We showcase: Wilma Mankiller!

Wilma Mankiller is an inspirational indigenous woman who fought for the rights of women and Native Americans. Her leadership was powerful. She led the Cherokee Nation for ten years as their chief. She also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Wilma Mankiller passed away in 2010, but we honor her memory and all that she did to attain equality for women.

Read more about her at:

<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/wilma-mankiller>



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!



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
- 17 – Wear green for St. Patrick’s Day
- 18 – Spirit wear to support 8th grade
- 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.

*Mother of Good Counsel Catholic School is an inclusive urban community committed to:
serving, learning, loving, and living lives of integrity as Christ did.*