

MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

Curriculum Information Page



The curriculum of our school meets or exceeds the guidelines and expectations of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as well as the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

A loving home is a child's foundation: Parents are the first teachers. Our school builds upon this foundation. Jesus is the center of the MGC community. It is He who draws people to Catholic/Christian education. **The school exists as a complement and extension of the home and parish.** The school community, centered on Jesus, brings our children to a holistic education, rooted in faith.

Providing a **learning atmosphere** that fosters positive self-concepts, Catholic/Christian education, values the uniqueness of each individual child; hence, we strive to meet each individual's needs.

We create a desire for learning, strive to challenge the mind, and hope to develop the talents of each child to the fullest potential – **spiritually, morally, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally** – in an effort to heighten the child's ability to make positive decisions and choices.

Within the curriculum of instruction, an appreciation of the arts is fostered, in an effort to awaken interest in, and develop an awareness of, the gift of life found in **music, drama, dance, painting and creativity.**

An understanding of **computers and technology** is provided and integrated in the students' learning in the classroom and in the computer lab. Greater awareness of the world of humanity is brought about through exploration in the field of **social studies.** The wonder of nature and the gifts of the environment, and our responsibility toward it as stewards of the earth, is studied in the **natural sciences.**

The center of our program at MGC is **religion.** Emphasis is placed on Christian living and the life of Jesus. This is accomplished by making a conscious effort to integrate religion into the life of each student by creating a Christ-centered atmosphere, stressing Christian values both in the classrooms and throughout the entire school.

Faith experiences are an integral part of a child's religious development. These experiences are created by using varied prayer experiences in the classroom and through child-oriented liturgies. Students experience worship with their classmates and in their level (primary, intermediate or middle school), and with the entire school community in church.

MGC's commitment to **high standards in academics** is evidenced through the following curricular areas which follow state and national standards: **Religion – Reading - Language Arts – Mathematics - Social Studies – Science – Technology - Physical Education – Library – Music – Art**

We are blessed with an **exceptional teaching staff**, many of whom have been at MGC for many years and some are alumni of MGC. Our goal is to educate the "whole" child and prepare them to succeed in their future educational and life endeavors. Our alumni make a difference in their communities and the world!



Parents who wish to review written curriculum and exit expectations are welcome to visit the school.