



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

KidMail

October 4, 2017

Dear MGC Family,

As I write this week's KidMail my heart is so very heavy! It seems that we barely begin to recover from one disaster/tragedy before another occurs. I wish I could tell you that I have the answers and that I know exactly what we should do – I do not! However, I do know that I look to scripture; and I look to others whom I respect for guidance. Here is a prayer from a dear friend of mine that I share with permission:

O Almighty God, who art a strong tower to all who put their trust in you: Be now with your people in Las Vegas; look with pity on the wounded, comfort the bereaved; sustain the first responders; succor the dying; grant your mercy and peace to the dead. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, our hope and life. Amen.

I will be out of town for a few days. In my absence, Ms. Wolf is in charge of the school and may be reached through my extension. Because of my absence, there will be no KidMail next Wednesday.

Faithfully,
Regina Shaw, Principal

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.

PLEASE share this information with your friends and family members who might be interested!!!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

They're coming up very soon – **October 25 -26**. Appointment slips are coming home today with each student. Please mark your date and time on your calendar so you don't forget. These are **mandatory** for every student. Students in grades 4 – 8 are **required** to attend the conference along with their parent. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the child **may not return** to school on Monday, October 30. The parent must then contact the teacher to arrange a conference at the teacher's convenience.

No School

Don't forget that there is **no school next Thursday and Friday** due to teacher in-service. ECP is open and available to students who are pre-registered.

Band/Orchestra

Letters were sent home with children who are registered for band/orchestra this year. The annual fee is \$420.00, but it may be paid in four equal installments of \$105.00. The first payment was due September 25. Payments **MUST** be made if children are going to participate in band or orchestra.



Batty for Box Tops Contest

General Mills Box Tops for Education Collection



Gather your box tops, glue, or tape them to the collection sheet that accompanies today's KidMail. **NO STAPLES PLEASE.** Instruction sheet attached to collection forms.

Turn them into the school office by Wednesday, October 25, with your student's name on each form. Your child will then be entered into a drawing for a free dress pass and a candy prize. General Mills will donate 10 cents to MGC for every box top submitted.

Catholic Schools Walk

Only 17 days left until the Walk! It's time to pick up the pace - register walkers and get sponsors! There are many great reasons to raise money and walk.

1. **All funds raised STAY AT OUR SCHOOL.** Please know that this is NOT an Archdiocesan fundraiser; this is OUR school's fundraiser. Ask family and friends to sponsor you in your walk.
2. **Soles Walk Day is like a mini parish festival for the Archdiocese.** There will be fun, laughter, games, music, food, and more! Come join us as we celebrate Catholic education.
3. **It is where all the COOL people will be!** Go to www.catholicschoolswalk.org and register today!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

They're coming!!!! Mandatory conferences take place on the night of **Wednesday, October 25** and again on **Thursday, October 26**. These are **mandatory** for every student. Students in grades 4 – 8 are **required** to attend the conference along with their parent. If a parent and student (grades 4-8) fails to attend the conference, the child **may not return** to school on Monday, October 30. The parent must then contact the teacher to arrange a conference at the teacher's convenience..

MGC Bowling

Did you know that MGC bowls? We have an adult-only bowling league that bowls every other Sunday afternoon from October to April. We are looking for people who want to get out and have fun and bowl. You don't have to be a great bowler! Too much of a time commitment? We need subs, maybe that would fit into your schedule. Interested? Have questions? Need more information – contact the school office at 442-7600 x118 or return the form going home today in KidMail.



Forms

We are still missing emergency, PE, and photo release forms from several students. Additional copies were sent home today. If they are not returned tomorrow, the children will not be able to participate in gym class. Additionally, it may result in the children being asked to leave MGC. We **MUST** have emergency contact numbers for children. It is not safe for children to be here and us not be able to reach someone in case of illness or injury. This is very important!!!

Weather Regulations



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 closed.**

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 the Principal and the Parish Director. The announcement will be made on local television and radio stations. Additionally, if MGC closes independently of MPS, an e-mail 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.

8th Grade Parents

As I receive information from our Catholic high schools, I will be sharing it with you. Ms. Wolf will also be sending home information. Please note that it is time to be planning for high school. Decisions are made within the next several weeks.

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 29, 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.

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.

AR Detention

For those students who did not meet their AR goal for fourth quarter of last year, AR Reading Detention meets on Mondays and continues through the quarter. 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.**

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!***



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.



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
	-	Mandatory Parent Meeting for Basketball 6:30 – 8 PM in gym
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
25	-	Conferences - evening
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



2	-	Detention 3:20-2:50 PM
3	-	End of First Quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
	-	8 th 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 1 st 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