



KidMail

September 6, 2023

Dear MGC Family,

It's been a great first week, and we are off to a fantastic start of the year. It's wonderful to see the children back in the classroom and engaging in learning once again. I am a firm believer in starting the year off right! I hope to see all of you join us for 11:00 a.m. mass this **Sunday, September 10, 2023**. We will be having our annual fabulous picnic! Be sure to check out the attached flier on the link below. On Monday, September 11, 2023, we will celebrate 9-11 Remembrance Day by asking students to wear plain red, white or blue shirts with uniform bottoms. We will be saying some special prayers and engaging in special activities that day in the classroom - such an important day to remember the importance of our freedoms as American citizens.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at Johnston@mgcparish.org, 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. 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

Sept. 20 – Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms

Parish Picnic – September 10

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

<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mcc/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/Bulletins/Inserts/MGC%20Picnic%202023-%20English%20.png>



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people to join the following committees: **School Committee, Athletic Board and Home & School Association**. It's a great way to make a difference! If interested, please contact me at johnston@mgcparish.org, or contact the school secretary Mrs. Barb Berthold at (414) 442-7600 extension 118.



Attendance

Attendance is essential for success in school! That means being here a full day, each school day, and on time. We understand that every once in a while something might happen unexpectedly that causes a late arrival. However, daily tardiness is not acceptable. The school day begins at 7:50 a.m. Students who come after that point, are marked with an unexcused tardy. Furthermore, all absences must be called into the main office. Excessive tardiness means 5 or more unexcused tardies, and excessive absences is anything over 10 absences in a single school year. Listed below are the serious ramifications of poor attendance. Mother of Good Counsel school is committed to excellence

- Excessive tardiness and absences will be reported to the DPI or Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. As many of you are part of this program, I encourage you to read the fine print-you can lose placement in the program due to reported excessive absences/tardiness.
- Loss of learning and retention. If students miss too much school, they cannot be grade promoted. This makes sense, you can't move up in the curriculum without the required instructional minutes put forth by the State of Wisconsin without basic mastery of concepts. The result of doing this is a repeated cycle of impeded success.
- ALL new students are accepted to MGC on a probationary basis for the first year regardless of CHOICE or private pay status. Excessive tardiness and absences is a violation of this probation. Students can be asked to leave or to not return the following year.

Students these past few years have spent too much time learning virtually, and daily we see the negative impacts on behavior and learning. Being here daily and on time is something all parents can help their children on the path of success. We are going on 98 years of academic excellence, and we have not achieved this by having low standards. We are proud of our rigorous standards for attendance, behavior and academics.

Picking Up and Dropping Off

It cannot emphasize enough the importance of following safety procedures. With the reckless driving incidents in this neighborhood, and two hit and runs of children in this city in the past two weeks, please follow these procedures!!!

- **ALL pick-ups and drop offs are to be in the North Lot-not 68th Street! And certainly, never Lisbon Avenue! We will only release children in the designated area-we will not send kids to Lisbon Avenue as it is unsafe.** If you insist on picking up on Lisbon Avenue, know that you will have to leave your vehicle to pick up. This is for the safety of your child!
- Children who walk, may only cross Lisbon Avenue or 68th Street using the crosswalk. **TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP ON 68th Street.** A child should never be crossing the middle of the street without adult assistance.

Be Kind T-Shirts



You don't want to miss this opportunity to be seen wearing our "theme" t-shirt on our Be Kind Days (third Wednesday of the month). Available in two colors and both long sleeve and short sleeve.

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

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Although it would be nice to say that COVID, RSV, and FLU are all behind us, the reality of it is the community spread of these viruses is still 100% possible. These viruses can shut down a whole school if prevalent enough! We want healthy students and staff!

Reminders:

- Students who are exhibiting symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, or fever should be home or seen by a physician.
- Students who are sent home with vomiting and fever are not to return to school for 24 hours or longer if symptoms are still present.
- Tests will be sent home for COVID soon. We encourage you to use these if you or your child is displaying COVID symptoms (sore throat, cough, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, or body aches).
- 3 or more cases of COVID in a classroom still calls for virtual learning to stop community spread.
- If a student tests positive, he or she is to remain home for 5 days, and then may return masked up to 5 days.

Remembrance Day Reflection!

Let the world always remember,
That fateful day in September,
And the ones who answered duty's call,
Should be remembered by us all.

Who left the comfort of their home,
To face perils as yet unknown,
An embodiment of goodness on a day,
When men's hearts had gone astray.

Sons and daughters like me and you,
Who never questioned what they had to do,
Who by example, were a source of hope,
And strength to others who could not cope.

Heroes that would not turn their back,
With determination that would not crack,
Who bound together in their ranks,
And asking not a word of thanks.

Men who bravely gave their lives,
Whose orphaned kids and widowed wives,
Can proudly look back on their dad,
Who gave this country all they had.

Actions taken without regret,
Heroisms we shall never forget,
The ones who paid the ultimate price,
Let's never forget their sacrifice.

And never forget the ones no longer here,
Who fought for the freedoms we all hold dear,
And may their memory never wane,
Lest their sacrifices be in vain.

Alan W. Jankowski



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



10 – Parish Picnic

11 – All Remembrance Day - red, white & blue with uniform bottoms

12 – School Committee Meeting

15 – MGC Super Spirit Day!

20 – Wear Be Kind Shirt – uniform bottoms



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.mgcparrish.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.*