



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

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May 11, 2011

Dear MGC Family,

Please make plans to attend this year's 8th grade musical, **Honk!** This is one of our many great, old traditions at MGC. Each year the 8th graders, their parents, and a professional director work to present a musical for all of our church and school families. Tickets are only \$5.00 – much less than the cost of a movie!

In our world today we so often hear negative things about our young people. Here is an opportunity to see 14 young people doing something positive while presenting/teaching us all a valuable life lesson.

I look forward to seeing many of you this weekend!

This Friday is **Family Lunch Day!** Your children love to see you here!

Don't forget **Family Science Night** coming up on **Thursday, May 19**. All families are expected to attend and participate in this great evening of learning and fun!

Don't forget about **Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day** coming up on **Friday, May 27**.

Do you have **June 1** marked on your calendar for the **Spring Concert**?

So much to remember!!!

Faithfully,
Regina Shaw, Principal



8th Grade Musical - This Weekend!!!

MGC's 8th graders, their parents, and their directors have been working hard on this year's 8th grade musical *Honk Jr.!* This promises to be a great theatre experience for all MGC families. *Honk Jr.!* is the musical version of *The Ugly Duckling*. It contains many **valuable life lessons** and is **perfect for a family**. Please plan to attend!!! This **Friday, May 13 at 7 PM, Saturday, May 14 at 7 PM and Sunday, May 15 at 2 PM**. This is a great show for young children!!!

<http://www.stilesanddrewe.co.uk/honk/>

Tickets for *Honk Jr.!* are now on sale before and after school 7:45 – 8:15 in the school office and may also be purchased at the door. Tickets are only \$5.00 and are general admission.

World Cup Coming to MGC?

It could happen! The 5th/6th grade soccer team won its first game of the season last weekend! One in a row! Keep practicing at home in between the rain showers!



Family Science Night – All Families Asked to Attend!

Make sure you have your calendar highlighted for next **Thursday, May 19**. All MGC families/students are asked to attend our first **Family Science Night**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the science program and to excite your children about science! The evening will be an adventure of hands-on activities, demonstrations, and presentations in chemistry, physics, biology and engineering. **Please make plans to join us from 6 – 8 PM!!**

Scout Banquet

Don't forget the **Blue & Gold Dinner** is **Saturday, May 21** after the 5:00 Scout Mass. Registration forms were sent home Monday. We are combining with Girls Scouts for this year's banquet. Another great year of scouting, learning about our world, and growing into young men has come to an end -- so let's celebrate scouting!

Lost & Found

Hats? Boots? Coats? Sweatshirts? Shoes? Lunch bag? Is your child missing any of these items? Be sure to check MGC's Lost and Found that is located in the cafeteria. Please check it! Any items not claimed by Wednesday, May 25, will be donated.

Home and School News

Grandparents Day

We are looking for donations of \$1.00 or more to support our refreshments for our Grandparents Day event. Please send your donations to the school office by Wednesday, May 25th, 2011. Do you have ideas for decorating the cafeteria for this special day? Perhaps you would consider being in charge of that. Contact Cindy Katzka (ckpackers@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

Fundraising

We kicked off our second Schwan's fund-raising event last weekend, and this time we are including our parishioners. Don't forget to ask your neighbors and relatives if they would like to order. I also set up a Facebook event tagging additional friends to come join our event. Feel free to get the word out there by creating your own Facebook event. I have extra Schwan fund-raising event folders if anyone is in need of more (ckpackers@yahoo.com). Don't forget to use our event #34951 when ordering so we will benefit. If we raise \$1,000.00 or more, Mother of Good Counsel will receive an automatic 20%! Remember to order for Memorial Day!! Gift Certificates are available for purchase and you are able to use them in 48 states.

Additional News

The beloved Miriam Center (92nd & Lisbon) is closing soon. They are offering 75% off on most of their stock items.

Fifth Grade State Fair

Our 5th graders are happy to share their State Fair projects with everyone this Friday, May 13. They will be on display in the library from 9 – 1. Be sure to stop by when you're here for Family Lunch.

Math Corner



“Flashcard Challenge” – Give your child a flashcard with a sum of 10 or less such as $7+3 =$. Ask your child to solve the problem. Then ask your child to find all the other flashcards with addition facts that add up to 10. Try this with other problems and sums also, such as $4+5 = 9$, etc. This is another great way to help your child memorize those very important basic addition facts.

Soccer!!!

Last Wednesday, the UWM Soccer Team and coaches came and shared their knowledge of the game with the MGC Soccer Teams. Skills were reviewed and sharpened and tips to become better team players were shared. Thanks to Gail Dompke (mom of Bella in 2nd grade) for arranging this great experience.



Congratulations 6th/7th Grade Basketball Team!

Congratulations to the 6th and 7th grade boys' basketball team (James Ezell, Sadiq Hayse, Gevonte Bennett, Damaris Alexander, Jack Dwyer and Caleb Rauh) for a very successful year and for **taking first place in the Notre Dame-Don Bosco-Cousin League**. Thank you to the 5th graders who helped out: Hank Dwyer, Anthony Trotter and Jalan Chipley. Special thanks also to the parents! – Coaches Nelson, Gladney and Montgomery



Early Bird Catches the Worm

2011-2012 Sports Sign-ups will be held in the MGC Cafeteria on the evening of May 19th and again on June 1st. The May 19th sign-up time will run in conjunction with the Family Science Night.

Coin War Results

During the last two weeks of Lent our students participated in a **Coin War**. The money raised was donated to the Rice Bowl fund. The winners are:

Primary: Second Grade
Intermediate: Third Grade
Middle School: Sixth Grade

Students in those three grades, 2nd, 3rd and 6th, have **free dress this Friday, May 13, as a reward.**

At grand total of \$404.77 was donated by our school families. Thanks to everyone who generously supported this ministry!

MGC's New 3-Year-Old Kindergarten Program

As you know, MGC is launching a 3K program this fall. We are very excited about the possibilities this provides! **Ms. Judy Filut**, whom many of you know from her many years of teaching experience at MGC, will be the lead teacher for this program. We are blessed to have such a high-quality, Master Teacher, who is willing and able to run this vital program. Ms. Filut is hoping that some of our families would be willing to make some **donations** to her program.

She is in need of:

Wooden Puzzles; Pre-school Books; Duplos

Please send donations to the school office – thank you!!

ACADEMY BAND AND ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL/CONCERT SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 17 - Academy Rehearsals at Pius

Beginning Band

6:30 to 7:30 PM Room 501 (choir room)

Cadet Band

6:30 to 7:30 PM Room 609 (instrumental room)

Beginning Strings

6:30 to 7:00 PM Chapel

Intermediate Strings

7:00 to 7:45 PM Chapel

May 24 - SPRING CONCERT

St. Vincent Pallotti Church 7:00 PM

Student should arrive by 6:30 PM

CONCERT DRESS IS BLACK AND WHITE!!!!!!

MGC Students Succeed at Reading – Reverse Uniform Week!

Several weeks ago a challenge was made by the faculty: If the students could earn 2,000 Accelerated Reader points, they would earn a “**Reverse Uniform Week**”. As of last week, MGC students had earned 2,022 AR points!!! That means that during the week of **May 16 – 20**, the faculty will wear uniforms; and the students will have free dress!!! While all AR participants are to be commended, a special recognition goes out to **Ms. Berger** and her **second graders** for their accomplishments!!!

The School Committee Wants to Know!

Once again the MGC School Committee is conducting a Parental and Guardian Survey. The purpose of this survey is for the School Committee to be able to know how MGC parents and guardians feel about MGC. It is the effort of the School Committee to maintain a “pulse” of parental sentiment and maintain a line of communication between parents and administration. We also use the results of the survey to guide us in our activities. We ask that you complete this survey based upon your experience during the **2010/2011** school year. Please return the completed survey to the school in an envelope marked “Attn: School Committee” by Friday, May 27, 2011. Last fall we received 77 surveys from 150 families. This spring, we hope to get 150 completed surveys. Thank-you from the MGC School Committee.

Grandparents’/Special Friends’ Day –Friday, May 27

MGC’s Annual Grandparents’/Special Friends’ Day will take place **on Friday, May 27**.

Please invite your grandparents/special friends to join us for this special morning.

Grandparents are asked to gather in Paulik Hall (church basement) by 9:15 AM. Our guests will then go up to church and be seated with their grandchildren/special friends. After church, we return to school for classroom visits and refreshments. We dismiss at 11:30 to begin the Memorial Day holiday.



Grandparents’/Special Friends’ Day is a special day here at MGC. Because this is a “special” day, all students are asked to “**dress up**”. This is not a regular “free dress” day. **No jeans are allowed**. We will be in church together and then showing off our school for our guests.

Spring Music Concert

Our Spring Music Concert will be held on **Wednesday, June 1, at 6 PM**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend; tell the grandparents as well! All MGC students will participate and are expected to attend.

Where to Enter?

Just a reminder that students are not to enter the school through the front doors in the morning unless they are tardy. The exception would be for students who are serving as cadets or who have an appointment with a teacher. Parents and other visitors to our school, on the other hand, are only to enter through the front door. This is for the safety of all children.

Summer Tutoring

Mrs. Janice Hauf, a certified primary teacher with thirty years of experience, is available for tutoring this summer. Mrs. Hauf is one of our regular substitute teachers. If interested, please leave your name and phone number with the school office; and Mrs. Hauf will contact you.

Totally Yours 2: Ave Maria

Please mark your calendar for Friday, May 20 and plan to attend the combined MGC Children's, Youth and Adult Choirs for a wonderful concert beginning at 7 PM. Don't miss this event! Everyone who attended last year's concert walked away wanting more!

School Committee

MGC's School Committee is already busy planning for next year. If you would like to join this important committee, please contact the chairperson, Rick Tourtillott (usrit@chr-hansen.com).

MGC School Committee Members

Please remember that the School Committee maintains a suggestion box in the school office. Feel free to share your thoughts/ideas.

Name	Phone number	Email Address	Child/Children and Grade
Rick Tourtillott	771-4728	usrit@chr-hansen.com	Nathan – 4 th Grade
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Dave Brunow	688-2476	David.Brunow@Kohls.com	Dave is a non-parent representative
Tracey Carey	899-1655	topcatcarey@gmail.com	Rachael – 7 th Grade
Christine Conway	444-9076	kconway11@wi.rr.com	Danny – K5, Grace Shoulders – 7 th Grade
Laura Fischer	445-9156	lfischer15@wi.rr.com	Colleen – 6 th Grade, Jessica – 7 th Grade
James Martin	535-9227	mbredom@aol.com	Morgan – 3 rd Grade
Pat Morse	262-784-0554	pmorse318@gmail.com	Pat is a non-parent representative
John Humm	380-1883	jhummm@mcw.edu	Joaquin - K5

MGC School Calendar 2010 – 2011



11	-	May Crowning 2 PM
13	-	Family Lunch
	-	8th Grade Musical 7 PM – Honk!
14	-	8th Grade Musical 7 PM – Honk!
15	-	8th Grade Musical 2 PM – Honk!
18	-	All-School Liturgy 2 PM
20	-	11:30 Dismissal – Teacher Inservice
23	-	Tag Day
24	-	Band/Orchestra Concert – St. Vincent Pallotti Church
25	-	H & S Board Mtg. 6 PM
26	-	Summerfest Planting
27	-	Grandparents’/Special Friends’ Day 11:30 Dismissal
		9:30 AM – All-School Liturgy
30	-	No School – Memorial Day
31	-	8 th Graders to Great America



1	-	7 th Grade Retreat
	-	All-School Liturgy 2 PM/Passing of the Flame 8 th graders to 7 th graders
	-	Spring Music Concert 6 PM
2	-	Last day for K4/K5/8 th Grade; Free Dress for Students with no tardies during 4th quarter
3	-	8 th Grade Graduation Party – 6 – 10 PM
4	-	8 th Grade Graduation – 5 PM Liturgy
6	-	Free Dress all week for students with no tardies all year
9	-	11:30 Dismissal
10	-	9:15 Liturgy - 10:30 Dismissal – Last Day of School