



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

KidMail

January 10, 2018

Dear MGC Family,

Early this past Saturday morning I received word that one of our school dads had passed from this worldly existence. Mark Gant was only 29 years old when a medical crisis unexpectedly took his life. Mark is the father of Makhia Gant in 6th grade and step-dad to Mariah Magee in 1st grade. In addition, Mark has other family members who attend MGC. While he had only been part of this community since August, Mark had become very involved and was well known around here. He volunteered as the 6th grade girls' basketball coach and was scheduled to coach their game at noon on Saturday. The girls wanted to honor Coach Gant by playing – and play they did – through their sorrow and tears, the MGC girls won their game and showed their love and respect for their coach. There is a separate flyer that accompanies KidMail regarding a fundraiser scheduled for Friday. Please be generous!

Please note that there is no school on Monday to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please take advantage of the many opportunities to celebrate the life of this wonderful man. Did you know that Milwaukee's Dr. King Celebration is one of only two nationally -along with Atlanta - that is still held on an annual basis? "Our Children, Our Future" is the theme of this year's public celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, Monday, January 15, beginning at noon. The Center is located at 1531 W. Vliet St. To honor King, the program will include music, dance, and spoken word, and will feature guest speaker Nicole Brookshire, director of the newly created Milwaukee County Office on African-American Affairs (OAAA). There are many other events taking place as well. I encourage you to participate.

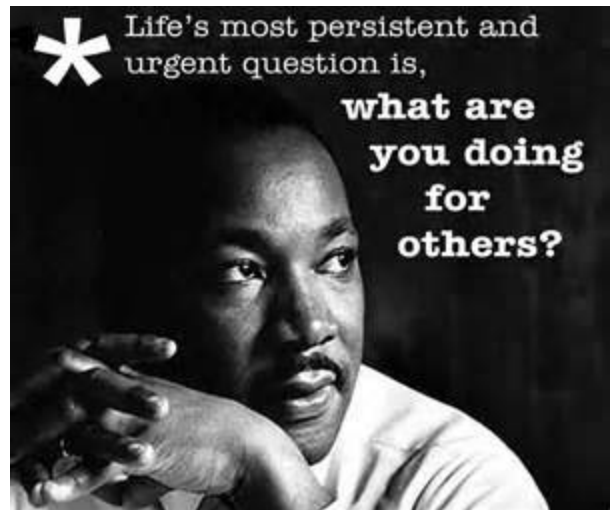
Faithfully,
Regina Shaw
Principal

Uniform Sale

MGC is having a "Uniform Sale" on Tuesday, January 16. This is a great opportunity for parents to buy new or used school uniforms. The sale will take place in the school library from 11 AM – 12:45 PM and from 2 PM – 4:430 PM. Checks or cash will be accepted.

Feeling Sick?

While good school attendance is very important, children cannot be in school if they are sick. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is throwing up or is running a temperature. It is not fair to the other children or the adults in our building. If a child becomes ill at school a parent/guardian/emergency contact will be called. The child must be picked up from school in a timely manner.





A great BIG thank you to the school parents who support MGC Athletics, both soccer and basketball, by not only registering your student in our athletics program but by working the concession stand. We appreciate your support of the program!

This is the list of names of the parents who signed up to work a shift this week and next. Any questions you have, please feel free to contact the school office. Just a reminder – no students allowed in the concession stand

and dress warm, it gets chilly in the breezeway.

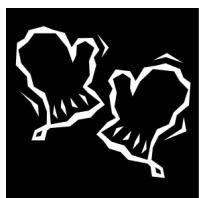
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Yarbrough, Kendra	1/13/18	7:45-10:00
Evans, Jeanette	1/13/18	7:45-10:00
Lester, Regina	1/13/18	7:45-10:00
Alexander, Tameka	1/13/18	9:45-12:00
Dompke, Tony or Gail	1/13/18	9:45-12:00
Boles, Kanishia	1/13/18	9:45-12:00
Shumpert, Darleen	1/13/18	11:45-2:00
Andrews, LaDonna	1/13/18	11:45-2:00
Johnson, Andreal	1/13/18	11:45-2:00
Jackson, Jackie	1/13/18	1:45-3:45
Perry, Lakeisha	1/13/18	1:45-3:45
Vega, Jen	1/13/18	1:45-3:45
Ashley, Stephanie	1/20/18	7:45-10:00
Gleesing, Maureen	1/20/18	7:45-10:00
Madelene Amos	1/20/18	7:45-10:00
Lauren Bell	1/20/18	9:45-12:00
Maureen Gleesing	1/20/18	9:45-12:00
Camia Bryant	1/20/18	9:45-12:00
Heather Pryer	1/20/18	11:45-2:00
Latarsha Carter	1/20/18	11:45-2:00
Ameshia Jones	1/20/18	11:45-2:00

Lost & Found

Do you the whereabouts of that new sweater you bought your daughter? How about the boots you bought your son? You say you have no idea what happened to the new mittens you purchased??? Well.....you might want to check the MGC Lost & Found! It's located in the cafeteria, and you can't believe what's there – hats, mittens, sweatshirts, lunch bags...



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.**

Hair and More!!!

We are seeing uniform violations. Please note the bullet points below that are taken directly from the MGC Parent/Student Handbook:

- Hair accessories must be simple and color coordinated with the uniform (navy, green, white, or black). No bandanas or headscarves are allowed.
- Only traditional, neatly groomed hairstyles are allowed for both girls and boys. **(No fad styles, tails, or lines)** Hair must not cover a student's eyes, nose, or mouth. Boys may not have long hair. Boys' hair must not fall at or below the collar or below the eyebrows or ears. **Students are not allowed to have dyed/colored hair at school – no colors that do not naturally occur in nature.** Any questionable hairstyles will be determined by the principal.
- No make-up is allowed. This includes nail polish and artificial nails. No tattoos, either permanent or washable are allowed. No body piercing, other than traditional single-pierced ears is allowed. ***These rules apply on every school day – even free dress days.***
- All clothing must be kept clean and in good repair – no rips/tears/holes. Students are expected to present a neat, clean appearance. Clothing must not be skin tight, nor should it be baggy. *Clothing must be clean and free of holes/tears/stains. This applies on every school day.*
- Uniform pants and shorts must be of a plain, traditional style and cotton/twill fabric. No cargo pants, side pockets, low riders, “jeans” style (w/brads and/or over stitching). Pants must be worn at waist level; belts must be worn if needed.

Please note that **boots may not be worn in school.** This includes free dress days. Boots may be worn to and from school, but children must have shoes to wear in school. This includes fashion boots.

MGC Bowling

Did you know that MGC bowls? We have an adult-only bowling league that bowls every other Sunday afternoon from October to April. We are looking for people who want to get out and have fun and bowl. You don't have to be a great bowler! Too much of a time commitment? We need subs so maybe that would fit into your schedule. Interested? Have questions? Need more information – contact the school office at 442-7600 x118.



AR Detention

Students who did not meet their AR goal for this second quarter of this year are required to serve AR Reading Detention that meets on Mondays and continues through the third quarter. It runs from 3:20-4:20 PM in the library. Parents, please remind your child that he/she must report to the library no later than 3:20 and must sit silently while reading. Any child who chooses to talk will be issued an Incident Report and will spend Thursday of that week in after-school detention from 3:20-3:50 PM. Also, parents are to pick up their children at the **primary doors** at 4:20 unless Mrs. Shaw has been informed that the child is to walk home or to go to ECP. **Please make sure your child is picked up on time.** *AR Detention will start again on Monday, February 5.* Letters will be sent home.

Band/Orchestra Students....

The Pius XI Performing Arts Academy Band/Orchestra Concert is coming up very quickly. All MGC band/orchestra students are expected to participate in these rehearsals and in the concert. This is an important component of their musical instruction. The concert will take place on Thursday, February 15, at 7 PM in the Pius XI Performing Arts Center located within Pius XI High School, 135 N. 76th St. All performers are to arrive no later than 6:30 PM.

- Rehearsals are at Pius XI High School and run from 5:30-7:00 PM. Students are expected to attend as many rehearsals as possible.
- Dress Rehearsal runs from 5:30-7:30 PM at Pius XI High School. Students must attend the dress rehearsal in order to participate in the concert.
- Concert begins at 7:00 PM. Students should arrive no later than 6:30 PM.
- Concert attire is as follows:
Black dress pants or long skirt, or knee-length skirt with black leggings
Black socks and dress shoes
White dress shirt



Winter Concert Schedule:

Wednesday January 24 - Rehearsal

Thursday January 25 – Rehearsal

Wednesday January 31 – Rehearsal

Thursday February 1 – Rehearsal

Thursday, February 8 - Rehearsal

Wednesday February 14 – Dress Rehearsal

Thursday February 15 – Concert

Parents: Don't forget that the second band/orchestra payment (\$105) is due.

Attendance

As we all know, it is very important that students maintain excellent school attendance – it is impossible for the teacher to teach if the student is not in school. **I truly expect that children will be in school every day at 7:40 AM ready to learn.** We cannot and will not accept excessive **absenteeism** or **tardiness**. There are very few reasonable excuses for bringing your child to school any time after 7:40 AM. Additionally, all children must be picked up on time (11 AM for 3K, 11:15 AM for half-day K4, and 3:15 for everyone else). Parents must know that Mrs. Shaw will be contacting anyone who cannot meet these expectations for enrollment at MGC.

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 Parish Director. 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

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures

MGC has very clear procedures in place to provide for the **safety of all children** - as well as adults. Please note that **ALL children should be dropped-off in the mornings on the north lot.** This includes **K3 – 8th grade!!!** Vehicles enter the lot off of Burleigh and exit onto 68th Street – turning right, please. No cars are allowed to park on the lot in the mornings. There is always one, and usually two, school representatives present as of 7:35 to open the passenger side car doors so children never have to walk in front of cars. In the afternoon, parents are asked to park on the north lot and walk up to greet their children. Please note that primary children will not be allowed to walk to cars without a parent/guardian. Parents who rely on daycare vans are responsible for informing the daycare of our procedures.

*****Please note:** Parking/stopping on Lisbon Avenue or 68th Street (school side) is **prohibited by law.** **MPD will issue tickets.** You may not receive it at the time, but it will be mailed to you. **It is not safe to drop off children in this manner.** Please follow school procedures!***

For pick-up, parents who only have middle school students are encouraged to park in the church parking lot. The older students are able to walk over there.



MGC's Website

Have you checked-out MGC's website (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!

AR Information

Accelerated Reader is an important part of our school reading curriculum. Students earn points by successfully taking AR tests. They may redeem those points at the AR Store if their score is 85% or higher. Students must reach their goal and achieve accuracy of at least 85%. These are minimum expectations!

Did you know???

MGC is on Facebook!!!

Be sure to "like" MGC. Look for Mother of Good Counsel Grade School. There is a picture of our school building. It's a great way to receive updates and reminders.



<http://www.bing.com>

MGC School Calendar

2017-2018

School Hours:

K4-8th Grade: 7:40 AM – 3:15 PM

K4 half day: 7:40 AM – 11:15 AM

K3: 7:40 – 11:00 AM

ALL students are expected to arrive on time and to be picked up on time.



11	-	8th Grade Play Auditions after school
	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
12	-	8th Grade Play Auditions after school
	-	Talent Show Auditions after school
	-	<i>Special Fundraiser for Gant Family</i>
15	-	No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
18	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
19	-	End of Second Quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
22	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
	-	8th Grade Retreat
23	-	Family Lunch
25	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
26	-	Free Dress – No tardies 2 nd Quarter
28-2/3	-	Catholic Schools' Week
29	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM



1	-	Open Enrollment for School Choice begins – On-line registration!!!
	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
	-	STEM Club
5	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
8 & 9	-	11:30 Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
11-18	-	MGC Heartbreaker Basketball Tournament
12	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
	-	Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
13	-	Mardi Gras/Family Lunch
14	-	Ash Wednesday

- 15 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- Pius XI Performing Arts Academy Concert – 7 PM
- 16 - Teacher In-Service – No School
- 19 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 21 - School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
- 22 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 26 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM



- 1 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- STEM Club
- 5 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 7 - Group pictures – yearbook
- 8 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 9 - No School – Inservice
- 12 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- Band/Orchestra Payment #4 due
- 14 - Family Lunch
- 15 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 19 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 21 - School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
- 22 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 22-25 - 8th Grade Musical
- 23 - End of Third Quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
- 29 - Holy Thursday – 11:30 Dismissal
- 30-4/6 - Easter Break



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- 9 - Students Return
- 12 - 6th Grade Retreat
- Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 13 - Free Dress – No tardies 3rd Quarter
- 16 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM

- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 18 - Family STREAM Night
- 19 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 20 - 4th/5th Grade to Madison
- 23 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 25 - School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
- 26 - Family Lunch
- Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 30 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM



- 3 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 6 - MGC – First Eucharist
- 7 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 10 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 11 - Family Lunch
- 14 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 16 - School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
- 17 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 18 - Teacher In-Service – No School
- 21 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- Art Club 3:20-4:20 PM
- 23 - AR Store
- 24 - Spring Concert – 6 PM
- 25 - Grandparents’/Special Friends’ Day – 11:30 Dismissal
9:30 All-School Liturgy – Students must wear uniforms
- 28 - No School – Memorial Day
- 29 - Free Dress – Students who fully participated in Spring Concert
- 30 - Free Dress – No tardies 4th Quarter
- 31 - Last Day for 8th Grade/K3/K4/K5 – Passing of the Flame
- Free Dress – No tardies All Year
- Detention 3:20-3:50 PM



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| 1 | - | Free Dress – No tardies All Year |
| | - | 8 th Grade Graduation Party – 7 – 9 PM |
| 2 | - | Graduation - 5 PM Liturgy |
| 4 | - | Free Dress – No tardies All Year |
| | - | AR Picnic |
| 5 | - | Free Dress – No tardies All Year |
| 6 | - | Free Dress – No tardies All Year |
| 7 | - | Power Day |
| | - | 11:30 Dismissal |
| 8 | - | 11:30 Dismissal – Last day of school |

All dates are subject to change with notice.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to check KidMail each Wednesday for regular updates.

MGC's Extended Care Program is fully licensed.
Children must be registered with all completed paperwork turned in.
ECP is open on most days when school is not in session,
but children must be pre-registered.
Parents/guardians are responsible for all ECP fees;
failure to pay may result in dismissal from program.