



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

KidMail

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Dear MGC Family,

Happy New Year!!! I hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas holiday! I certainly did!!! It is always wonderful to spend time with loved ones!

It's now back to reality for all of us here at MGC. The end of the second quarter is just around the corner – Friday, January 20. Please make sure to stay on top of your child's academic progress through Power School.

I am very pleased to report that MGC had a new phone system installed over Christmas break. Our old system was close to 20 years old and was truly on its last legs. I know that many of you experienced difficulties with it over the past few months. If you left a voicemail for any of us over Christmas break, it was lost so please give us another call. Hopefully this new system will serve us well for many years to come.

Faithfully,
Regina Shaw
Principal

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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 68th 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

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. Mark your calendar! The next meeting is on Thursday, January 12, 2012 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)

Math Corner

1,2,3...4,5,6! Counting, Counting Everywhere!

Young children will benefit so much from counting anything and everything around them. Counting objects helps to develop the basic math skills that are so necessary for higher-level math operations later on. Take a minute to count with your child - shopping carts in the store, windows in the car, stripes on their mittens, coins, noodles, French fries--- anything! It's easy, fun, and so important! (When counting objects close by, teach your child to touch each item as they say the number.)



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 26th. **BRING ALL MUSIC AND PROPS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO THE AUDITION ON JANUARY 17TH.** If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rezel (rezel@mgcparish.org) or Ms. Vega (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 68th 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 21.**

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)? 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



- 4 - School Committee 6 PM – Library
- Young Men’s Group – 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 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 - 8th 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 – 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 2nd 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 3rd 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 8th 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 8th 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 - 8th Graders to Great America
- 30 - Home & School End-of-Year Celebration
- Last day for 1st-7th graders to meet AR goal for picnic
- 31 - Last day for K4/K5/8th Grade
- Free Dress for Students with **no tardies** in 4th quarter



- 1 - 8th Grade Graduation Party – 6 – 10 PM
- 2 - 8th 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 (1st-7th)
- 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.