



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

KidMail

March 3, 2010

Dear MGC Family,

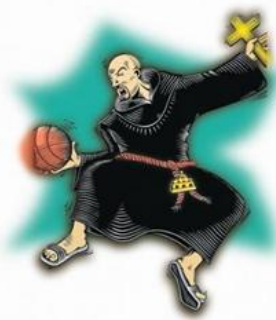
Do you remember my **challenge** to each MGC School family? I've challenged each of you to bring **one new family to our school next year**. I've heard from some new families that some of our families are honoring this challenge. If you're not one of them, I again ask you to do so. You and your children are truly the best promoters we could ask for. Please spread the good news about MGC!!! We need to increase our enrollment numbers so that we are able to continue to offer all of the great curriculum and extra-curricular activities that we do. Please accept this challenge!

Faithfully,
Regina Shaw
Principal

ITBS

Students **in grades 3, 4, 5 and 7** are taking the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills this week through Friday, March 12. Please do not plan appointments for those days. We need all students present.

Go Magic!!!!



Let's all come out and support our 8th grade boys' basketball team as they start their **Padre Serra Tournament** run **this Saturday, March 6th at 5:45 PM**. It is a tremendous honor to be invited to this tournament. All games will be held at Mount Mary College Bloehl Rec Center, 2929 North 92nd Street (Campus parking off 92nd Street). Show your pride in MGC by coming out and wearing your MGC spirit wear. Let everyone know you're there by cheering **LOUDLY** for our team!!!! **Go Magic!!!! (Any MGC student who attends the game in MGC spirit wear may see Mrs. Shaw for a free dress coupon!)** (www.thepadreserra.org/)

This Week's Parable

Luke 15: 8 – 10: What woman, having ten silver coins, if she lose one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Congratulations Art Students!

Abby Turner's artwork was selected to be in the 2010 Youth Art Month Capital Exhibit. This is an annual event sponsored by the Wisconsin Art Education Association. Abby, her family and Mrs. Blazek are invited to attend the Youth Art Month Reception ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda on March 19. Student artwork will be displayed in the Capitol Rotunda from March 6 through March 19.



Home & School News

Please take a few minutes to complete the **Home & School Fundraising Survey** that is included in this week's KidMail. A response from every family would be most helpful in determining plans for next year.

Last week invitations for the **MGC Family Event**, a prize incentive for the Fall Magazine/Gift Fundraiser for selling 11 or more items, were e-mailed to the following families: Hagen(Bangs), Berthold, Braun, Dauer, Gilbert, Gleesing, Katzka(Glosson), Gross, Gutierrez, McClain(Hines), Humm, Meyer-Johnson, Semons(Johnson), Erica Smith(Jones), Prueher, Reyes(Robinson), Saito, Tourtillott, and A. Williams. Please RSVP as soon as possible. If there are any questions about this invitation, please contact Chris Tourtillott 771-4728.

Gentlemen Start Your Engines.....

Cub Scouts – the Pinewood Derby is this **Saturday**, beginning with lunch at noon in Paulik Hall. Get those oil changes and transmission fluids checked! **Check in is Friday night** from 6:00 to 8:00 PM; cars must be checked in Friday night and left overnight. There will also be the “tooth and nail fight” for best parent/sibling car.

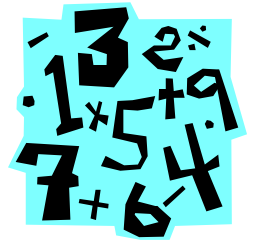
Group Pictures for Yearbook



On Thursday, **March 18**, our school photographer, VIP, will be here to take **group pictures for the yearbook**. As in the past few years, pictures will be taken during the school day. Any student who participates in Scouting may wear their uniform to school on March 18. For athletic teams, students will not wear their athletic uniforms. Only students who are present in school will be photographed with the groups.

Math Corner

“Measure Hunt” - Instead of a treasure hunt, have a “measure hunt.” Write five or six clues on a sheet of paper, like “I am longer than three feet,” or I am shorter than a yard.” Give your child a ruler or a tape measure. Tell them to go around the house to search for the answers by measuring objects. This is a fun game, and it helps develop math skills. Another activity for measuring is this: When it rains, let your child set a plastic cup or a can outside to catch the raindrops. Later your child can use a ruler to measure the rainfall. Math is everywhere, and it's fun to help your child to see it!



MGC Auction - April 24, 2010

Find us on Facebook! We have set up an event called “Mother of Good Counsel 10th Annual Auction.” Check it out and be sure to invite your friends.

Did you know - -

We are accepting donations (items, goods, services, cash, or time)?

That room parents will be contacting you to get your suggestions for baskets?

This adults-only evening is filled with all things great? Great food, great fun, great friends!

It isn't too late for you to send in your auction basket donation. Do it today.

We have an auction link on the MGC webpage? www.mgcparrish.org

Family Math Games

Pick up one of these games to add to your family game night. Most are available at the Learning Shop, but Farkle and Shut the Box are available at Target as well.

Farkle- practice addition and strategy and be the first to get to 10,000 points- great for 2nd- 8th grade

Shut the Box- reinforces addition skills and fact families- great for all ages!

Chase Decimals- practice identifying place value to thousandths as you race around the game board- great for 4th grade and up.

Chase Money- practice adding coins as you race around game board- great for 1st-3rd grade and up

Math Dash- practice multiplication and division facts as you compete to be the first to get 4 in a row- perfect for 3-5th grade and up

Money Bingo- practice adding money and be the first to get BINGO

QUIP- practice writing mathematical expressions using all operations- great for 5th grade and up

Addition/Subtraction War or Multiplication War- practice your basic facts in a fast and fun game of war- great for all ages

MGC Sports Teams Locked Out From Playing Next Year!!!???

Do not let this happen! We need to fill the following positions on the MGC Athletic Board or else we may need to reduce or eliminate sports at MGC!

Athletic Director:

- The “Grand Poobah” of MGC Athletics
- Hold a monthly athletic board meeting
- Act as an ambassador for MGC with the various sports leagues
- Maintain and enforce Archdiocesan requirements as it pertains to Athletics
- Enforcement of Athletic Fees and physicals
- Scheduling of the gym usage
- One year of on-the-job training with current Athletic Director

Uniform Coordinator

- Order, store, inventory and distribute of uniforms for various sizes and sports
- Purchasing and distribution of personalized 7th / 8th grade basketball uniforms
- Purchase, distribution and provide upkeep of first aid kits
- Collect money for sales of sports uniforms and give money to the treasurer for deposit
- Voting on any Athletic Board policies or procedures

Treasurer:

- Collecting fees and money from sales of uniforms, concession stand sales, and gym admissions for deposit into the athletics account
- Submitting check requests for reimbursement or payment of supplies and equipment
- Attend athletic board meetings and provide a monthly report of expenses and income for athletics
- Voting on any Athletic Board policies or procedures

These positions do not take much time and the Athletic Board meets just once a month as a group. Help plan ways to take your kids away from the video games and experience the fun of playing sports.

If you would like more information, please contact Glenn Saito at 414-535-1279 (athletics@mgcparish.org).

Choice Forms

It's time to complete **School Choice** forms for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms have been sent home. Please look for them if your child currently receives School Choice funding. If you do not currently participate in the program, but think that you might qualify, please contact Mrs. Baumann or Mrs. Shaw for information. It is very important for families to complete their **2009 federal tax returns** very soon. The application cannot be accepted without the tax return. **Parents of returning students are asked to please complete these applications and return them with tax forms no later than March 20.** We have a limited number of seats available for School Choice recipients as they are not reserved for returning students. Please don't lose your spot!

8th Grade Parents

By now, you should have received your 8th grader's **high school entrance exam results**. Please send a copy to Mrs. Shaw. These test results assist us as we make curricular decisions for the future. If you don't have access to a copier, please send the original along with a note. Thank you!

School Committee

MGC School is just one of the ministries sponsored by MGC Congregation. The MGC School Committee, a working committee of the Parish Council, provides vision and develops school policies consistent with the parish mission. One of its vital tasks is budget development. Comprised of school parents and parishioners, it meets monthly. The School Committee email address is schoolcommittee@mgcparish.org.

Chairperson	Laura Fischer	445-9156
Members	Shawn Gleesing	873-3476
	Tracy Martin	535-9227
	Rick Tourtillott	771-4728
	Jim Sowinski	438-1086
	Susie Stoner	453-2867
	David Brunow	688-2476
Ex Officio	Ana Sanchez	456-9139
	Regina Shaw, Principal	442-7600 ext 119
	Fr. Bob Marsicek, SDS, Pastor	442-7600 ext 103

Parents are encouraged to talk to School Committee members about any school issues. School Committee meetings dates are listed on the school calendar. Minutes are posted on the MGC website (www.mgcparish.org).

MGC School Calendar 2009 – 2010



1 – 12	-	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills
3	-	After School Algebra Tutoring
3	-	School Committee 6 PM – School Library
4	-	Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
6	-	8 th Grade Boys – Padre Serra game 5:45 PM – Mount Mary College
8	-	Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM



- 9 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- 10 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 11 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 15 - Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- 16 - Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- 17 - Tag Day/St. Patrick's Day
- After School Algebra Tutoring
- 18 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- Yearbook Group Picture Day
- 19 - Family Lunch Day
- 22 - Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- 23 - Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- 24 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 25 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 29 - Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- 30 - Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- 31 - After School Algebra Tutoring



- 1 - Holy Thursday; Prayer Service 10 AM; 11:30 Dismissal
- 2 – 9 - Easter Break
- 12 - Students Return
- Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 13 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 14 - School Committee 6:30 PM – School Library
- After School Algebra Tutoring
- 15 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 16 - 11:30 Dismissal – End of Third Quarter
- 19 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 20 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 21 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 22 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 23 - Tag Day
- 24 - H & S Auction



- 26 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 27 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 28 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 29 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 30 - Family Lunch Day
- 1st Eucharist Retreat Day – 8:30 AM – 3 PM
- Parents join children for lunch and rehearsal at 1 PM



- 2 - First Eucharist Liturgy 10:30 AM
- 3 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 4 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 5 - School Committee 6:30 PM – School Library
- After School Algebra Tutoring
- 6 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 7 - 9 - 8th Grade Musical – *Damn Yankees*
- 10 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 11 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 12 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 13 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 14 - No School – Teacher Inservice
- 17 - Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 18 - Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 19 - Family Lunch Day
- After School Algebra Tutoring
- 20 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 21 - Tag Day
- 24 - Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 25 - Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 26 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 27 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 28 - Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day 11:30 Dismissal
- 9:30 AM – All-School Liturgy
- 31 - No School – Memorial Day



- 2 - H & S Gen. Mtg. following End-of-the-Year Family Potluck 6 PM
- 3 - Prayer Service 2 PM
- Last day for K4/K5/8th Grade
- 5 - 8th Grade Graduation – 5 PM Liturgy
- 10 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 11 - 8:15 Liturgy - 10:30 Dismissal – Last Day of School

