



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

Dear MGC Family,



KidMail

March 15, 2024

The Lenten Season continues through sundown on Holy Thursday, 3/28. Students this week are working in class on their Lenten projects and learning the Stations of the Cross with their buddy classes. It is wonderful to see them engage in these faith filled activities that bring us closer to God.

As we move forward in the school year, it is essential that we meet our learning goals and standards. The end of the trimester was March 7, and report cards will be coming out by next week. **I remind all parents that once you receive your report card electronically, please email or send a message to your child's teacher to confirm. Please carefully review the report cards.** A **3** on the standard is our goal says that your child has demonstrated the ability to reach complete understanding and proficiency on the standard. A **2** indicates that the student has not yet reached the standard and there is still work to be done to develop proficiency. A **1** is a score that requires your attention. A **1** in many standards could affect a child's grade placement. This score communicates that the student is unable to provide evidence of or demonstrate proficiency on the learning standard. This is an important report card because for those struggling it may be time to begin thinking about enrolling in summer school programs or providing intervention. As always, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions and that you work together to provide a network of support at school and home in order to reach learning goals. With a new trimester, comes a new start.

We are also preparing for the Forward Exam for the State of Wisconsin for grades 3-8. This will begin next week for some grades. In order for our students to perform at their best, they need plenty of rest and focus. Students have been practicing in class with their teacher to help prepare.

Furthermore, please check your child's absences and tardies recorded on your child's report card.. If students are absent over 10 days or have more than 5 tardies, **it can also affect their future enrollment or grade promotion. I will be putting a hold on next year's enrollment for daily, excessive tardies and truancies until improvement in attendance occurs..** Students are expected to arrive each morning by **7:50a.m.** You can expect to see letters concerning tardiness and absences coming out in the next two weeks. Any absences over 10 is considered truant by the State of Wisconsin and is recorded on your child's school record. It will also be reported to the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program which could affect your child's eligibility in the program. Please be mindful of attendance.

I am seeing way too many pick-up's and drop-off's on 68th Street at the end of the day causing traffic jams and unsafe environments. Yesterday, there was a serious accident at the intersection of 68th Street and Lisbon. Unless you are picking up from ECP, cars should enter the gate from Burleigh, and exit onto 68th Street. Keep in mind there is no crossing guard or stopping traffic on that street. Furthermore, especially, students in grades 5-8, we are seeing them trying to leave

the gate before the arrival of their pick-up. For many safety reasons, this cannot continue. Students need to stay inside the gate. If a student walks home, he or she may leave, but for pick-ups, those students need to wait for the arrival of the parent. As I have said many times before, convenience and saving time are not excuses for any of us to take safety risks with our children. I ask that we all work together to follow the procedures put in place to keep our kids safe.

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

I wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's day!

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Dates of Importance

March 18-April 26 Forward Testing
March 20 Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms
March 28 11:30 Dismissal, Easter Vacation begins
April 8 Classes resume



Yearbooks

School year books may be purchased on line at VIPs website. You may use this link <https://www.vipis.com/group/0f4fc677/mother-of-good-counsel> or go to the School News page of the MGC website. Yearbooks are \$12. This link will be available until April 14 and then it will be gone.

School Committee Meeting Minutes

You may find the approved February School Committee Meeting Minutes online on the School News page or follow this link <https://www.mgcparish.org/school-news> to the page.

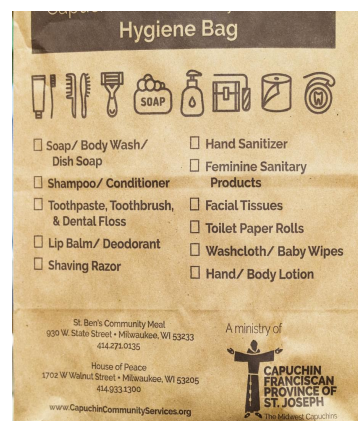
Forward Testing



All students in grades 3-8 will participate in the 2024 Forward Exams. Testing begins on Monday, March 18. It is important that parents talk to their children in advance and encourage them to do their very best on these exams. These results can be one of the factors taken into consideration for advancement from one grade to the next. **Parents are asked to be extra attentive to having their children present in school every day and on time.** Forward Testing time is March 18 – April 26.

Capuchins Hygiene Bags

Together with the Capuchins, we are collecting hygiene items for those in need. These items will be distributed to those at St. Ben's and The House of Peace. The items needed are listed on the bag itself. This service project goes until March 26.



Next Year?!?

Yes, believe it or not, it's almost time to start registration for the 2024-2025 school year! School Choice is open. Parents, please keep a copy of your February WE bill, cable bill, or a pay stub dated in February. 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/>

Kids Heart Challenge



We will be kicking off the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge on March 19. Students will learn heart-healthy habits, such as being active, sleeping more, and helping others-all while raising live-saving funds for people with special hearts! The challenge will finish the week of April 8. All donations are due April 10.

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.

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. The link has been updated.

<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/Birthday%20Club.pdf>



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.

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’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!

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



18 – April 26 - Forward Testing
20 - Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms
28 - 11:30 Dismissal, Easter vacation begins



8 - Classes resume
9 - School Committee Meeting
17 - Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms
26 - End of Forward testing

Full calendar may be found on the School News page

<https://www.mgcparish.org/school-news>

Parents/guardians are encouraged to check KidMail each week 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.*