



# KidMail

October 18, 2023

Dear MGC Family,

Can you believe we are more than halfway through the first trimester? October has been a busy month. Last week, we celebrated the gift of Catholic education. It was wonderful to see the children embody so much MGC spirit! Thank you to all those who have donated so far to the cause.

October is also Holy Rosary Month. It's wonderful to see the children learning the prayers of the rosary in their classrooms, and engaging in activities. Check out the following website to learn how you can pray the rosary at home. <https://hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>. Although many can misinterpret the rosary as a religious necklace, it is actually a tool that allows one to be closer to God in prayer and in one's focus in the prayer. Ask your child today what they have learned this month about the rosary!

Just a reminder that conferences are just around the corner! This first round of conferences are mandatory, and students in grades 4-8 are expected to attend with their parents/guardians. Conferences are a good time to talk about how to build a strong support system between home and school. <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/school-involvement/make-most-your-parent-teacher-conference.html> I have included a quick article that can help parents get more out of their child's conferences with the teacher. I would encourage you to ask about your child's grade levels he or she tested in math and reading, ask to see examples of his/her writing, and I would encourage you to ask the teacher what you might be able to do at home to help your child with his/her learning. It is also a good time to discuss behavioral expectations and the best way to communicate these between you and the teacher. I appreciate all that you do daily to support your child's journey through Catholic education. It takes a team to support a child to success.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to reach out at (414) 442-7600 ext. 119. Or at [johnston@mgcparish.org](mailto:johnston@mgcparish.org). I hope to see many of you at Saturday's fabulous Halloween Trunk or Treat event. See attached flier for more information. It's sure to be a fun, spooky time!

In Faith,  
*Rachel Johnston*  
Principal

## **Dates of Importance**

Oct. 21 Trunk or Treat  
Oct. 27 11:30 Dismissal and Conferences  
Oct. 30 No school Conferences  
Oct. 31 No school, Teacher In-service



## **Uniform Sale**

We have uniform pieces available for \$2.00 each. Let Mrs. Berthold know what you are looking for and she'll get back to you. You can call 414-442-7600 ext.118 or email her at [berthold@mgcparish.org](mailto:berthold@mgcparish.org)

## **Catholic Schools Walk Update with Pictures**



We walked on Friday, Oct. 13. You may find pictures here <https://www.mgcparish.org/school-photos>

All money raised here at MGC will stay here at MGC! We are raising money until November 15.

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SCHOOLSWALK/team/MotherofGoodCounsel>

## **Catholic Schools Walk Raffle Donations Accepted**

The raffle will be held November 6-10 in the school library. Some of the items being raffled off include: Lego sets, headphones, karaoke microphone, and more. We are looking for more donations. If you would like to donate, please send your items to the school office. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All money collected will go towards the Catholic Schools Walk

## **Trunk or Treat**

Trunk or Treat is this Saturday, October 21, 10 AM to Noon. We need volunteers to make this a spooktacular event. We will be looking for donations, volunteers and "Trunks". Contact Mrs. Berthold for details. Students who feed the candy monsters at school will receive a prize. There will be contests and prizes, concessions and photo opportunities. Click here for the flyer and the rules

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**Sign up to volunteer or decorate a trunk:**

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0545AAA923ABFB6-45017928-mgcs#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0545AAA923ABFB6-45017928-mgcs#/)

## **Spirit Wear Sale Ends Oct. 24 at 11:59 PM**

The Home & School Association is having a Spirit Wear Sale. Here is the link if you would like to order Spirit Wear or uniform shirts. <https://bsg.chipply.com/MGC/>

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual food drive begins Monday, November 6 and continues through Friday, November 17 MGC is collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank. All MGC families are encouraged to donate as they are able. It is especially beneficial if children use their own money to purchase items. Let's see if we can't break all previous records for donated food. If each family were to donate one item per week we would have a tremendous amount of food to donate. Please be generous!



## VIP Picture Update

Pictures have been taken. You'll be able to select your image for your yearbook and purchase any portraits, and all orders will be delivered to your home. To view and order photos from Picture Day click on the link and fill in the information needed <https://www.vipis.com/group/0f4fc677/mother-of-good-counsel> Or, you can search for them at [vipis.com](https://www.vipis.com) shortly after photos are taken. If you need further assistance, contact VIP at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com).

## 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)

## 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). Shirts are available in two colors and both long sleeve and short sleeve. Use code **MGC PICKUP** and orders will be sent to school at no cost.

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

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

**There are some Be Kind T-Shirts for sale in the school office. Contact Mrs. Berthold for size information**

## Athletics

Basketball season is here again for our **MaGiC** stars!! Fall basketball (Grades 5 through 8) will be taking place at MGC for 2023-24 school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for your MGC athlete to learn skills of the game, leadership, sportsmanship and play in multiple tournaments/games over the season

To sign up, school and parish families should visit the main MGC athletics webpage under <https://www.mgcparish.org/handbook-and-form> and fill out and submit all forms for winter basketball before November 1<sup>st</sup> to the front office

**\*\*If you are interested in sharing your time/talents by coaching or being an Athletic board member, please contact MGC's Athletic email [athletics@mgcparish.org](mailto:athletics@mgcparish.org) or Mrs. Johnston at [johnston@mgcparish.org](mailto:johnston@mgcparish.org)**



**WE CANT WAIT TO SEE YOU THIS FALL!!!!**

**\*\*All volunteers/coaches have to be safeguarded, back ground checked and at least 18 years of age to coach/board member.**

## 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!



## 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



- 21 – Trunk or Treat
- 27 - 11:30 Dismissal, Mandatory Conferences
- 30 – Mandatory Conferences 1-6
- 31 - No school In-service



- 1 - All Saints Day
- 2 - All Souls Day
- 3 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade placement testing
- 6-17 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive
- 11 - Veterans Day
- 14 - School Committee Meeting
- 15 - Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms
- 21 - End of T1 11:30 Dismissal Thanksgiving vacation begins
- 27 - T2 Begins, classes resume

**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.

*Mother of Good Counsel Catholic School is an inclusive urban community committed to:  
serving, learning, loving, and living lives of integrity as Christ did.*