



# Kid Mail

## March 1, 2026

### **Open Enrollment**

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the 2026-27 enrollment! The Choice enrollment is open March 1 through March 20.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/choice-programs/student-applications>

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Juanita Jones with any questions at 414-442-7600 x120 or email at: [jones@mgcparish.org](mailto:jones@mgcparish.org)

### **Basketball Games**

Congratulations to all our athletes and coaches for a successful basketball/cheer season. We are proud of our student's sportsmanship and the growth our students made this year! We are thrilled to announce that our eighth grade team was invited to participate in the Padre Tournament. Please come out and support the boys on Saturday, March 7 at 12:15. The games are played at Dominican High School.

### **Forward Testing**

The Forward Exam is a high quality, research-based, and affordable online assessment designed to test student's grade-level knowledge and skills as described in the Wisconsin Academic Standards. It is a customized assessment with innovative item types that includes test questions reviewed and approved by Wisconsin educators. The new exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing relative to the recently updated Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be on track for future learning. THE test is administered to students in grades 3-8. The testing window for the Forward Exam is March 16-April 24. Please see the attached information for families.

[https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward\\_Brochure\\_for\\_Families.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward_Brochure_for_Families.pdf)

### **ECP Director and Staff Needed!**

We continue to look for a Director and staff for our before and after school program. If you are interested or know someone looking for that type of position, please contact Michelle Hagen at 414-442-7600 ext 119 or at [hagen@mgcparish.org](mailto:hagen@mgcparish.org)

## **PBIS (Positive Behaviors, Interventions, and Supports) Initiative**

This week, we introduced our updated expectations, centered around three core values: **Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible**. Students participated in activities and discussions to help them understand what these expectations look like throughout the school day.

**Being safe** means that at MGC and in our community, we protect ourselves and others through our actions.

**Being respectful** means that at MGC and in our community, we show we care for others through our choices and behavior.

**Being responsible** means that at MGC and in our community, we take ownership of our actions and do what needs to be done.

We look forward to partnering with you in reinforcing these values and building a strong, supportive school community.

Proud to BE...MGC! Safe. Respectful. Responsible.

## **Black History Month**

Students and teachers continue to work on their Black History projects and presentations. **Please join us on Friday Mar 6, 2026 at 1:30.** The program will take place in the church. Parents that are interested in taking their children after the program will need to return to the school to sign them out. Parents will be asked to wait in the library for their child(ren) to be dismissed from class.

MGC Celebrates

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 2026

MGC acknowledges and is committed to teaching that Black History contains a whole spectrum of diverse experiences and histories, from Roots in Africa to Slavery to Civil Rights to Current Status to Future Legacies - and everything in between.

Check out what MGC students will be learning!



**Identity Through Story**

Little tiny bodies are more apt to absorb songs and stories about the depth of Black history than formal lessons.

K3/K4 - African beats and stories with Black protagonists

**Unearthing Roots**

Black history stems from the royalty of African kings and queens. Students will learn about the majesty of Africa as a foundation to their understanding of Black history and culture.

K5 - African folk stories  
3rd - 7 Natural Wonders of Africa  
6th- African Country Research and African Geography

**Understanding Injustice**

While Black history does not start at the negative eras of slavery, civil rights, and inequity, they are pivotal to the understanding of Black history. Students will study these injustices and the giants who fought against them.

- 1st - Introduction to Racism
- 4th - Slavery and Its Abolition
- 7th - Civil Rights Movement

**Developing a Legacy**

Black history does not end with Martin Luther King Jr. -- it is still being made! Students will investigate people recently and currently leaving their mark on Black history and will develop a plan for leaving their own legacy.

- 2nd - Current Great Black Leaders and Little Black Leaders
- 5th - Black Scientists/Artists/Musicians Doctors/Lawyers/Etc
- 8th - Current Black Foundations/Companies/Colleges/CEOs

**Ask your students about how Black history is being celebrated in their classes!**



## No School Monday March 9, 2026

Teacher inservice is scheduled for Monday, March 9, there will be no school that day. ECP will be open that day but will only be able to accept 23 students from grades K3-3. There will be a sign up sheet on the sign in table on Monday morning (3/2).

## SAC Meeting

Please join us for our next School Advisor Meeting, Tuesday March 10, 2026 at 6 PM. We will be meeting in the Parish Office for this meeting.

## Library Books

Please make sure that all library books are returned. Notices have gone home detailing what books have been checked out to your child. Prompt return of these books allows them to return to circulation.

## Weather

Since winter is upon us, It is our goal to keep you informed of any weather related closures. Here's a reminder of our inclement weather notification procedure. If Milwaukee Public Schools are closed, MGC

will also be closed. A message will also be sent by email and text. We have access to WITI Fox 6, WISN ABC 12 to report closures.



## **Menus**

**[Breakfast Menu March](#)**

**[Lunch Menu March](#)**

**[Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Menu March](#)**

All enrolled students at Mother of Good Counsel School are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the school year. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.