



**BISHOP GARRIGA MIDDLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



September 4, 2015

Greetings in the peace and love of Christ! It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the fourth week of school for the 2015-16 school year. I sincerely appreciate the efforts our young ladies and men are making to keep their attitudes and behavior positive. Please continue to encourage your daughters and sons to be and do their best at all times.

Volleyball Tournament: Incarnate Word Academy is sponsoring a Volleyball Tournament on September 4-5. Our Lady Crusaders will participate in this tournament. Coach Tanny has distributed the tournament schedule to our players. Good luck, Lady Crusaders. Do your best!

Birthday Celebration – Blessed Mother: Tuesday, September 8 is the birthday of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a birthday celebration in her honor at the grotto in the courtyard at 2:30 p. m. on this day. Parents/Guardians are most welcome to attend this celebration.

Holy Mass: Holy Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 9 at 9:15 a. m. at the Immaculate Conception Chapel. You are most welcome to attend this and any of our Masses.

Football Games: The BGMPS 7th and 8th football teams played against the London Pirates this past Wednesday evening. I was impressed with the good efforts shown forth by the young men at each of their games. The boys played very good games. I want to thank them for keeping their spirits positive and for demonstrating great support for their fellow team members. **Crusaders – you make us very proud!** Keep up the great team work!

Hats off to our cheerleaders for keeping our spirits up throughout the games. The girls worked really hard to keep up the spirit and enthusiasm of our fans. Good job, ladies!

Also, a big “thank you” to BGMPS faculty, staff, and parents who assisted with the various tasks that evening (concession stand, ticket booth, field work, etc.). I was happy to see so many of us working together to support our teams, cheerleaders, and school.

Grandparent’s Day Celebration: BGMPS would like to invite all our Grandparents to join us for Mass, Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the St. JP II Campus at 9:15am. Following Mass, we invite you and your grandchild/ren for a reception in the gymnasium, which includes Pan Dulce, coffee and juice. Salazar Photography will be set up in the gymnasium to take photographs of the Grandparent with their grandchild/ren for a fee of \$5.00 which covers one 5X7 photo. The fee is to be paid to Salazar Photography the day of the celebration. **Please call the front office to R.S.V.P., so we can have an accurate head count for the reception.** Looking forward to seeing you!

After School Care and Football Games: For students who attend our After School Care Program, if parents want them to attend the home football games, they need to make arrangements for their child/ren to be taken to the games at the St. John Paul II Football Field. Due to the fact that we are limited in personnel, there is no one available to walk students in the After School Care Program to the football field. Students will not be allowed to walk to the football field without proper adult supervision.



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After School Student Pick Up: I have noticed that several students are walking to the gymnasium at the end of the school day to be picked up by parents. That area is not a designated pick up area. Students are to be picked up after school at the front of the school. I have alerted teachers to direct students to the front of the school building for pick up.

Our school is a very large, open campus. Due to the fact that we are limited in the number of personnel, it is not possible to assign teachers/staff to supervise student pick up at the gymnasium. For the safety of your child/ren, please assist us with this and tell your child/ren that they will be picked up in the front of the school at the end of the school day.

Also, there are some students who want to leave campus with their friends. This is not allowed. Students cannot leave campus with anyone other than their parent/guardian. If there is a hardship or an emergency where the parent/guardian is in need of their child/ren to leave campus with someone other than themselves, they must:

1. call the school to inform us of this.
2. send written permission to the school informing us of the need for their child/ren to leave campus with someone other than you, the parent/guardian.

Pie, Cookie Dough, Cheesecake Fund Raiser: Order forms and money for the pie, cookie dough, cheesecake fund raiser are due today, Friday, September 4. If you failed to send the order form and money for this fund raiser, you may submit these on Tuesday, September 8.

Birthday Wishes: The BGMPS faculty, staff, and administration extend birthday wishes to the following teachers, staff, and students who will be celebrating birthdays next week:

September 8 Our Blessed Virgin Mary and Mrs. Janelle Logue
September 11 Jesus Martinez

We wish you a wonderful birthday celebration and ask that God grant you many more years of excellent health of mind, body, and spirit. Enjoy your special day!

Address/Phone Number Changes: Please notify the front office of any changes you may have in address (physical or email) or phone numbers. Thank you!

******Special Announcement******

Parents, we at Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School want to offer a Catholic middle school education to as many young ladies and men in our community as possible. Please talk to your family members and friends. Tell them about the great things happening at this fine school, and encourage them to visit the school. If, through your recruiting efforts, a student enrolls in and completes the school year at BGMPS, your last month's tuition payment will be waived. (You will still be responsible for fees due, i.e., fund raising, service hours, etc.) Please help us in our efforts to provide a strong, faith based education to as many of our young people as possible.



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Bible Verse: The Bible verse that will be studied in our classrooms the week of September 7 is as follows.

Bible Verse: Romans 15: 13

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

The Bible verse is posted in the classrooms. Teachers review the verse with our young people, discuss its meaning with them, and instruct them on how this verse applies to them in daily life.

Labor Day: Monday, September 7 is Labor Day. School will not be in session on that day. Enjoy the long weekend, and please be safe.

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

Have a wonderful week, and God bless.

