



BISHOP GARRIGA MIDDLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



{ October 30, 2015 }



Greetings in the peace and love of Christ! The month of November is upon us. This first semester of this school year is going by very quickly. It continues to be a great joy for me to have the opportunity to work with you wonderful children.

During this month of giving thanks, let us remember to give thanks to God our Father for the many blessings He gives to us, even those things that we may, unconsciously, take for granted. We give Him thanks for our health, for family, friends, our beautiful children, and most importantly, for the gift of His Son, Jesus.

***Important Feast Days***

November 1	Feast of All Saints	November 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 2	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	November 22	Feast of Christ the King

**First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2015**

**Holy Mass:** We, as a BGMPS family, invite you to join us for Mass, which is celebrated every Wednesday at 9:15 a. m. Please know that you are most welcome to attend any or all of these Masses.

**BGMPS Prayer Partners:** Grandparents, parents, and other family members of students of BGMPS, please join us for the first gathering of our Prayer Partners. We will meet this coming Monday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls, to pray for our students, teachers, staff members, administrators, families, and all who attend Catholic schools in the Diocese of Corpus Christi. After prayer, coffee and snacks will be available for our Prayer Partners. We look forward to seeing you and praying with you.

**Assembly – Presentation of Honor Roll Certificates and Christian Life Award:** On Wednesday, November 4, at 2:30 p. m., there will be an assembly in the Kenedy Center/Gymnasium. At this assembly, there will be a presentation of certificates to students who:

- were named to the Principal's Honor Roll for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- were named to the A-B Honor Roll for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- are recipients of the Christian Life Award\*

\*The Christian Life Award is an award given to a girl and a boy in each homeroom who exemplify Christ-like behavior at school, home, and in the community.

Parents, grandparents, and family members are invited to attend this assembly.



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**Lunch with the Principal:** Students who were named to the Principal's Honor Roll had lunch with the Principal on Thursday, October 29. There were 25 students named to the Principal's Honor Roll. Students were thanked for the efforts they had put forth to attain an average of 90 or higher in every subject area the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the school year. Also, they were thanked for the positive attitude and Christ-like behavior they have demonstrated at BGMPS. Hats off to these students for being named to the Principal's Honor Roll for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this school year!

***Special Announcement***

At the end of the school year, there will be a special luncheon for students who are named to the Principal's Honor at least 3 of the 4 quarters (9 week periods) of the school year. Parents of these students will be invited, as well.

Students, let's work hard at keeping your grades up and really try to attain 90 or above in all subject areas this quarter, as well as in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of the school year.

**BGMPS Booster Club:** As you are aware, Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School sponsors a Booster Club, under the direction of Athletic Director Jack Tanny. There appears to be a bit of a misconception regarding the Booster Club, in that it has come to my attention that some parents think the Booster Club is only for the sport of football. This is not accurate. The BGMPS Booster Club exists to benefit **all** students in **all** extracurricular sports, i.e., volleyball, basketball, golf, tennis, etc. The next meeting of the BGMPS Booster Club is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 p. m. in the Kenedy Center/Gymnasium. I invite all parents of students in the various sports programs to attend this and all other Booster Club meetings. Let us continue to work together for the benefit of our students who participate in BGMPS Athletics.

**Thanksgiving Luncheon:** BGMPS will sponsor a Thanksgiving Luncheon for students and their families. The luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, November 19 and will be held in the Kenedy Center/Gymnasium. There will be two lunch shifts, since we anticipate many families will take time to eat with their children on that day. The lunch shifts are as follows:

11:00 a. m.-12:00 p. m.	6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders*
12:00-1:00 p. m.	7 <sup>th</sup> Graders

\*For those families who have children in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grades or 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, you may have lunch with your children in those grades at either lunch shift. I ask that you please let the front office know at what time you will be eating lunch with your children, so that proper arrangements can be made.



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*Important Dates in November*

**Please be aware of these important dates in month of November.**

Friday, November 6 – Full Day

Friday, November 13 – Diocesan Teacher In-Service Day – No school for students

Monday, November 16 – Full Day

Thursday, November 19 – Thanksgiving Luncheon

Friday, November 20 – Early Dismissal Day – Students dismissed at 12:30 p. m. – No lunch or Afterschool Care on this day

Please remember to say your prayers and be kind to one another. ☺

Have a wonderful week, and God bless.