



MOTHER OF  
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# KidMail

September 4, 2019

Dear MGC Family,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Labor Day weekend. It is important to take some time to relax and appreciate all that we have in this world.

Yesterday was the first day for our K3/K4/K5 students. They did a great job!!! There were very few tears....even among the parents!

A huge thank you to all parents who are working hard to have their children here at school ON TIME. It makes a huge difference for everyone – the children, the teachers, Mrs. Berthold, cafeteria staff – all of us!

Faithfully,  
Regina Shaw  
Principal

## *Go MAD – Make a Difference!*

This is our school theme again for the 2019-2020 school year. We will be working on ways that each of us can do exactly that – make a difference – in this world of ours. If

you see someone – a teacher, staff member, parent, or student making a difference, please let Mrs. Shaw know so we can recognize them in a future edition of KidMail.



Today we recognize Ms. Judy Gustafson, aka Grandma Judy. Grandma Judy is the grandmother of the three Koth boys and has been an active volunteer at MGC for several years. Last year she started volunteering every morning to help open car doors on the north lot before school. It's nice to see her smiling face every day. This year she is an official MGC employee – working every day as a playground supervisor. Thank you, Grandma Judy!!!

## *Parent/Teacher Conferences*

I know it seems early, but they're coming!!!! Mandatory conferences take place on the afternoon and night of **Wednesday, October 2** and again on **Thursday, October 3**. These are **mandatory** for every student. Students in grades 4 – 8 are **required** to attend the conference along with their parent. If a parent and student (grades 4-8) fail to attend the conference, the child **may not return** to school on Monday, October 6. The parent must then contact the teacher to arrange a conference at the teacher's convenience. Forms are being sent home today. Please complete them and return to your child's teacher.



## ***Family Breakfast***

MGC's first Family Breakfast of the 2019-2020 school year takes place on **Tuesday, September 10**. Our guests this month are the **middle school** (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) parents/guardians. We strongly encourage each of you to join us for some social time and also to learn a bit more about your child's middle school experience. Middle school parents are asked to join us in the cafeteria **at 8:20 on Tuesday morning**. Please enter through the front door of school, and you will be directed to the cafeteria.

## ***What is PowerSchool?***

Parental involvement is critical to a child's education. That's why MGC utilizes PowerSchool to help parents and families become more involved in education. Parents can check their child's assignments, attendance reports, grades and other items from any computer, any time using PowerSchool.

Parents are able to set up their own accounts with access information provided by the school. Parents should have received their PowerSchool log-in information at the Back-to-School Bash last Thursday. For those who did not attend the Bash, the information was sent home with your children.

Please utilize this vital tool so that you are fully informed about your child's progress in school.

## ***Athletic News***

### **MGC Soccer**

Looking for some fun action this weekend. Come check out the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of MGC soccer. Go MaGiC!!! (The Packers have off Sunday.)

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

**Middle School Soccer** – 8 AM – Mother of Good Counsel vs. Woodlands on Field A

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer** – 9 AM – Mother of Good Counsel vs. St. Mary on Field C

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Soccer** – 11 AM – Mother of Good Counsel vs. Saint Mary on Field E

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

**MS Soccer** – 12 PM – MGC vs. Blessed Sacrament/OLQP on Field A

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Soccer** – 1 PM – Mother of Good Counsel vs. WCS on Field H

**All soccer games are played at Saint John the Evangelist located on 8500 West Cold Spring Road; Greenfield WI 53228 (Corner of 84<sup>th</sup> and Cold Spring).**



## Soccer Field Labels

To help ease confusion, the league has changed the "names" of the fields as follows:

7th/8th grade: Field A

3rd & 4th grade: Field C & D

K5 - 2nd grade: Fields E, F, G & H

## Rules of the field

- No parents by the goalie, on the bench, or in the corners
- No Alcohol, smoking, or dogs
- Clean up after yourself
- Soccer games are for fun

## MGC Girls 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball

After a few years of not having a volleyball team MGC is back and ready to play this season. Come support the girls this weekend as we play at **Saint Mary Visitation in Elm Grove**. The team would love to see you.



**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

1:00 PM - MGC vs Saint John Vianny

2:00 PM – MGC vs. Saint Mary Visitation

## Altar Servers

Beginning immediately, all students who serve as altar servers must be Roman Catholic. This varies from what MGC has done for the past couple of years, but Fr. Reed has been informed that this must be the case. We apologize for any hurt feelings.

## Attendance

As we all know, it is very important that students maintain excellent school attendance – it is impossible for the teacher to teach and for the student to learn 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.

## School Uniforms

Thank you to all for trying your best to honor the school uniform code. Please know that we have a uniform code so as to remove many of the distractions of every day life. **Parents are asked to please read the uniform policy.** It was sent home in the August packets, and it was reviewed at the new parent meetings during the Back-to-School Bash.

## **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 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade!!!** Vehicles enter the lot off of Burleigh and exit onto 68<sup>th</sup> 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 68<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Hot Lunch/Breakfast Program**

MGC offers a delicious and nutritious breakfast and hot lunch program daily. There is absolutely **NO cost** to the parents for either meal. We encourage every student to take advantage of this opportunity. Students simply punch in their four-digit private code when they enter the cafeteria. Remind your children not to share their code with anyone.

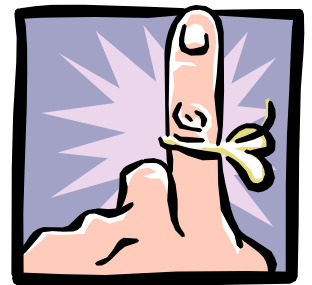


Students who choose to bring cold lunch may take a carton of milk from the Sharing Table in the cafeteria.

MGC will serve breakfast and lunch on **full school days**. Please make sure your child arrives on time so he/she is able to eat. Students who are tardy will miss out on this great opportunity! Don't forget that breakfast and lunch are **NOT SERVED** on days that we dismiss at 11:30.

## **Forms**

Have you completed all of your **back-to-school forms**? They were all due back by Monday. Please make sure that we have all necessary information. If you have not completed and returned your forms, please sit down tonight and do so. **It is imperative that parents keep us informed about contact information**. If your address, phone number, employment, etc., change you must contact the office immediately. Just imagine if your child is injured or sick, and we can't reach you because you have not informed us of changes. **This is every parent's responsibility!**



## **AR Detention**

For those students who did not meet their AR goal for fourth quarter of last year, AR Reading Detention will meet on Mondays and continue through the quarter. This will start on Monday, September 9. It runs from 3:20-4:20 PM in the library. **Any student who does not meet his/her first quarter goal will join the detention for second quarter**. 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**.

**Students in AR Club will receive a letter from Mrs. Shaw that must be signed by parents and returned.**



## **MGC's Website**

Have you checked-out MGC's website ([www.mgcparish.org](http://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>



## **Do You Shop on Amazon???**

We bet you do! Did you know that Amazon gives money to MGC for every purchase you make IF you simply go to Amazon Smile and have chosen MGC as your charity. This is a great opportunity for our school to earn money without any type of fundraising.

PLEASE take this simple step to assist our school in fundraising. This is a painless way to fundraise! Just think - NO candy sales, no asking your friends and family to buy a candle, pizza, etc. Here is the link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0984894> If you need help registering, please contact us.

We will more than happy to assist you!

# MGC School Calendar

2019-2020

School Hours:

K4-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7:40 AM – 3:15 PM

K4 half day: 7:40 AM – 11:15 AM

K3: 7:40 – 11:00 AM



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



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5	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
9	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
10	-	Family Breakfast – Middle School
11	-	School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
12	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
13	-	<b>No School – Teacher Inservice</b>
16	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
19	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
23	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
26	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
30	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM



2	-	<b>11:30 Dismissal – Conferences (Book Fair closes at 7 PM)</b>
3	-	<b>No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences (Book Fair closes at (7 PM)</b>
4	-	<b>No School</b>
7	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
9	-	School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
10	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
11	-	<b>No School – Inservice</b>
14	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
17	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
19	-	Walk for Catholic Education
21	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
24	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
28	-	AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
30	-	Family Breakfast – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>
31	-	Detention 3:20-3:50 PM



- 1 - End of First Quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Placement Testing
- 7 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 8 - Free Dress – No tardies 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 11 - Go MAD Assembly
- AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- 13 - School Committee – 6 PM Conference Room
- 14 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 18 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- 21 - Detention 3:20-3:50 PM
- 22 - Family Breakfast K4 & K5
- 25 - AR Detention 3:20-4:20 PM
- 27, 28 & 29 - No School – Thanksgiving Break

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.