



# KidMail

January 25, 2024

Dear MGC Family,

The next few weeks will be extremely busy. We have Catholic Schools Week next week. Then Choice enrollment opens up on February 1. Ash Wednesday is coming up so we are celebrating St. Valentines Day with Mardi Gras on February 13. As if these events weren't enough we will also be having conferences, in-service days and a Leap Year Day all in February. Continue reading for all of the details for these events.

Thank you for all of your continued support at home! 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. 28-Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week  
Feb. 1 - 20 Choice Enrollment  
Feb. 5 100th Day of School  
Feb. 7 8th grade pictures, new students and retakes  
Feb. 9 No school In-service  
Feb. 13 Mardi Gras & Valentine celebrations  
Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 16 11:30 Dismissal, Conferences  
Feb. 19 No school In-service  
Feb. 21 Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms



## Catholic Schools Week



Next week is Catholic Schools Week. It is a time to celebrate Catholic Schools. There are many activities planned for this week. We start off with the Open House on Sunday, January 28. Join us for 10:00AM mass then walk over to school and see what we are all about. Each day of next week there will be a special dress code. You may find the special dress codes on the flyer found here

Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/CSWeek/2024/CSW%20flyer.pdf>

**If students do not wear the special dress – they must wear their uniforms.**

## **Open House**

Mark your calendar! Save the date! MGC Open House is on Sunday, January 28 from 11 -2. All are welcome, current families, prospective families, and alumni. Come and meet the staff, tour the school, visit the classrooms and view the MGC memorabilia covering 98+ years.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences – Coming Soon**

Conferences will be held on February 16, 2024 from 1:00-7:00p.m. Please be aware that February 16 is an early dismissal day of 11:30. Sign up slips will be coming home soon. Conferences are mandatory for students who are being requested. For some students, this might be a very critical conference as we begin to look toward next year and grade promotions. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding conferences.

## **Calendar Changes**

Because of the snow days we had in January, we will be adding days to our calendar. May 10 will be a half-day and June 7 will also be a half-day. Previously these were Professional Development days.

## **Next Year???**

Yes, believe it or not, it's almost time to start registration for the 2024-2025 school year! School Choice opens on February 1. This window closes on February 20, 2024. Parents, please keep a copy of your January WE bill, cable bill, or a pay stub dated in January. You will need to log in to your DPI account in and register and then send us your proof of address – using one of the documents listed above. Let's try to have all returning students re-registered in February.

<https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

## **MGC Cares Valentine Project**

Do you have someone in your life that you think would get a kick out of receiving a homemade Valentine in the mail? Drop us their name and address and we'll add them to our list. Recipients can be from all over the United States. Project submission ends February 7(or when we hit 100)! Here is the link to sign up <https://www.mgcparish.org/mgc-cares-valentine-project-2024>

## **ECP**

Parents, just a reminder that any hours not covered through the Wisconsin Shares Program will leave you with a balance. Those of you with outstanding balances, will receive a letter soon. These will have to be paid off or you will need to commit in writing to a payment plan as your care will be suspended in February. Funds for ECP go to pay qualified employees, cleaning services, providing nutritious snacks, and enrichment activities. Please contact Mrs. Johnston if you have questions or concerns.

## **Picture Day**

February 7, graduation pictures for the 8th grade will be taken at school. Any new students or those who want re-takes should also be prepared for their pictures to be taken this day.



## **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.

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## **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](#)

## **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

## 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**

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!



## **Scroll Down for the Calendar**

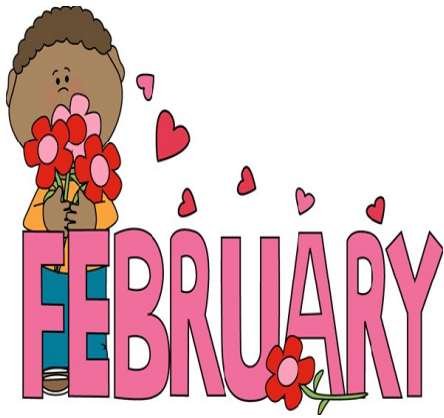
# MGC School Calendar

## 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



28 – Feb 3 - Catholic Schools Week



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1 – 20 Choice enrollment is open  
5 - 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school  
7 – Graduation pictures, new students, and retakes  
9 - No school, In-service  
13 - Mardi Gras and St. Valentine celebrations  
13 - School Committee Meeting  
14 - Ash Wednesday  
16 - 11:30 Dismissal, Conferences  
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**Full calendar may be found on the School News page**  
<https://www.mgcparrish.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.*