



October 13, 2021

Dear MGC Family,



KidMail

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Autumn is a special time of year! I just love to see the leaves change colors. However, what I am really enjoying about MGC is seeing the children get back into their learning routines. I have the honor of visiting each classroom and seeing the MaGiC happen.

We will be scheduling conferences soon. Virtual conferences will be on **October 28 and 29**. Your child's teacher will be contacting you to arrange a time. Due to the rise in COVID infection in the city of Milwaukee, **all conferences must be virtual or by phone**. This first round of conferences is mandatory for all students. It is essential that we work together to provide the best support for your child's educational needs. Please check your child's progress using PowerSchool, and feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

MGC is taking on Project Based Learning. Ask your child what projects he or she is working on. This is a wonderful way for children to learn and show us what they can do with what they have learned.

It has been unusually warm this October, but we are bound to run out of luck soon. Students are encouraged to wear sweaters or fleeces that match uniform colors. MGC fleeces are acceptable – MaGiC hoodies are athletic wear and not part of the uniform. Students are not allowed to wear jackets or boots in the school building.

Thank you for your support at home. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns. Your feedback is always appreciated. johnston@mgcparish.org, (414) 442-7600 ext. 119.

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Dates of Importance



Oct. 15 – Wear your Be Kind shirt

Oct. 28 – 11:30 Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences afternoon and evening

Oct. 29 – Conferences, no school

Nov. 5 – 8th Grade testing

Nov. 24-26 – Thanksgiving Vacation, no school

Nov. 30 – End of Trimester 1

AR at MGC!



An exciting comeback at MGC is the return of our Accelerated Reading program. We are ecstatic to get the kids reading again. Literacy is extremely important and must be practiced daily. You can support your child in reaching their reading goals by:

- Overseeing that time is set aside for reading each night
- Help to provide a reading area free of devices and distractions
- Ask your child to summarize or discuss the books they are reading and their opinions on it
- Read the same book as your child and engage in an impromptu book discussion
- Encourage them to take notes on what they have read-characters, plot events, setting, and conflicts
- Provide an incentive such as spending time together for reaching goals and deadlines
- Have silent independent reading time with your child so that you are reading at the same time as part of your routine

The following site is an excellent resource for parents and educators. It includes compelling statistics and resources including games for increasing literacy (hint scroll towards the bottom of the page for resources for parents).

<https://online.regiscollege.edu/blog/child-illiteracy/>

Catholic Schools Walk 2021 - Update

This year the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is holding the 9th annual Soles for Education Walk virtually. Each year we walk these two miles together – bringing awareness to the benefits of Catholic education, building community and raising money for our school. All of the money we raise stays at MGC and will be matched (up to \$5000.)

You are invited to walk with us!

More details will be coming soon. The walk date has been changed

To register and donate: catholicschoolswalk.org

Questions?? Contact Barb Berthold at 442-7600 x118 or berthold@mgcparish.org



Chromebooks

You are still able to borrow Chromebooks for the school year. The deposit of \$85.00 per Chromebook is due before the Chromebook can be assigned to the student. This deposit will be returned when the Chromebook is returned and in good condition. Please let Ms. Schwartz (schwartz@mgcparish.org) know if you want a Chromebook and when you will be picking it up.



Hispanic Heritage Month



This week we finish our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Click here for resources and to learn about Hispanic Heritage Month, its history, and its importance.

<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/hispanic-heritage-month>

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!



Be Kind T-Shirts



Even if you missed the picnic, you can still buy the MGC Be Kind T-Shirts. These shirts cost \$15.00 each. You don't want to miss this opportunity to be seen wearing our "theme" t-shirt on Spirit Wear Days. Thanks to a school parent for helping us make this happen.

Here is a link where you can purchase these t-shirts.

<https://www.shopjaynas.com/products/be-kind-mgc-t-shirts>.



Do You Shop on Amazon???

We bet you do! Did you know that Amazon gives money to MGC for every purchase you make IF you simply go to AmazonSmile and have chosen Mother of Good Counsel, Milwaukee as your charity. This is a great opportunity for our school to earn money without any type of fundraising. PLEASE take this simple step to assist our school in fundraising. **This is a painless way to fundraise!** We received a deposit of **\$89.00** for April – June. Just think how much money we could generate if everyone participated. AmazonSmile works just the same as Prime. Here is the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0984894>



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We hope you will "like and follow" us on Facebook! We post MGC School news, pictures, updates and more on the page so be sure to "follow" us.

<https://www.facebook.com/MGCMilwaukeeWI>

On Instagram we are @mgcparish



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.



28 – 11:30 Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conference afternoon and evening

29 – Conferences, no school



5 – 8th Grade testing

24 -26 – No School, Thanksgiving vacation

30 – End of Trimester 1



1 – Start of Trimester 2

22 – 11:30 dismissal, Christmas Vacation begins

All dates are subject to change with notice.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to check KidMail each Thursday 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.