



# KidMail

January 11, 2024

Dear MGC Family,

This week and next we are taking time to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We honor his vision and his words that still remain relevant even today. Although much has changed since the life of Dr. King, America still has much to do in the way of progress toward equality. **“Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”** Dr. King reminds us in this powerful quote that we can continue to fight the violence and hate in the world we live in through our love and our faith in Christ. I am looking forward to hearing the conversations and readings that will take place this week in classrooms as we honor Dr. King’s message of peace.

I just wanted to remind everyone that winter has arrived! We do allow the children to go outside when there is snow on the ground on and on cold days where the wind chill temperatures do not drop below zero. So please make sure that you are sending children to school with proper attire-winter boots, hats, mittens/gloves, and winter coats. Fleece will not cut it on cold and windy days. Students should bring extra shoes in a plastic or cloth bag, and it would be a good idea to bring extra socks! Winter can be a lot of fun if we are properly prepared. Speaking of winter attire-tomorrow is a warm and cozy day! Students are allowed to wear fleeces, scarves, etc. during the school day! How fun! Please no pajamas or slippers!

Please make sure you are keeping informed! We have a lot of activities coming up. Black History Month, Catholic Schools Week and Mardi Gras will be here before we know it! This year, Ash Wednesday will fall on Valentine’s Day. As we begin Lent, it is a time of sacrifice and not self-indulgence. Students may celebrate St. Valentine’s Day on the 13th along with Mardi Gras. Any candy will be sent home. More information about our Mardi Gras carnival will be coming soon!

Thank you for all your continued support at home, as it does truly take a village! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at (414) 442-7600 extension 119 or at [johnston@mgcparish.org](mailto:johnston@mgcparish.org).

In Faith,  
*Rachel Johnston*  
Principal

## Dates of Importance

Jan. 12 Warm & Cozy Day – wear flannel, fleece, or sweats, NO pjs  
Jan. 15 MLK Jr. Day – No school  
Jan. 17 Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms  
Jan. 28-Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week



## Lost and Found



Have you lost a hat, lunch box, or even a coat? Check out the table outside of the office for many items that were lost and now are found.

## MGC Basketball

The basketball season is in full swing. Check out the schedules online here <https://www.mgcparrish.org/basketball>. GO MaGiC!

## COVID/FLU/RSV Season

As we move forward into the winter season, we also prepare for upticks in COVID and Flu. Multiple news sources have reported that lung infections and RSV are quickly on the rise causing children to be quite ill. As we strive to remain safe and healthy, here a few important MGC protocols and policies to review:

- Students who are sent home sick with vomiting or fever are not to return to school for 24 hours and symptoms have subsided
- If your child has been exposed to COVID, we ask that you test as soon as possible.
  - A. If your child has been exposed, but tests negative for COVID, we asked that they mask for 5 days
  - B. If your child has tested positive for COVID, please report to the school. The student is to be out of school for 5 days. Student may return after 5 days if symptom free, and is required to wear a mask for 5 days

Your compliance and cooperation is greatly appreciated. It takes all of our efforts to mitigate these viruses that can seriously affect student and staff attendance compelling us to deliver instruction virtually. We can all agree that being physically in school, learning and being part of the community is our collective goal and responsibility. You are encouraged to keep up with COVID and FLU vaccines/boosters, and to use testing as a resource when you have knowingly been exposed to COVID or are experiencing symptoms. Let's pray for a calm season.

### RESOURCES:

[Health Department](#)  
[CDC/RSV information](#)

## DentaMed



DentaMed's licensed dental providers will be offering **free** cleanings and fluoride treatments to our students will be rescheduled. **We are waiting for a new date.** There is still time to sign up. We ask that parents complete a consent to treat or waiver of treatment for each child. Paper copies were sent home or contact the school office.

## It's Cold Outside – and it will get even colder!

Please remember that we do take the children outside for recess during winter. If the temperature/wind chill is at or above zero, we go outside. It is important that every MGC student come to school every day prepared for recess. This includes a winter coat, hat, mittens/gloves, scarves, snowpants, and boots. Children who do not have snow pants and boots are not allowed to play in the snow. Please do not put your child in that situation!



## 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

## Birthday Club

Celebrate your child’s birthday the MGC way! For \$20.00 you get all that is in the picture and their name on the sign outside the school.

[https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/MKE%20Fall%20Science%20Party%20FLYER\\_22.pdf](https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/MKE%20Fall%20Science%20Party%20FLYER_22.pdf)

## Weather Regulations



closed.

When there is a question of whether the school will be opening for the day because of extreme weather conditions, Archdiocesan regulations require that the school follow the Milwaukee Public School system. **The decision not to open is usually made before 6:00 AM on the day in question and is announced on local radio and TV stations. If the announcement is made that MPS schools are closed due to inclement weather, MGC will also be**

closed.

Whenever the school is closed due to inclement weather, ECP and the parish offices are also closed. However, if MPS is not in session, or for some reason fails to close, an independent decision will be made for MGC. This decision will be made by Mrs. Johnston and Fr. Reed. The announcement will be made on local television and radio stations. Additionally, if MGC closes independently of MPS, an e-mail and text will be sent and local TV/radio stations will be informed.

**MGC will not close early due to inclement weather.** However, parents are welcome to come to school and pick up their children if they deem that to be in their family’s best interest.

If MPS closes early or fails to open due to staffing concerns, that will not affect MGC.

## MGC's Website

Have you checked-out MGC's website ([www.mgcparish.org](http://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!



## **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



12 - Warm and Cozy Day, wear flannel, fleece, or sweats no pjs.  
15 - MLK Day No school  
17 - Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms  
28 - Feb 3 - Catholic Schools Week

**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 school days and for summer camp, 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.*