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# KidMail

January 25, 2012

Dear MGC Family,

Our **Open House is this Sunday, January 29, from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.** Have you invited someone to attend? If not, please do so. We have **limited spots available** for next year, but we would love to fill those openings with friends and family members of current school families. Share the good news about MGC!

If you have a child who will be entering MGC for the first time next year, you also need to attend the Open House to register your child. Again, there are limited spots available. Please don't wait!

Don't forget Family Lunch is tomorrow! The children love to have their parents join them for lunch!

Faithfully,  
Regina Shaw  
Principal

## **AR Reading Club**

For those students who did not meet their AR goal for second quarter, Mrs. Shaw's AR Reading Club starts on Monday and continues through the quarter. It runs from 3:20-4:20 PM in the library. Any student who does not meet his/her third quarter goal will join the club for fourth quarter.

## **Home & School News**

LIGHTS! CAMERA! AUCTION! NEWS! SAVE THE DATE! □ This school year's Auction will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Our Auction Team Leader this year is Shawn Glessing. This is an ANNUAL TRADITION!!! Our next committee planning meeting is Thursday, February 2nd at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to join the Auction committee. We need your skills to help create and support Home and School's Annual Auction. We are very blessed to run this event each year. This event will not happen without support from the entire school.

Enjoy the City: I sent out emails to those of you who are to receive a 2012 edition of Enjoy the City coupon book from our fall fundraiser. Please contact Barb in the school office and let her know when you are able to pick your book(s) up. We also have a few limited Enjoy the City coupon books for sale in the school office. The cost is just \$20. Please contact the school office or Cindy Katzka.

Do you shop at Target? Target has a great year round fundraising program for authorized organizations. MGC is one of the Take Charge of Education program organizations that receives kick back money just simply by shopping! We now have 40 Target Credit/Debit Card holders who have designated MGC as their choice for this wonderful program. If you do not have a Target Credit or Debit card, it is very easy to sign up for one. If you already have one, what are you waiting for? Register MGC as your organization!!!

MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL MILWAUKEE , WI 53210-1252 School ID: 17219 □The most recent Target donation to this school (August 2011): \$597.41 □Total of all Target donations to this school through August 2011: \$12,305.05 □Amount accumulated toward the next Target donation: \$289.56.□Number of REDcard holders who have designated this school: 40 □More information is available in our school office, also feel free to contact Cindy Katzka for further information.

Keep on saving those McDonalds receipts because we will have another contest in March. How many receipts can you collect? Have you thought about asking the cashier if they have any additional register receipts? Simply tell them that your school is participating in the McDonald’s neighbors program, and we can earn school items by collecting as many receipts as possible.

Are you interested in becoming a Home & School board member? Home & School encourages you to join as an apprentice. Do you have any ideas, help or questions for the Home & School board? You are more than welcome to contact one of our board members. □Co-President: Cindy Katzka (414-659-2426/ckpackers@yahoo.com) □Co-President: Tina Hayes (414-803-4978/tina.golla@yahoo.com) □Vice President: Melinda Kwiatkowski (414-388-2045/melinakwiat@yahoo.com) □Secretary: Angela Williams (414-559-3000/aw4rkidz@yahoo.com) □Treasurer: Juanita Jones ([414-444-7391/jjones23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:414-444-7391/jjones23@sbcglobal.net))

## **School Committee Feedback**

In November the MGC School Committee asked parents for feedback through a survey. This information is being used by the School Committee to make decisions for our school. All feedback is valued. Thank you to the 53 parents who took the time to respond. Overall, the results were quite positive; and while that is great, we also take notice of the other side. Comments concerning curriculum have been shared with the Curriculum Committee comprised of the Learning Support Team and representatives from the School Committee.

We received a couple of comments regarding Family Lunch Day. Parents and special friends visiting during Family Lunch Day are allowed to “brown bag it”. However, restaurant food is not allowed in the cafeteria during Family Lunch Day. This is a requirement of the Federal Hot Lunch Program.

### **Fall 2011 School Committee Survey Results**

#### **53 Participants**

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Strongly Agree = 4</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree = 3</b>	<b>Disagree = 2</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree = 1</b>	<b>Average</b>
1. MGC has a strong reading curriculum	91%	9%			3.91
2. MGC has a strong math curriculum	79%	21%			3.79
3. MGC has a strong writing curriculum	85%	15%			3.85
4. MGC has a strong science curriculum	88%	12%			3.88
5. MGC has a strong social studies curriculum	87%	9%	2%	2%	3.8
6. The fine arts curriculum is an asset to the school	90%	10%			3.94
7. My child's spiritual needs are met at MGC	76%	20%	4%		3.73
8. My child's academic needs are met at MGC	86%	10%	4%		3.83
9. My child's social needs are met at MGC	75%	21%	4%		3.71

10. I am comfortable contacting my child's teachers.	95%	5%			3.94
11. Staff members treat students fairly and with respect.	75%	23%	2%		3.73
12. The new discipline plan is fair, consistent and an improvement.	78%	20%	2%		3.76
13. MGC communicates sufficient information about parish and school events.	90%	10%			3.9
14. MGC teachers and staff model and teach Catholic/Christian values.	81%	17%	2%		3.79
15. MGC students are held to high academic standards.	84%	12%	4%		3.79
16. MGC effectively addresses bullying.	70%	20%	8%	2%	3.59
17. My child's after school experience (ex: athletics) has been positive and has contributed positively to my student's experience.	78%	20%	2%		3.75
18. MGC hot lunch program meets my child's needs.	78%	22%			3.78

## **Lost & Found**

We have beautiful jackets, hats and mittens, snow pants, and lunch boxes sitting in our Lost & Found in the school cafeteria waiting to be claimed. If there were a name in these items we would happily return them to your child. Please take a minute to label your child's boots, hats, coats, backpacks, lunch bags, everything! Thanks so much!

## **Uniform Code Reminders**

Every year at this time we seem to need reminders about uniform code. Some of the more frequent offenses are socks. While this might seem silly to some, the only way to maintain a uniform code is to enforce each component. Another area is jewelry. Please see a portion of the policy below (check the handbook for more information):

### **All Students**

- Navy, forest green, or white blouses/shirts, turtlenecks, or polo shirts **with collars**
- Shirts may be **untucked** if they do not go past the top of the leg and have a straight and even hem
- **Socks** must be worn and cover the ankle bone – they may be navy, forest green, black or white
- Plain, solid-colored sweaters (cardigan, pullover or sweater vest) in navy, forest green or white
- MGC School sweatshirts, sweaters, or fleece pullovers in navy, forest green or white (this does not include MGC Athletic sweatshirts)
- **No hoodies** of any kind
- **Subdued jewelry** (watch, simple earrings). Earrings are limited to one per ear and must be either a simple stud or small hoop no larger than ½” in diameter
- Belts must be black, brown or uniform colors with a simple buckle
- **Hair accessories** must be simple and color coordinated with the uniform

- No open toed or open heeled shoes, flip flops or boots are allowed on any school day (boots may be worn into the school building, but students must bring shoes to wear during the school day).
- All clothing must be kept clean and in good repair. Students are expected to present a neat, clean appearance.
- Uniform pants and shorts must be of a plain, traditional style. No cargo pants, side pockets, low riders, “jeans” style or pants with over stitching. Pants must be worn at waist level; belts must be worn if needed.
- No holes/tears are allowed in any clothing on any day.
- If shoes have laces, they must be laced and tied at all times. Shoe heels may not exceed one inch. For health and safety reasons, spiked-heeled shoes, sandals, flip flops, open toe and open back shoes (e.g. clogs etc.) are not allowed at any time. **Boots, of all types, may not be worn during the school day.** They may be worn to and from school only.
- Only traditional, neatly groomed hairstyles are allowed for both girls and boys. (No fad styles, tails, or lines) Hair must not cover a student’s eyes, nose or mouth. Boys may not have long hair. Boys’ hair must not fall at or below the collar or below the eyebrows. Students are not allowed to have dyed/colored hair at school. Any questionable hairstyles will be determined by the principal.
- No logos, emblems, brand symbols or brand names should appear on uniforms shirts, pants, or sweaters.
- **No make-up is allowed. This includes nail polish.** No tattoos, either permanent or washable are allowed. No body piercing, other than traditional single-pierced ears is allowed.
- Students must wear their uniforms to and from school.
- Parents are requested to ensure that their children wear proper outer clothing, especially during the winter months.
- Middle School students are required to use a backpack to transport items between classes. That is the only item they should be carrying, for safety’s sake. If girls wish to carry a purse, it must remain inside their backpack.
- All clothing must be kept clean and in good repair. Students are expected to present a neat, clean appearance.

### **Six Flags Six-Hour Reading Program**

MGC School is, again, participating in the Six Flags Six Hour Reading Program. This is a free educational program that encourages recreational reading. Students in K5 through sixth grade are invited to participate. Students who complete six hours of recreational reading by February 22 and return the paperwork will receive a free ticket to Six Flags Great America. Forms were sent home and must be completed, signed and returned to school by February 22, 2012.

### **Band & Orchestra**

Just a reminder to parents that band and orchestra lessons take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students must remember to bring their instruments and their music. If students lose their music, they will be responsible for the purchase price of the replacement. Parents, please remind your children to practice for a few minutes every single day. **The third installment payment was due last Friday, January 20. The next payment will be due.**



### **MGC’s Website**

Have you checked-out MGC’s website ([www.mgcparish.org](http://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*



- 26 - Family Lunch
- 29 - Open House 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Registration begins for 2012-2013
- 30 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 31 - Home & School Mtg.



- 1 - School Committee 6 PM – Library
- Young Men's Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 6 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 8 - Free Dress for Students with **no tardies** in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- Young Men's Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 9 - 11:30 Dismissal – Conferences
- 10 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 13 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 14 - AR Store
- 15 - Young Men's Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 16 - Tag Day
- 20 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 21 - Mardi Gras
- Family Lunch
- 22 - Ash Wednesday
- Young Men's Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 24 - No School – Teacher Inservice
- 27 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library



- 2 - Group Yearbook Pictures
- 5 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 7 - School Committee 6 PM – Library
- Young Men's Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 12 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 14 - Young Men's Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 15 - Tag Day
- 16 - No School – Teacher Inservice
- 19 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 21 - Young Men's Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 22 - Family Lunch
- 23 - 11:30 Dismissal – End of Third Quarter
- 28 - Young Men's Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM



- 2 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 4 - Free Dress for Students with **no tardies** in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- School Committee 6 PM - Library
- 5 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 6 - 13 - Easter Vacation
- 16 - Students Return
- AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 18 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 23 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 25 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 26 - Family Lunch
- 27 - Tag Day
- 30 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library



- 2 - School Committee 6 PM – Library
- Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 7 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 9 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 11 - Tag Day
- 14 - AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 16 - Last day for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to meet AR goal for free dress pass
- Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 17 - Family Lunch
- Spring Concert – 6 PM in Church – All Students
- 18 - No School - Teacher Inservice
- 21 - Free Dress Week for 8<sup>th</sup> graders who met AR goal all year
- AR Reading Club – 3:20 – 4:20 PM - library
- 22 - AR Store
- 23 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 25 - Grandparents’/Special Friends’ Day 11:30 Dismissal
- 9:30 AM – All-School Liturgy
- 28 - No School – Memorial Day
- 29 - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to Great America
- 30 - Home & School End-of-Year Celebration
- Last day for 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders to meet AR goal for picnic
- 31 - Last day for K4/K5/8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Free Dress for Students with **no tardies** in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter



- 1 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Party – 6 – 10 PM
- 2 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 5 PM Liturgy
- 4 - Free Dress all week for students with **no tardies all year**
- AR Picnic – students who met goal all year (1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)
- 6 - School Committee 6 PM - Library
- 7 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 8 - 9:15 Liturgy - 10:30 Dismissal – Last Day of School