



KidMail

September 22, 2023

Dear MGC Family,

It has been absolutely fabulous to see kids really digging and engaging in their schoolwork this week. For many grades, the Accelerated Reading program has started which is wonderful. Please encourage your child to read nightly to keep their skills sharp. Again, I can never stress enough the significance of reading!

Just a quick note this week, thank you to all of you who are putting in a great effort to follow drop off and pick up procedures. Safety is a key issue! We have had an uptick of reckless driving and fatal accidents on Lisbon Avenue. So, again, a few reminders:

- Never at ANY time should students be dropped off or picked up on Lisbon Avenue, and that also includes in front of the church.
- Please use the church lot or the North Lot. These lots have entrances on Burleigh. The North Lot exits on 68th Street.
- DO NOT BLOCK THE EXIT of the North Lot onto 68th Street
- Other than ECP, there should never be pick-ups or drop offs on 68th Street. The traffic does not stop on this street! It also blocks traffic!
- Students who walk must ALWAYS use the crosswalk at the lights on 68th Street

If we all follow the procedures put in place, we can avoid accidents. There is no excuse. Being late for work, or inconvenience will not be an excuse if a child or a family is hit by a car. To give you an example, the other day, someone was driving nearly 60 mph down 68th street almost hitting a van. I cannot control that traffic, but we can be proactive. There is nothing more precious, or more important than our children. Please know we are reaching out to law enforcement, and those who continue to park on Lisbon (it's posted-no stopping on that street from 7:30-4:00 p.m.), or 68th Street, might be in jeopardy of receiving a ticket. It breaks my heart to be compelled to do that, but I am committed to keeping our children safe.

The next reminder is about tardiness and attendance. Letters will begin to go out and reports will go to DPI for excessive absences and tardiness. Please watch this as it can put your enrollment in Milwaukee Parental Choice Program in jeopardy. School starts at 7:50 a.m. I expect ALL students from K3-8th grade to be in class by that time.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these important matters. It truly takes a village to maintain a healthy and safe school environment. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer to help with drop off and pick up, please feel free to reach out to me at (414) 442-7600 extension 119.

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Dates of Importance

Oct. 5 & 6 – No School, Teacher In-service
Oct. 13 Catholic Schools Walk
Oct. 18 Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms
Oct. 21 Trunk or Treat
Oct. 27 11:30 Dismissal and Conferences
Oct. 30 No school Conferences
Oct. 31 No school, Teacher In-service

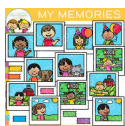


Volunteers Needed

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



Pictures



Some pictures from the Packet Pick-Up Palooza and the Super Spirit Day have been added to the MGC website. You can find these pictures and more at this link: <https://www.mgpcarish.org/school-photos>

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>

Up Coming Events – Save the Dates

The **Catholic Schools Walk** will take place at MGC on October 13. Any money we raise will be kept at MGC! More details will be coming home soon so be on the look out. We will have some contests and a raffle with this event.

The Second Annual **Trunk or Treat** will take place on October 21. We will be looking for donations, volunteers and "Trunks". Details will be sent home soon.

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

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



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>

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.

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serving, learning, loving, and living lives of integrity as Christ did.*