



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

KidMail

June 7, 2017

Dear MGC Family,

This is the **last KidMail** for this school year – I can't believe it! Don't forget that we **dismiss at 11:30** both tomorrow and Friday.

Do not forget that ECP is NOT open on Friday afternoon of this week. ALL students MUST be picked up at 11:30 on Friday.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this **great school year**. I appreciate all that our **wonderful teachers** do every single day for our students – we are blessed to have such highly qualified and devoted teachers. The **ECP staff** works diligently to provide quality before/after-school and summer programs for our kids. What an important service they provide! Each and every **staff member** works tirelessly to make certain that everything is exactly as it should be here at MGC! If you have a chance over the next few days, please express your **appreciation** to these individuals who bless MGC every single day!

Mrs. Johnson, our Spanish teacher, is retiring. We thank her for her years of devoted service to Catholic education.

Thank you to our **school parents** who have chosen MGC for their families and who volunteer in so many ways! I know that many of you make sacrifices so that your child is able to be here on time every day. It truly does make a difference!

Thank you, as well, to our **great students!** We are proud of our MGC students! Whenever we take them outside of the school, we hear about how well behaved and respectful they are! That is exactly what we want to hear!

I pray that everyone enjoys a **fun and safe summer!** Please make sure that your children are **reading every single day** – it honestly makes a difference. Don't miss an opportunity to **practice those math skills as well** – while driving in the car review math facts. I have shared a partial listing of some fun family activities for the summer. (See below) I have also sent home a flyer that lists activities that should occur every day before children have access to any electronics. Please do not allow your child to spend his/her summer in front of a screen.

We still have a **few openings for next year**. If you know of someone who is still looking for a school, please have them contact me immediately.

I look forward to welcoming you back in August. Make sure that you have reviewed the 2017 - 2018 school calendar. Packet pick-up is Wednesday, August 16.

I am here for most of June, some of July, and most of August. You may reach me through e-mail or phone.

Faithfully,
Regina Shaw, Principal

FFF Activities

Free Fun Family Activities – or nearly free--- Looking for something fun to do with your children this summer, but like most parents you find yourself a bit short on \$\$\$??? Well, Milwaukee has a great deal to offer. Here are just a few:



- Airplane Spotting – Have you ever just driven over to the 1200 block of Layton, parked your car, tuned your radio to 88.5, and listened to the aircraft communication while the planes take off and land? If not, give it a try. It is a very popular activity. You might think about bringing a picnic or just stopping for custard.
- The Urban Ecology Center offers animal feedings every Saturday at 1PM.
- Visit your local library – they offer excellent summer reading programs
- Havenswood State Forest is located at 6141 N. Hopkins St., just a block west of Sherman Blvd. It's a great place to take a hike, observe nature, or join in some of their free summer programs.
- Betty Brinn Children's Museum offers free admission the third Thursday of each month from 5-8 PM
- The Domes offer free admission on Mondays from 9 AM – Noon
- Milwaukee Art Museum admission is free the first Friday of each month
- The Milwaukee Public Museum offers free admission each Thursday
- Visit one or more of Milwaukee County's great parks. Check the website for addresses and descriptions. Perhaps you could visit each of them and give them a 1 to 5 star rating. Make it fun!
- There is a free water ski show each Wednesday at 7 PM in Frame Park in Waukesha – bring a blanket or chairs
- Locust Street Festival – Sunday, June 11 -Over 15,000 people will pack East Locust Street between Humboldt and Holton to enjoy six outdoor music stages and a multitude of artists, vendors, a drumcircle, participate in childrens activities and 11 different food and drink vendors.
- June 23-25 – Greek Fest – free admission
- July 13-16 – Bastille Days – free admission
- July 14-16 – South Shore Frolics – free admission (There are more – just check on-line)
- Wisconsin State Fair –August 3-13 - children five and under are free! There are special admission deals nearly every day.
- Take your picture next to the Bronze Fonz on Milwaukee's Riverwalk.
- Take in the amazing rotunda of the Milwaukee Central Library. While you're there, treat the little ones to free story time. There is also a used bookstore to browse.
- Consider a family pass to the Milwaukee County Zoo.
- Visit the Lynden Sculpture Gardens. Children five and under are free.
- Visit the Joan of Arc Chapel, a 15th century French chapel, located on the Marquette University Campus.
- Stroll through the area's many farmer's markets.
- Check out the Oak Leaf Trail by bike, skates, or feet. This extensive trail winds its way throughout the city. It is a great way to experience nature without leaving our great city.
- Kiss the sun at Bradford Beach – don't forget the sunscreen!
- Enjoy free music in the park: Chill on the Hill in Bay View on Tuesdays, River Rhythms at Pere Marquette Park on Wednesdays, and Jazz in the Park in Cathedral Square on Thursdays.
- Celebrate the solstice at Summer Soulstice on June 24 from noon-midnight. Great music line-up!
- Walk the length of the Milwaukee River Walk to enjoy the shops and restaurants.
- Witness the spectacle of the July Fourth fireworks.
- Walk the Seven Bridges Trail at Grant Park.
- Attend the Enderis Park Concerts – free admission – bring your own food/beverages or purchase on site. First concert is June 22 from 6-9 PM.

Library Books and Power Days

Students who have outstanding library books or unpaid library fines will not be allowed to participate in Power Day activities tomorrow. Students have all been given multiple opportunities to return books. Please check around your houses for MGC Library books.

Uniforms

If your student has outgrown his/her school uniforms before they have worn out, please consider sending them to school for our **Uniform Re-Sale** that we will offer on August 16 during Packet Pick-Up. You will have the opportunity to sell items for your own profit, or you may donate the items to Home & School. Please use *safety pins* (no stick pins or staples) to attach a tag (tags will be sent home – sample below) to *clean* clothes. If you would like to be paid for your own sales, fill in the “seller” form with your name; otherwise, mark seller as “H&S” and MGC Home & School will profit from the sales. Please try to indicate size and “girls” or “boys” when known. You may fill in the price you are asking or just leave blank for H&S donations. We recommend the following prices: Plaid uniform jumpers \$15; Plaid uniform skirts \$10; MGC fleece and sweatshirts \$5-\$10; pants and shirts \$2-\$5, depending on condition. If clothes are worn out or faded, have stains that did not come out in the laundry, or do not meet our dress code guidelines, please do not send them in. Refer to our **school handbook** if you have any questions about the uniform policy. Any items that do not meet our dress code will be donated. You may send in your items to the school office before the last day of school or by August 10 at the latest.

As a special bonus this year, MGC was able to purchase new jumpers, skirts, shirts, pants, belts, etc. that will also be available to purchase on August 16.

Along with today's KidMail we are including a copy of the school uniform policy. Please be sure that your purchases align with these policies.

Used Uniform Sale

Seller: _____

Size: _____

Price: _____

Opportunities to be Involved

Both the MGC School Committee and the Home and School Board are in need of new members. If you are interested in being part of these leadership groups, please contact Mrs. Shaw.



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!

*Have a fun
and safe
summer!!!*

READ every day!!!

See you in August!!!