



MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

➔ **How many students currently attend MGC?** – 298

➔ **What are the qualifications of the teachers?** - All MGC teachers have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree, some have Master's Degrees, and all are licensed/certified by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

➔ **What is the average tenure of MGC teachers?** - The average is 11 years; with many teachers serving the school for over 15 years. The longest tenure is 29 years, and that teacher is also an alumna of the school. There are currently three MGC graduates teaching here.

➔ **What is the ethnic/racial make-up of the school?** MGC has a very diverse student population with approximately 60% of its students being minority. Our students' ethnicities include: Hispanic, African American, Asian-Island Pacific (Chinese), Native American Indian as well as Caucasian heritages including North, South and Central European and Mediterranean descents.

➔ **Where is the school located?** - For 80 years, MGC has been located at the corner of 68th and Lisbon on the Northwest side of Milwaukee.

➔ **How much is tuition?** - Please call the school (442-7600 ext. 120) for current tuition rates.

➔ **Does MGC participate in the Milwaukee Parental School Choice Program?** - Yes. Please call the school for information (442-7600 ext. 120)

➔ **Does MGC participate in PAVE tuition grants?** - Yes. Please call the school for information (442-7600 ext. 120)

➔ **Are all of the students Catholic?** - While MGC is, first and foremost, a Catholic school, not all of the students are Catholic. Students do participate in religion classes and attend weekly Masses and regular prayer services. Our non-Catholic families have told us that they choose MGC because of its high standards and academics.

➔ **Are parents involved in the school?** - Yes, MGC has a very active Home and School Association. Parents are involved in both social and fundraising events. General meetings are held five times each school year.

➔ **How are parents informed of student progress?** - MGC is very fortunate to have [PowerSchool](#). This school information system is web-based and allows parents to track their

student's academic progress through secure Internet access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Parents and teachers also maintain regular communication through phone calls, e-mail and conferences.



➔ **Does MGC offer busing?** - No, parents provide transportation; but MGC is on a public bus route.

➔ **Does MGC provide before and after school care?** - Yes. MGC's **Extended Care Program (ECP)** provides convenient, affordable, wrap-around care for students. The program opens at 6:30 AM (Mondays through Friday) until school opens at 7:55 AM. At the close of school, (3 PM), they re-open until 6 PM. On teacher in-service days, as well as most vacation days, ECP is also open.

➔ **Does MGC provide summer care?** - Yes. MGC's **Summer Camp** is a great program for students and parents, alike. Housed right here on the school campus, this program offers students the opportunity to attend field trips three or four days a week during the summer. Each week's theme also provides fun and learning opportunities. Please call the director, Denise Schienke, at 442-7600 ext. 123 for additional information.

➔ **What grades do you serve?** - MGC serves students in grades K4 through 8th.

➔ **Do you have full or half day kindergarten?** - For K4, we offer both full and half-day options. For half day, it is a morning session (7:55 AM - 11:15 AM). For K5, we only offer full-day.

➔ **What is the average size class?** - The average class size is 16.

➔ **Do students have specialty classes?** - Yes. We have certified specialists in the following areas: technology (computer skills), music, art, library and physical education. Music lessons for piano and band instruments are available through private instructors.

➔ **Does MGC offer athletics?** - Yes. MGC offers an established athletics program that includes basketball, volleyball, spirit team, softball and soccer. More information is available on the website.

➔ **Does MGC offer hot lunch?** - Yes. MGC participates in the Federal Hot Lunch Program. All of our delicious and nutritious meals are prepared on-site. Families who qualify are encouraged to participate in the federally-funded free/reduced hot lunch program. The cost per student is \$1.90. Usually once a month families are invited to join the students for lunch. The adult cost is \$2.35. The monthly Hot Lunch Menu is available on the website.

➔ **Do MGC students wear uniforms?** - Yes. All MGC students must wear approved school uniforms. It is our belief that wearing a uniform helps to promote a sense of unity and pride in our school. It also sets a good tone for the academic atmosphere of our school. By eliminating the distractions of superficial things, such as clothing trends, our children will find themselves more able to concentrate on the important business of their education, as well as recognize the inner beauty of each individual.



➔ **What are the school colors?** Marian Blue & White

➔ **Do MGC students have homework?** - Yes. It is our belief that homework is an integral part of the learning process. Students in grades 1 – 3 can expect approximately 15 – 30 minutes per evening (flash card drill, reading, etc.); students in grades 4 – 5 can expect approximately 30 – 60 minutes per evening; and students in grades 6 – 8 can expect 60 – 90 minutes per evening.

➔ **May students bring cell phones to school?** Yes. Students are allowed to bring cell phones on to the school campus however, during the school day they must be turned off and must remain in the student's locker.

➔ **What are school hours?** Regular school hours are 7:55 AM to 3:00 PM. The tardy bell rings at 8:05 AM.

➔ **Are school staff and volunteers trained to recognize abuse in children?** Yes. The Milwaukee Archdiocese requires every church and school to have all staff and all volunteers, who come into contact with our children, complete the 3-hour nationally recognized **VIRTUS** training seminar as well as national background checks for all staff and volunteers who come into contact with our children, and on-going continuing education specifically dealing with how to keep our children safe from child sexual abuse and predators. We are committed to the safety of all children.

➔ **Is MGC handicapped accessible?** No, the building was built in 1928 and later additions make it virtually impossible to adequately make the entire building handicap accessible, however, there are some entry ramps and lower level restrooms are handicapped accessible.

➔ **Where can I find the schools rules and policies?** Each year the Parent Student Handbook is updated and provided to each family on Packet Pick Up day just before the start of the school year.

➔ **Does MGC have any special or traditional events?** Yes, our 8th grade class presents a musical performance each year. In past years they have done: “The Music Man”, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat”, “Oklahoma” and more.

➔ **Is MGC a sponsor of Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts?** Yes, MGC sponsors Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as separately chartered organizations available for our youth.

We invite your comments and questions. Please contact our school for more information: (414) 442-7600 Ext. 120.



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