



MOTHER OF  
GOOD COUNSEL

# KidMail

January 11, 2012

Dear MGC Family,

Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for the 2012-2013 school year. Along with today's KidMail is an "intent to return" form. Please complete the form and return it by this Friday. This assists us in our budget process and allows us to know how many open seats we have for next year.

Another part of that planning process is our Open House on Sunday, January 29, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Please tell your friends and family that this is their opportunity to register for next year. Tours of the school will be given and teachers will be available to meet prospective parents.

I need parents/students to serve as tour guides for the Open House. I know that some of you can't volunteer during the week because of other commitments. This is a great way to volunteer for two hours on a Sunday and truly make a difference for our school. Please contact me (442-7600 ext. 119 or [shaw@mgcparish.org](mailto:shaw@mgcparish.org)).

Along with today's KidMail everyone is receiving three copies of a recruitment/Open House letter. Please distribute those. The challenge is for every school family to bring at least one new family to MGC for the upcoming school year.

Don't forget: there is no school this coming Monday, January 16. May we all pause to remember the legacy and the sacrifice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his family. The church offices and ECP will also be closed.

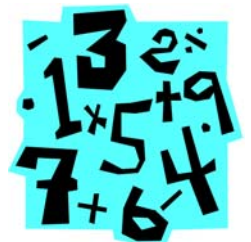
Faithfully,  
Regina Shaw, Principal

## **Crossing Guard Appreciation Week**

For the past 15 years, MGC has been very blessed to have **Mr. McKinsey** as our crossing guard at the corner of 68<sup>th</sup> and Lisbon. Every school day this wonderful man risks his own safety to make certain our children are safe. He is there regardless of the weather, and he never complains. Please find a way to show your appreciation to this wonderful man this week!!!

## **Math Corner**

Coin Count<sup>er</sup> – After making a purchase at a store, help your child count to find the total value of the coins you received as change. This is a life skill every child needs, and having the real coins right there provides an excellent learning opportunity. Take it one step further and take some of the coins away. Ask your child to subtract to find the difference. Have fun!



## **Basketball**

A reminder to parents that during basketball practices the only children who are to be in the gym are the ones who are part of the team. Parents are not to leave older or younger siblings in the gym – or anywhere else in the building – during practices. This is not fair to the coaches, and it presents a serious liability situation for MGC. ECP is open until 6 PM Monday through Friday.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Pictures

MGC's 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have their graduation pictures taken, **Thursday, January 19**. Graduation pictures are handled differently than regular school pictures. A week or two after the pictures are taken, the students will receive "proofs" from which parents may place their orders. A regular "head shot" will be used for the yearbook, but other shots will also be taken to honor this special event in your child's life. Please remember that solid colors photograph much better than patterns and that students "dress up" for these pictures.

## Attendance

Some of you may have noticed the large poster in the school office that states the attendance and tardiness percentages for the day. Please note that we remain committed to excellent attendance. We have seen dramatic improvement in both attendance and tardiness for most of the year, but we've seen some decline in this lately. All MGC students are expected to be in their classroom, seated at their desk, ready for the day to begin by 7:50 AM. The chart below illustrates the importance of being on time!

### **Being on time matters!!!**

Being tardy means missed opportunities; opportunities to get yourself prepared for the school day; opportunities to hear your teacher's instructions; opportunities to participate in morning prayer and announcements.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Learning lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

**MGC's school day begins at 7:40 AM.**

## Cub Scout Pack 61

Reminder: Pack 61 has a Pack meeting in the MGC School Cafeteria this Friday (Jan. 13th) at 7:00 PM. We will be handing out Pinewood Derby cars, permission slips for Sunburst Tubing and collecting annual re-chartering dues. The annual dues are \$20.00. If your son wants the Scouting magazine, *Boys Life*, it is an additional \$12.00. Checks should be made payable to Mother of Good Counsel Pack 61.

## **Playground Supervisor Needed**

MGC needs one more playground supervisor. Are you available from 11 – 12:45, Monday through Friday? If so, please contact Mrs. Shaw. This position starts immediately!

## **Home & School News**

LIGHTS! CAMERA! AUCTION! NEWS! SAVE THE DATE! ☐ This year's auction will be held on Saturday, May 5. Our Auction Team Leader this year is Shawn Glessing. We need 50+ volunteers in order for this event to happen. This is an ANNUAL TRADITION!!! We need YOU at our next meeting! These meetings are very important and are our basis for communication. We need our committed volunteers to attend each meeting. Everyone is invited and welcomed to join us tomorrow, Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria for our next meeting. 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: We have a few limited Enjoy the City coupon books for sale in the school office. The cost is only \$20. Please contact the school office or Cindy Katzka.

Yes! We do shop at Target! We obtained five new Redcard members that have signed MGC up as their TCOE organization. LOOK! If you haven't noticed..... Target has a great year round fundraising program for authorized organizations. MGC is one of the Take Charge of Education (TCOE) program organizations that receives kick back money simply by shopping! 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? Sign MGC up as your organization!!!  
☐ MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL ☐ 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: \$308.12 ☐ Number of REDcard holders who have designated this school: 41 (beginning of the school year we had 36 members). ☐ More information is available in our school office. 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)).

## **AR**

All MGC students who participate in Accelerated Reader are expected to meet their goal – that is the **minimum requirement**. Any student who does not meet this minimum expectation for second quarter will automatically become a member of **Mrs. Shaw's After-School Reading Club**. They will be required to spend **one hour each week after school reading with Mrs. Shaw**. Please make sure your child does not become a charter member of this club!



## **Help Needed!**

We all know how hard our MGC teachers work for our students! We are in need of a few volunteers to assist in some areas. If you would be willing/able to assist with any of following areas, please contact me: middle school science labs – shop at Sentry for some of the items needed and assist with lab set-up/clean-up; run copies for teachers; decorate bulletin boards; tutor students. Any other gifts/talents you might have to share??? Please contact Mrs. Shaw.



## **How Do I Get In???**

There is only one door through which parents and any other adults/visitors are to enter the school building – that is the front door – at 68<sup>th</sup> and Lisbon. No one other than students is to enter through any other door. This is for the safety of all children!!! Parents/visitors must enter through the front door and register at the school office

# The MGC Talent Show is coming on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

Auditions will be held on January 17, immediately after school until 4:30 in Ms. Vega's room. We will inform those who will participate the next day and will have two scheduled practices after school on Jan. 19 and 26<sup>th</sup>. **BRING ALL MUSIC AND PROPS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO THE AUDITION ON JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>.** If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rezel ([rezel@mgcparish.org](mailto:rezel@mgcparish.org)) or Ms. Vega ([vega@mgcparish.org](mailto:vega@mgcparish.org)).



## **It's Cold Outside – and it will get even colder!**



Please remember that we do take the children outside for recess during winter. If the temperature/wind chill is at or above zero, we go outside. It is important that every MGC student come to school every day prepared for recess. This includes a winter coat, hat, mittens/gloves, scarves, snow pants and boots. **Children who do not have snow pants and boots are not allowed to play in the snow.** Please do not put your child in that situation! **Also, if anyone has snowpants, etc. that your child has outgrown, please consider sending them to school. We always have children who can use them.**

## **Pick-Up/Drop-Off-----Please Read!!!**

Please note that there is to be no drop-off or pick-up in front of the school on 68<sup>th</sup> Street or Lisbon Avenue. Both of these are marked accordingly. I have heard from the District 7 Police Station that they are, once again, going to be patrolling these areas. It is **against the law** to stop or park in these areas. This is for the safety of

all children. **Tickets will be issued!!!** Even if you don't receive the ticket at the time, the officer will note the license plate; and it will be mailed to you. Please do not park in these areas!!!

## **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 is due Friday, January 20.**

## **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 Pastor. 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.



## **MGC's Website**

Have you checked-out MGC's website ([www.mgcp parish.org](http://www.mgcp parish.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**



11 - Young Men's Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM  
13 - Tag Day

- 16 - **No School** – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday
- 18 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 19 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Pictures
- 20 - End of Second Quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
- 25 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 26 - Family Lunch
- 29 - Open House 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Registration begins for 2012-2013
- 31 - Home & School Mtg.



- 1 - School Committee 6 PM – Library
- Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 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 – Conferences
- 14 - AR Store
- 15 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 16 - Tag Day
- 21 - Mardi Gras
- Family Lunch
- 22 - Ash Wednesday
- Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 24 - No School – Teacher Inservice



- 2 - Group Yearbook Pictures
- 7 - School Committee 6 PM – Library
- Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 14 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 15 - Tag Day
- 16 - No School – Teacher Inservice
- 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



- 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
- 18 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 25 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM

- 26 - Family Lunch
- 27 - Tag Day



- 2 - School Committee 6 PM – Library
- Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 9 - Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 11 - Tag Day
- 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
- 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



## Bring your family to church!

More and more families are attending MGC Church! Our children learn the traditions and values of the Catholic faith each day in school. Please support your children’s faith journey by bringing them to church!

**Mass times: Saturday at 5 PM, Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM.**

