



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

KidMail

September 13, 2017

Dear MGC Family,

It was nice to see so many of our school families at last Friday night's Annual Ice Cream Social. How nice of the weather to cooperate! A big thank you goes out to Tony Dompke and all of the parent volunteers!



I am very excited to announce that we have a new Spanish teacher who started on Monday. Señora Hall comes to us through Futura Language Professionals. Futura provides Spanish teachers to many other Catholic schools in Milwaukee, and we are blessed to have such a wonderful new teacher. Be sure to ask your children about their Spanish classes this week. Along with today's KidMail you are receiving a letter of introduction from Señora Hall.

I hope to see many of you this Sunday at 10 AM for the Annual MGC Church Picnic. Let's meet under the tent!

Faithfully,

Regina Shaw
Principal

FAMILY LUNCH is Friday!!!

Once a month, MGC cafeteria sponsors a Family Lunch Day. On this date, parents and special friends are invited to join their MGC student for lunch in our cafeteria. While there, they are encouraged to share in one of our delicious and nutritious meals. The cost of the meals is very low at \$4.00 for adults (cash only) and \$3.00 for children. Families, please enter the school through the main doors. ***NO RESTAURANT FOOD IS ALLOWED IN THE CAFETERIA DURING STUDENT LUNCH PERIODS, INCLUDING FAMILY LUNCH DAYS.***

MGC's Extended Care Program Needs Teachers!!!

We are looking to hire additional childcare teachers for our rapidly expanding program. We are a fully-licensed daycare operating before and after school, on no-school days, and during the summer.

To apply please contact Denise Schienke, ECP Director, at schienke@mgcparish.org or call her at 414-442-7600 ext. 123.

Lost & Found

Please take a few minutes to write your child's name on every single item to avoid having it end up in the school's Lost & Found. If we can find a name on it, we can easily return it to your child. If not, it may be lost forever!

There are already several brand new lunch bags, sweaters, and jackets in the Lost & Found. No Names!?!

Our Lost & Found is located in the cafeteria.



Pius XI Catholic High School

Parents of 8th graders are encouraged to register their child for a PIUS XI Fall Shadow Day. Registration forms can be found at www.piusxi.org/shadow-days. The dates are: 10/5, 12, 20, 27; 11/9, 10, 16, 22, and 30.

Pius XI Open Houses are Sunday, 10/22, 9 AM Mass, 10-2 Tours and Monday, 10/23, 5-7 Tours.

Registration for the entrance exam is found at www.piusxi.org/apply-now.

Saturday, 10/28 – Full ACT Entrance Exam

Friday, 11/3 – Reading and Math ACT Entrance Exam

Friday, 11/3 – Application Deadline

8th Grade Merit Based Scholarship Competition – Saturday, 11/19.

Students who completed the application process can participate for merit scholarships in the areas of math, science, writing, vocal and instrumental performance, theater, dance, and Catholic leadership.

Registration can be found the Pius XI Admissions Application.

Marquette University High School

The annual Marquette University High School Open House will take place on Sunday, October 28, from 10-1. Mass will be offered at 9 AM in the O'Rourke Performing Arts Hall. Families are encouraged to register online before the day of the event.

The annual Marquette University High School Entrance Exam for 8th graders will be held on Friday, 11/3 and Saturday, 11/4. The test runs from 8-12 each day. Students may register for their chosen exam day prior to the day of the exam. Registration includes a completed application and a confirmed registration.

Any questions, contact MUHS admissions at 414-933-7220 or admissions@muhs.edu.

Soccer Season is Underway!

Let's hope this beautiful weather continues for the soccer season! Here are the outcomes from last weekend's games:

7/8

Saturday won 5-4

Sunday lost 10-0

3/4

Saturday - Had Fun!

Sunday - Had Fun!

K5

Saturday - Lots of running!

Sunday - Lots of smiles!

5/6

Saturday lost 5-3

Sunday lost 8-2

1/2

Saturday lost 2-5

Sunday won 9-1



Room Parents Needed

We are looking for Room Parents (a.k.a. volunteer coordinators) for each classroom. You would be helping our teachers, planning celebrations and communicating with parents in the classroom. If you are interested, please let your teacher know or contact the school office. 442-7600 x118



MUHS Community Rummage Sale

Marquette University High School's Neighborhood Sale takes place on Saturday, October 14, 8 AM – 2 PM. They will have clothing, toys, sports equipment, household items, and much more. The school is located at 3401 W. Wisconsin Avenue, and parking is available in their lot on Michigan Street.

Confirmation Class

We are now accepting registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mother of Good Counsel. If you know someone interested in receiving this sacrament, please contact MGC's Director of Religious Education, Richard Mason. Mr. Mason can be reached at 414-442-7600 x107. Thank you.

Attendance

As we all know, it is very important that students maintain excellent school attendance – it is impossible for the teacher to teach if the student is not in school. **I truly expect that children will be in school every day at 7:40 AM ready to learn.** We cannot and will not accept excessive **absenteeism** or **tardiness**. There are very few reasonable excuses for bringing your child to school any time after 7:40 AM. Additionally, all children must be picked up on time (11 AM for 3K, 11:15 AM for half-day K4, and 3:15 for everyone else). Parents must know that Mrs. Shaw will be contacting anyone who cannot meet these expectations for enrollment at MGC.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures

MGC has very clear procedures in place to provide for the **safety of all children** - as well as adults. Please note that **ALL children should be dropped-off in the mornings on the north lot.** This includes **K3 – 8th grade!!!** Vehicles enter the lot off of Burleigh and exit onto 68th Street – turning right, please. No cars are allowed to park on the lot in the mornings. There is always one, and usually two, school representatives present as of 7:35 to open the passenger side car doors so children never have to walk in front of cars. In the afternoon, parents are asked to park on the north lot and walk up to greet their children. Please note that primary children will not be allowed to walk to cars without a parent/guardian. Parents who rely on daycare vans are responsible for informing the daycare of our procedures.

*****Please note:** Parking/stopping on Lisbon Avenue or 68th Street (school side) is **prohibited by law.** **MPD will issue tickets.** You may not receive it at the time, but it will be mailed to you. **It is not safe to drop off children in this manner.** Please follow school procedures!***

School Uniforms

Thank you to all for trying your best to honor the school uniform code. Please know that we have a uniform code so as to remove many of the distractions of every day life. **Parents are asked to please read the uniform policy.** It was sent home in the August packets, it is included in our Parent/Student Handbook that is available on our website, and it was reviewed at the parent meetings during the Back-to-School Bash.

MGC still has NEW school uniforms for sale. Please contact Mrs. Shaw if you are interested.

Hot Lunch/Breakfast Program

MGC offers a delicious and nutritious breakfast and hot lunch program daily. There is absolutely **NO cost** to the parents for either meal. We encourage every student to take advantage of this opportunity. Students simply punch in their four-digit private code when they enter the cafeteria. Remind your children not to share their code with anyone.



Parents who wish to **purchase cold milk for their children who bring cold lunch** may purchase milk tickets through the cafeteria. Please send cash - \$4.00 will purchase 10 milk tickets. Parents may then simply put the ticket in with the cold lunch, and the child deposits the ticket in the milk bowl. It might be a good idea to write your child's name on the tickets when they come home in case they are misplaced.

MGC will serve breakfast and lunch on **full school days**. Please make sure your child arrives on time so he/she is able to eat. Students who are tardy will miss out on this great opportunity!

AR Detention

For those students who did not meet their AR goal for fourth quarter of last year, AR Reading Detention will meet on Mondays and continue through the quarter. This will start on Monday, September 11. It runs from 3:20-4:20 PM in the library. **Any student who does not meet his/her first quarter goal will join the detention for second quarter.** Parents, please remind your child that he/she must report to the library no later than 3:20 and must sit silently while reading. Any child who chooses to talk will be issued an Incident Report and will spend Thursday of that week in after-school detention from 3:20-3:50 PM. Also, parents are to pick up their children at the **primary doors** at 4:20 unless Mrs. Shaw has been informed that the child is to walk home or to go to ECP. **Please make sure your child is picked up on time.**



Students in AR Club received a letter today from Mrs. Shaw that must be signed by parents and returned tomorrow.

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!

AR Information

Accelerated Reader is an important part of our school reading curriculum. Students earn points by successfully taking AR tests. They may redeem those points at the AR Store if their score is 85% or higher. Students must reach their goal and achieve accuracy of at least 85%. These are minimum expectations!

Did you know???

MGC is on Facebook!!!

Be sure to "like" MGC. Look for Mother of Good Counsel Grade School. There is a picture of our school building. It's a great way to receive updates and reminders.

<http://www.bing.com>



MGC School Calendar

2017-2018

School Hours:

K4-8th Grade: 7:40 AM – 3:15 PM

K4 half day: 7:40 AM – 11:15 AM

K3: 7:40 – 11:00 AM

ALL students are expected to arrive on time and to be picked up on time.



13	-	School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
14	-	Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
15	-	Family Lunch
17	-	MGC Church Picnic – all are invited and encouraged to attend!
18	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
21	-	Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
22	-	No School – Teacher Inservice
25	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
28	-	Detention 3:20-2:50 PM



2	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
5	-	Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
9	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
12 & 13	-	No School – Archdiocesan Teachers' Convention
16	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
17	-	Family Lunch
18	-	School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
	-	Picture Re-Takes (All students must wear uniforms – no free dress)
19	-	Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
21	-	Walk for Catholic Education
23	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM

- 26 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 27 - No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 28 - Halloween Party
- 30 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM

NOVEMBER



- 2 - Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
- 3 - End of First Quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
- 8th Grade High School Placement Testing
- 6 - Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 9 - Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
- 10 - Free Dress – No tardies 1st Quarter
- 13 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 14 - Family Lunch
- 15 - School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
- 16 - Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
- 20 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 22 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 23 & 24 - No School – Thanksgiving Break
- 27 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 30 - Detention 3:20-2:50 PM

DECEMBER



- 2 - Breakfast with Santa
- 4 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 6 - School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
- 7 - Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
- 11 - Family Lunch
- AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 14 - Christmas Concert – 6 PM
- 18 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM

- 20 - Nativity Play 9 AM
- 11:30 dismissal - Christmas Vacation begins
- 21-1/2 - No School – Christmas Vacation



- 3 - Students Return
- 4 - Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
- 8 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 10 - 8th Grade Graduation Pictures
- School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
- 11 - 8th Grade Retreat
- Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
- 15 - No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 18 - Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
- 19 - End of Second Quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
- 22 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 23 - Family Lunch
- 25 - Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
- 26 - Free Dress – No tardies 2nd Quarter
- 28-2/3 - Catholic Schools' Week
- 29 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM