



BISHOP GARRIGA MIDDLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



{ November 20, 2015 }



Greetings in the peace and love of Christ! 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.

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.

Holy Mass – December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception: As you are aware, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. BGMPS will celebrate its Mass on this day, in place of its regular Wednesday Mass. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at 8:30 a. m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the St. John Paul II High School campus. After the Mass, we will be presenting a short play in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited to this special Mass and to the play in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

BGMPS Prayer Partners: Our next gathering for the BGMPS Prayers Partners will be on **Monday, November 30 at 2:00 p. m.** Grandparents, parents, guardians, and any others are invited to come pray with us. We look forward to seeing you and praying with you.

Christmas Tree Lane: The Bishop Garriga School Advisory Council is sponsoring its 1st Annual Christmas Tree Lane. The intent is to have Christmas Trees displayed in the grassy driveway entrance of our school. There is availability for up to 10 Christmas Tree sponsorships. The cost to sponsor a Christmas Tree is \$500.00. The donations from Christmas Tree Lane will be applied towards setting up electricity in the grassy area at the front of the school, purchasing lights, supplies, decorations, and poinsettias. Also, the \$500.00 includes a sign that will bear the name(s) of the sponsor for the particular Tree. It is our intent to have the lit Christmas Trees in conjunction with the St. John Paul II Live Nativity.

Included with this newsletter is the Christmas Tree sponsorship form.

If you know of any companies who would like to sponsor a Christmas Tree or if you, as a group of families, would like to sponsor a Tree, please contact the school office or fill out the sponsorship form and submit it to the school office. If you choose not to sponsor a Christmas Tree, but would like to make a donation towards this project, this will be welcomed, as well.



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Many thanks are extended to Ray Arellano and Sandra Morales, School Advisory Council members, for their hard work in making this special project a reality. Thank you for all you do to help continue to beautify our school.

Christmas Play: BGMPs will be presenting a Christmas Play on Friday, December 11 at 6:30 p. m. We will begin in the courtyard of the school (the area behind the main building) with music provided by a Mariachi Trio, followed by Las Posadas. After Las Posadas, we will gather in the Kenedy Center/Gymnasium for the Christmas Play. Please come join us as we welcome our Savior through prayer, song, and fellowship.

Christmas Raffle: BGMPs has kicked off its annual Christmas Raffle Fund Raiser. Tickets were distributed to students on Thursday, November 19. This is one of our school's major fund raisers. Please help us raise the needed funds; proceeds from the raffle will go towards the general operating fund of the school. Tickets can be sold through Friday, December 11; raffle money will have to be turned in to the Finance Office by 12:00 noon on Friday, December 11. The raffle drawing will be conducted after the Christmas Play on Friday, December 11.

Parents/Guardians will receive 100% credit towards their fund raising commitment.

We, at Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School, are very blessed to have wonderful students who walk through our doors every day. We, too, are blessed with wonderful, supportive families. If it were not for you, we would not have our wonderful students – we would not have this wonderful school. Please continue to assist us with our school's fund raisers. It is through this funding and the tuition you pay that the school is able to pay its employees, the utility bills, and other related expenditures that allow us to form our students spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. I thank you, in advance, for your generosity and kind assistance with our Christmas Raffle. May God bless you for all you do to assist with the continued growth and development of BGMPs.



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Blanket Drive: BGMPS will be sponsoring a Blanket Drive for the purpose of supplying warm blankets for the homeless in our community. The Blanket Drive will begin on Monday, November 30; the school will be collecting blankets through Wednesday, December 16. BGMPS would like to deliver the blankets to the Mother Teresa Shelter on Thursday and Friday, December 17 & 18.

We ask that you assist the school with this pertinent service project. We ask that, through your child, you send blankets for the homeless. New and used (please make sure they are washed) blankets will be accepted. Please remember that for every \$10.00 that is applied towards the cost of the blanket, you will receive 1 hour towards your service hours' commitment.

As we are reminded in Luke 3:11 – “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none...” Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Book Fair: BGMPS, through the kind assistance of Mrs. Twyla Meier, is sponsoring a Book Fair. The Book Fair will be available to students and families December 7-17. Please visit our Book Fair during this time. Remember – Christmas is just around the corner. You may want to consider purchasing books as Christmas gifts for your family or friends.

Birthday Wishes: The BGMPS faculty, staff, and administration extend birthday wishes to the following students who will celebrate a birthday during our Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 23 Monica Del Real Trevino

November 26 Molly Acosta
Isabel Vera

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

Thanksgiving Holiday: The Thanksgiving Holiday for BGMPS will be Monday-Friday, November 23-27. Classes resume on Monday, November 30.





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A Thanksgiving Prayer

I am thankful Lord, so thankful, that you bless me day after day.
I am thankful for the food, shelter, friends, and family You have given me.
Though I am quite grateful for all these things that I hold so dear,
I am more grateful and cherish so much Your presence in my life.
I pray for blessings on my family, friends, and those who in some way have touched my heart. Bless those who are homeless, addicted, ill, and have no one to pray for them. Let Your mercy, compassion, and love be felt by them. Bless our country, our home, our hearts.
In Jesus' Holy Name I pray.

Amen.

Happy
THANKSGIVING
Day



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

God bless.

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