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# KidMail

September 28, 2011

Dear MGC Family,

Our first Home and School meeting of the school year takes place at **6:30 tonight** in Alumni Hall. Please plan to join us! The meeting should only last about an hour, but it's a good opportunity for parents to learn about what's going on here at school. Please enter through the breezeway doors (near the playground equipment) and come downstairs to Alumni Hall (ECP). The teachers and I look forward to seeing you there!

**Please remember....**students are not to be dropped off on 68<sup>th</sup> Street or Lisbon Avenue. All parents are to drive onto the north lot – off of Burleigh – and drop off on that lot. Students may walk to the primary doors or to the breezeway doors. If parents wish to walk to the doors with their children, they are to park in the lot behind the church – also off of Burleigh.

Faithfully,  
Regina Shaw  
Principal

## **Free!!!! Free!!! Free!!!**

Mrs. Shaw has free tickets to this Saturday's Harlem Ambassadors vs. Milwaukee Cheeseheads Basketball game to be held at the Al McGuire Center at Marquette University. This event is sponsored by Hoops 4 Kidz and Amato Automotive Group. The Harlem Ambassadors show promises high-flying slam-dunks, hilarious comedy, and fun for the whole family! These tickets will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are definitely able to attend this 5:00 game this Saturday, October 1, at 5:00 call Mrs. Berthold at ext. 118.

## **Home & School News**

Our next event is the Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 22. We need **lots of volunteers** for this event. Please fill out your volunteer form today and hand it in to the school office.

Tonight is our first Home & School general meeting. All MGC parents/guardians are encouraged to come to this meeting at 6:30 in Alumni Hall. Come and meet the Home & School board and voice any opinions and/or ideas you may have for us. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

A BIG THANK YOU to Erica Smith for stepping forward to become our Room Parent Coordinator for this school year!

A BIG THANK YOU to Juanita Jones who stepped forward to become our Home and School Treasurer for this school year!

2011-2012 Home and School Board Volunteers: Cindy Katzka, Co-President; Tina Hayes, Co-President; Melinda Kwiatkowski, Vice President; Angela Williams, Secretary. The best way to contact Home and School is through Co-President Cindy Katzka. You may contact Ms. Katzka via email (ckpackers@yahoo.com) or via phone (414-659-2426).

## **No School on Friday**

Don't forget that there is no school this Friday due to Teacher Inservice. MGC's Extended Care Program (ECP) will be available for students who are pre-registered. They will be having a **Pajama Party**. Please contact the Director, Ms. Denise Schienke, to pre-register your children.

## **School Pictures**

School pictures for students in grades K3-7 will be taken tomorrow, Thursday, September 29. Envelopes were sent home last week for those who wish to place an order.

Here are some tips:

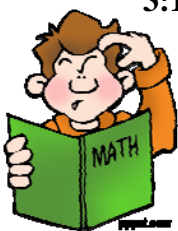
- solid colors always photograph better than patterns
- choose long sleeves
- avoid colors that blend with your child's skin tones

## **ECP Needs Donations**

MGC's Extended Care Program is looking for donations of empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Please send them to the school office or to ECP. Thanks!

## **ALGEBRA Tutoring**

Algebra tutoring is back! Starting this week, there will be **ALGEBRA ONLY** tutoring on **Thursdays, from 3:15 - 4:15**. Both our high school tutors and Ms. Vega will be available to help our eighth graders master algebraic concepts. Students must either have a note from a parent indicating that they have permission to stay for tutoring and their plans to either get picked up or attend ECP at 4:15, or parents may contact Ms. Vega directly and let her know.



## **Middle School Math Tutoring**

Our seventh and eighth grade students are eager to share their math talents with others. In the sense of service, they will be offering tutoring on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:15. Until we perfect our peer tutoring system, we will be limiting the number of students we can service. There will be a sign up sheet in Ms. Vega's room on Mondays each week for students who wish to stay for tutoring on Tuesdays. **Tutoring will be held every Tuesday from 3:15-4:15. Students must see Ms. Vega directly to sign up AND bring a note from a parent giving them permission to stay and indicating their plans to get picked up at 4:15 or attend ECP.** If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Vega through the school office or email at [vega@mgcparish.org](mailto:vega@mgcparish.org).

## **Attention 5-8<sup>th</sup> Students and Parents!!!**



Have you signed up for basketball yet? Why not? We are looking for students in grades 5-8 to sign up for MGC Basketball teams. Have fun learning the game and supporting our school. Download the sign up form on the MGC website and turn it in soon! The sign up deadline to form teams is September 30.

The web site is : <http://www.mgcparish.org/School/Athletics>

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Mike Turner

MGC Athletic Director

414-243-2126

## **Band/Orchestra**

Band and orchestra is under way at MGC! If your 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grader is interested in learning to play an instrument, this is a great opportunity. Lessons take place here at school during the school day, and the children have opportunities to play with a larger band or orchestra once a week. They also participate in a multi-school band/orchestra concert twice a year. The cost for this is only \$350.00 for the entire year. Mrs. Shaw still has some scholarship money available to children who want to be involved and who are willing to make the commitment. Parents should contact Mrs. Shaw very soon.

## **Halloween Party/Dance**

MGC's annual Halloween Party/Dance is scheduled for Saturday, October 22. Ms. Denise Schienke has graciously agreed to "chair" this event again. However, she must have sufficient support from parents; or the events will not take place. Our tradition has been for there to be a dance in the gym for our middle school students and a party with games/activities in Alumni Hall for students up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a **family event**, and students must be accompanied by their own parent up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Schienke needs parents from all three levels: primary, intermediate and middle school who are willing to assist with the planning and implementation of these events. Without that support/involvement, the events cannot occur. Please contact Ms. Schienke ( or at ext. 123) by Monday, September 26 to volunteer.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents – It's Time to Plan!**

Before you know, your 8<sup>th</sup> grader will be entering high school. This will not happen if you and your child don't start planning now! The Catholic high schools will be visiting MGC within the next few weeks. Many of you are already receiving invitations to their Open Houses. Please make plans to attend those Open Houses so you are able to experience the schools first-hand. Most of the Catholic high schools administer admissions testing on Friday, November 4. There is no school for MGC 8<sup>th</sup> graders that day because of the testing. Parents must pre-register their 8<sup>th</sup> grader for this testing. Rufus King High School is also making plans for next year. There is an Admissions Informational Meeting there on October 13 at 8 PM. Mrs. Shaw has some additional information, or parents may contact the school directly.

## **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.



## **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*



- 28 - Home & School General Mtg. 6:30 PM
- 29 - **School Pictures – Grades K3 - 7**
- 30 - **No School – Teacher Inservice**



- 5 - School Committee 6 PM - Library
- 13 & 14 - **No School – Archdiocesan Teachers’ Convention**
- 19 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
- 20 - Family Lunch
- 21 - Tag Day
- 22 - Halloween Party/Dance



- 2 - School Committee 6 PM - Library
- 4 - End of First Quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catholic High School Placement Testing
- 11 - School Picture Re-takes
- 15 - AR Store
- 18 - Free Dress for Students with **no tardies** during 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- Family Lunch
- 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences – evening only
- 22 & 23 - **No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- 24 & 25 - **No School – Thanksgiving Break**
- 30 - Tag Day



- 3 - Breakfast with Santa
- 7 - School Committee 6 PM - Library
- 9 - Family Lunch
- 15 - Christmas Concert 6 PM in Church – all students
- 16 - Tag Day
- 21 - Nativity Play
- Christmas Vacation begins at 11:30 AM
- 22 – 31 - **No School** – Christmas Vacation



- 2 - Christmas Vacation
- 3 - Students Return
- 4 - School Committee 6 PM - Library
- 13 - Tag Day
- 16 - **No School** – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday
- 19 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Pictures
- 20 - End of Second Quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
- 26 - Family Lunch
- 29 - Open House – Registration begins for 2012-2013
- 31 - Family Science Night/Home & School Mtg.