





August 30, 2023

Dear MGC Family,

WELCOME to a brand new school year! Each year is like a clean slate awaiting new possibilities and experiences. So far, we are off to a **GREAT START!**

This year our school theme is "Be Kind". As we begin to transition into our new school year and routines, we also return to one another as a community. We look to Esphesians 4:32 to guide our actions, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you." We begin with kindness in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we do to live as Christ did.

The beginning of the year can be hectic, especially for new families, so I want to go over a few really important reminders and changes for this year.

A few reminders as we finish out this exciting week:

- I encourage all children to bring a water bottle-we have brand new water fillers of filtered water! It's going to be a hot one next week!
- Friday, September 1, 2023 is an 11:30 dismissal. This year we will be staying in uniform for our half days. Students may still come in free dress if it is their birthday!
- Remember all birthday treats need to be individually wrapped items. I would encourage other non-food items as well-pencils, stickers, etc. We do not allow pizza or other fast food items.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at <u>Johnston@mgcparish.org</u>, or by phone (414) 442-7600 extension 119. Please leave a message on my voicemail as I am not always in the office area of the building.

In Faith,

Rachel Johnston

Principal

Dates of Importance

Sept. 1 - 11:30 Dismissal

Sept. 4 – Labor Day, no school

Sept. 10 – Parish Picnic

Sept. 11 – All Remembrance Day – Wear red, white and blue with uniform bottoms

Sept. 15 – Super Spirit Day – Show your MGC Spirit, uniform bottoms



Parish Picnic – September 10

This event is for everyone. Follow the link for more information:



Drop off and Pick-Up Procedures

- PLEASE pull into the North Lot off of Burleigh for drop off and exit on 68th street for drop off and pick up.
- Students should never be crossing 68th street without adult supervision-traffic does not stop!
- Lisbon Avenue is an extremely dangerous place to park, drop off or pick up. These are NOT the safe designated areas for these procedures.
- Remember that in order for a student to attend the Extended Care Program, he or she must be preregistered. The fee for registration is \$100.00, and the rates hourly vary depending on the age of the child. Please contact ECP Director Mrs. Paula Payne, at payne@mgcparish.org, or (414) 442-7600 extension 123.

Cellphones: Updated Policy

- Cellphones are to be completely turned off and placed in a locked box each morning.
- Students are not allowed to use cell phones on the MGC CAMPUS-this includes the playground before or after school
- Students may use cell phones if he/she is being closely supervised by the teacher
- MGC maintains a strict policy to ensure safety for ALL students. Students who refuse to turn in phones or are caught with the phones on or using them will be given an out of school suspension.
- If you need to contact your child for any reason, please contact Mrs. Barb Berthold in the main office at (414) 442-7600 extension 118.

Be Kind Corner



Here are some students showing kindness by helping Mrs. Kunstmann



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!



Like us on Facebook and Instagram



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

Scroll down for the calendar

MGC School Calendar 2023-2024

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

Students may start arriving at 7:35 AM



- 1-11:3Dismissal
- 4 Labor Day No School
- 5 First day for K3 and K4 Students
- 10 Parish Picnic
- 11 All Remembrance Day red, white & blue with uniform bottoms
- 12 School Committee Meeting
- 15 MGC Super Spirit Day!



- 2-6 Fire Prevention Week
- 5 No school Teacher Inservice
- 6 No school Teacher Inservice
- 10 School Committee Meeting
- 13 Catholic Schools Walk
- 18 Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms
- 27 11:30 Dismissal, Mandatory Conferences
- 30 Mandatory Conferences 1-6
- 31 No school Inservice

Full calendar may be found on the School News page https://www.mgcparish.org/school-news

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.