



NOVEMBER 1

All Saints All Souls

NOVEMBER 2

KidMail

November 2, 2023

Dear MGC Family,

It was wonderful to see you at conferences. I hope each conference was productive and effective. I appreciate you taking the time to meet with your child's teacher. It takes support at school and at home for a child to be successful. Another wonderful event was today's Saints presentation done by 4th graders. In mass today, 4th graders did a fantastic job of presenting their assigned saint (they even dressed like them!). It's so important that we have role models to look up to. It's wonderful to hear the story of each saint, their struggles, their humanity and their journey to sainthood. Quite inspiring!

As we head into these next couple of weeks, I ask that you continue to check on your child's progress and encourage them to meet his/her Accelerated Reading goals. As a former reading teacher for the past 20 years, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of literacy. This is a lifelong skill!

As the chilly weather is upon us, it is important to remember a few things. Please make sure you are sending appropriate outerwear as we do still go outside even when the temperature drops below 30 degrees. Students who are wearing boots cannot wear them at school, so they will need to bring in regular shoes for indoor purposes. Furthermore, as we fall into COVID/FLU/RSV season, remember if your child has a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, he or she should stay home for 24 hours until symptoms have subsided. If a child is sent home ill, he or she is to remain at home for 24 hours. This is the safest practice for stopping community spread of contagious diseases. Illness is serious, and can cause absenteeism, staffing shortages, and disrupts learning. I appreciate you following this important safety protocol.

Also, I appreciate parents who are following our safety protocols for drop off and pick up at the end of the day. Just another reminder - pull through the line if you are dropping off to the 68th Street gate. This is the easiest and safest way-we even valet for you! Remember at no point should a child be crossing 68th Street alone. This is dangerous! Remember traffic does not stop on 68th Street.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at (414) 442-7600 extension 119 or at johnston@mgcparish.org.

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night.



Dates of Importance

Nov. 3 8th Grade Placement Testing
Nov. 3 Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 6-17 St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive
Nov. 6-13 CSWalk Raffle
Nov. 11 Veterans' Day
Nov. 15 Wear Be Kind Shirts with uniform bottoms
Nov. 21 End of T1
Nov. 21 11:30 Dismissal, beginning of Thanksgiving Break



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.

Trunk or Treat – Survey and Winners

Thank you to all who supported the Trunk or Treat event.

We would encourage everyone to complete the survey found here

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ERDAnT2nINw23XoB2eBKkDqmEKn4LvTPGO6vZXldIM/viewform?ts=6536963e&edit_requested=true

While Trunk or Treating, students could vote on their favorite costume and trunk. The winners are:

Best Costume



Best Trunk



Catholic Schools Walk Student Raffle



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>

The raffle will be held **November 6-13** in the school library. Some of the items being raffled off include: Lego sets, headphones, karaoke microphone, a weeklong free dress pass, magnetic tiles, 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

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.

Birthday Club



\$20 for MGC's Birthday Club
includes cup with goodies delivered on birthday and
Happy Birthday wishes with name on MGC Marquee

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

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 **MGCPICKUP** 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

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)? 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



- 3 - 8th 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 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.

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