



BISHOP GARRIGA MIDDLE PREPARATORY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



March 28, 2016

Greetings in the peace and love of Christ! I hope that all is well with you and your family. Please know that I pray for you every day. May God continue to be a beacon of hope in your life.

The Easter Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum. The Triduum is a time that follows the Lenten Season and precedes the Easter Season. The Triduum is observed from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. These three days – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil – draw us into the mystery of our salvation.

The word “Triduum” comes from Latin roots that essentially mean a period of three days. The celebration of the Easter Triduum marks the end of the Lenten Season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. Catholics typically celebrate the Triduum by participating in the Holy Thursday Mass, the Good Friday Service, and the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass.

Report Cards: Report Cards for the 3rd quarter of the school year were distributed to your child on Thursday, March 24. Please review the report card, sign it, and return it back to the school by Monday, March 28. If you have questions on any of the grades on the report card, please contact that subject area teacher.

If your child did not receive his/her report card, please contact the school’s Finance Office.

BGMPS Prayer Partners: The BGMPS Prayer Partners will be meeting on **Monday, March 28** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please join us for this special time of prayer. We continue to pray for our school community, our families, and other school communities in the Diocese.

IOWA Achievement Test: The IOWA Achievement Test will be administered to students from April 4-15. This achievement test is an assessment tool that will help the school determine areas of strengths, as well as areas that are in need of improvement regarding the educational skills of all our students. On these days, please make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast every morning and gets plenty of rest during the evenings/nights. Please encourage them to focus on what is being tested and to do their best in completing the sections of the achievement test.

BGMPS Cheerleading Tryout Camp: The BGMPS Cheerleading Tryout Camp will be held from April 5-8 from 3:30-5:30 p. m. in the Kenedy Center/Gymnasium. Those interested in participating in this Camp may pick up a form in the school’s Front Office. For more information, please contact Mrs. Janelle Logue at 361-851-0853 ext. 809.





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Fund Raising Opportunities: Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School, as well as all Catholic schools in the country, receives no State or Federal funding for school operational purposes. In order to keep the school in operation and to provide a quality educational program for its students, BGMPs relies solely on the tuition charged to parents and school fund raisers.

Currently, the annual full tuition amount charged to families is \$3,630.00, which is only 2/3 of the actual cost to educate a student at Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School of \$5,405.00. Additionally, 51% of the families whose children are registered at BGMPs are on some type of tuition assistance. Thus, the need to schedule fund raisers.

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, you have been very diligent in assisting the school with fund raising activities. In order to help you meet your fund raising commitment to BGMPs, the school is providing two additional opportunities for fund raising. They are:

1. **Spaghetti Dinner:** The Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 8 from 4:00-7:00 p. m. Spaghetti dinners will be available for pick-up only, with dinners being prepared at the St. John Paul II Cafeteria. Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner are available for families to sell. **Parents, Guardians, and Grandparents, you will receive 50% credit for tickets you sell;** this amount will be applied to the family's fund raising commitment. Tickets are being sold for \$7.00. If you are in need of tickets, please contact the school.
2. **Spring Raffle:** BGMPs will be sponsoring a Spring Raffle. There are 20 prizes for this raffle, which include a 32" HD Television Set, a Yeti cooler, 30 oz. Yeti Rambler insulated tumblers, a beautiful hand-made cross, a digital drum set, and various gift certificates. Tickets will be available for sale on April 4 and can be sold through April 29. The raffle drawing will take place in early May. **Parents/Guardians/Grandparents will receive 100% credit towards their fund raising commitment.**

It is our hope that these two fund raisers will help you meet your fund raising commitment to BGMPs. The fund raisers will also assist our school in maintaining a balanced operating budget.

Registration in Progress: Registration for the 2016-17 school year is in progress. Please talk to your family members and friends 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.

As part of the registration process, families who are faced with financial difficulties are able to apply for tuition assistance through the SMART Tuition Aid Program. The Diocese of Corpus Christi is committed to continue to provide funding to Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School for tuition assistance purposes. **For accountability purposes and in order for the Diocese to provide Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School with fair and just tuition assistance funding, families who anticipate a need for tuition assistance must apply for this through the SMART Tuition Aid Program. Applications for tuition assistance for the 2016-17 school year must be submitted to SMART Tuition Aid Program by April 15th.**



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

March 27 Andrew “Drew” Reyna – 8th Grader **March 30** Hannah Claudio – 8th Grader

We wish these fine people 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!

Important Dates in April

- April 4-15 IOWA Achievement Testing for all students
- April 4 Tickets for Spring Raffle will be distributed.
- April 8 Spaghetti Dinner – for pick up only – St. John Paul II Cafetorium

****Special Announcement****

Parents/Guardians, please be aware of the fact that students will not be able to take their final exams in May if all finances – tuition, fees, service hours, fund raising commitment, etc. – are not current. If you are experiencing a problem with your financial commitment to our school, please contact our school’s Finance Office.

An Easter Prayer

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal Mystery established the New Covenant of reconciliation, grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.*



Rejoice, for He is Risen!

On behalf of the BGMPS community, I wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and peace filled Easter Season. May the blessings of the Risen Christ remain in your hearts during this Holy Season and always.

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

Have a wonderful week, and God bless.

Paper copies of this newsletter are available at the front office of our school.