



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

Dear MGC Family,



Palm Sunday

KidMail

March 21, 2024

MGC students have been busy preparing for the upcoming Holy Week. It is wonderful to see students learning the Stations of the Cross and about the Last Supper. I want to thank all of you for supporting our Capuchin Hygiene Bag Lenten project. The children are understanding that serving others as Jesus has called us to do can make a big difference in the lives of others. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is in the times we live for children to learn the importance and value of empathy, compassion, grace and understanding towards others. Every morning I remind the children that each one of us is a child of God worthy of love and respect.

Students in grades 3-8 have started their Forward Exam testing, and so far, it is going very well. Students need plenty of rest to be able to maintain focus on testing. It will be essential for students to hit the pillow a bit earlier to ensure minds are fresh to show us all that they have learned and what progress they have made over the past year.

Furthermore, you should have received your child's report card. Please be sure to carefully review and to email your child's teacher to confirm you have received it. I would also encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about the report. Please make sure you look at the number of absences and tardies that are recorded in the top right hand corner of the report. **Please be aware that excessive tardies and absences can effect future enrollment for the 24-25 school year. School starts at 7:50 a.m.**

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

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Dates of Importance

March 18-April 26 Forward Testing

March 28 11:30 Dismissal, Easter Vacation begins

April 8 Classes resume



Pancake Breakfast

Troop 61 is sponsoring an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast this Sunday. See the flyer for all of the details by clicking on the link below.

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Holy Week and Easter

Click on the link below to see the schedule for Masses during Holy Week and Easter

<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/Church/2024%20Holy%20Week%20%20Easter.png>

Where in the Mall is MGC mentioned?

Walk around Mayfair Mall and see if you can find where MGC is mentioned. If you find the ad for MGC, take a picture and send it to Mrs. Berthold – berthold@mgcparish.org and get a prize!

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 began 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.

At this time 129 of the 730 tests are complete!

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 have kicked 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. Find out more one the School News Page <https://www.mgcparrish.org/school-news> and click on Kid's Heart Challenge.

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@mgpcarrish.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 @mgcparrish

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
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.

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