



KidMail

September 14, 2023

Dear MGC Family,

It's been such a relief to be out of the heat wave this week. However, the weather turns cold quickly here in Wisconsin, and mornings can be chilly this time of year, and then heat up in the afternoon. Just a quick reminder to make sure your child has a jacket, sweater or fleece for outdoor morning recess.

In order to keep up the momentum for this year, we are having an MGC Spirit Day on Friday, September 15! A flier was sent home yesterday explaining the guidelines for Spirit Wear, prizes, and punch card opportunities! It's sure to be a fun day celebrating our MGC pride.

We are doing a great job of getting back into the swing of things. Please make sure you are checking in with your child's teacher if you have any questions about homework or behavior. It's a good time to check in! We have also kicked off our Accelerated Reading Program in grades 2-8! It's time to get excited about reading. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of literacy for success in school, and in life. Furthermore, reading can inspire lifelong learning. Each child in those grades is given a required amount of minutes to read independently, an assigned reading level and range as well a way to track his/her progress (you can too!). After a book, a student can test, earn his/her goal points, and use those points to turn in for prizes. I have seen for myself as a former English teacher, the benefit and learning gains from nightly reading. I have seen students who started well below grade level surpass their grade level expectations. As they say, practice makes perfect!

Thank you for your continued support at home and keeping informed. Working together, we can make this a shining year of MGC excellence! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at johnston@mgcparish.org or at (414) 442-7600 extension 119.

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Dates of Importance

Sept. 15 – Super Spirit Day – Show your MGC Spirit, uniform bottoms
Sept. 20 – Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms
Oct. 5 & 6 – No School, Teacher In service
Oct. 13 Catholic Schools Walk



Super Spirit Day

Tomorrow is Super Spirit Day see all of the details in the flyer found here

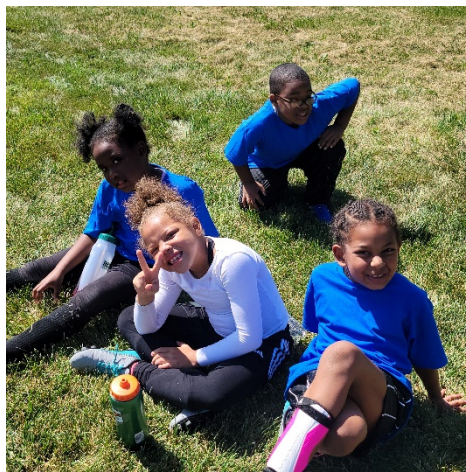
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Counselor's Corner

This week is *National Suicide Prevention Week*. If you or someone you know is struggling and in need of support, immediate help is available. Speak with someone today. Call or text **988** for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Available 24 hours a day.

Athletics

Soccer has officially kicked off!!! Even though we lost the first game, the kids had great energy and the game was exciting!! We were able to come back with a 10-2 victory beating St. Mathias at Sunday's game. Great job for the first two games! Really proud of the kiddos who are all NEW to soccer!!! Shoutout to Jayde, Qunicy, Blairshelby and Noah for being superstars this weekend and leading the way. *We are still looking to fill board/coaching positions for the 2023-24 athletic season, if interested please contact athletics@mgcparish.org or me Coach Erica at all4my2boyz@hotmail.com* Proud to be MGC!!



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@mgpcparish.org, or contact the school secretary Mrs. Barb Berthold at (414) 442-7600 extension 118.



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.shopjaynas.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.

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



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.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.*