



BISHOP GARRIGA MIDDLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



*August 21, 2017*

**School Mass:** Weekly school Mass will be celebrated every Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in the SJPII Chapel. All parents and families are welcome to join us!

**Circle of Grace:** BGMPS will begin teaching students the specialized curricula of *Circle of Grace* beginning August 21-25 (6<sup>th</sup> graders), August 28 to September 01 (7<sup>th</sup> graders), and September 4-8 (8<sup>th</sup> graders). This program will be split into a male-only class taught by Mr. Bonilla (counselor) within the students' religion class, and a female-only class taught by Mrs. Konitzer (Religion teacher) within the students' religion class. Please sign and return the permission slip stating the student has permission to attend no later than Monday, August 21, 2017. Contact [Mr. Bonilla](#) with any questions.

**Revised School Calendar:** A copy of the revised 2017-18 BGMPS School Calendar has been attached to the newsletter. The date of the SJPII Black & Gold Gala has moved to January 20 so school will be in session on Friday, October 13. The final day of class prior to Christmas Break is Tuesday, December 19. There is no school on Friday, February 23 due to a Teacher In-Service. The final day of school will be on Wednesday, May 30.

**Cheer Tryouts:** All new BGMPS students are invited to tryout for cheer on Monday, August 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Cheer room (St. Pius X Portable). Practice will be held for all cheerleaders, on the following dates: August 21, 29, and 30 from 8<sup>th</sup> period until 5:00 p.m. Please contact [Mrs. Cindy Sandoval](#) at 361-549-5151 for more information.

**Parent Student Handbook:** A copy of the 2017-18 BGMPS Parent Student Handbook was attached to the newsletter last week. Your child received a paper copy of the signature page (p.18). Please sign this paper and have your child return it to his or her homeroom teacher by Monday, August 21.

**Parker Uniforms:** Your child will need to purchase dress pants (boys) or skirts (girls) from Parker Uniforms by September 1. Until then, students may wear navy/khaki dress pants (boys) or skirts (girls) of other brands. Parker's updated hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The location is still in the Town and Country Center ([4250 Alameda St.](#)). However, it is now located across the parking lot from their previous location, between Town and Country Café and Edward Jones. Please call 361-906-0400 for more information.

**Jean Day:** If your child participates in Jean Day on Fridays, standard regular fit blue jeans are required. No skinny jeans, super skinny jeans, jeggings, etc. are permitted.

**Athletics Physicals:** Your child needs to have their annual physical completed and documentation turned in to their coach in order to participate in sports. Click [HERE](#) for the physical form for your pediatrician to fill out.

**School Pictures:** Order forms for upcoming school pictures were distributed in homeroom on Friday. Pictures which will take place on Thursday, August 31. Your child needs to wear the full Mass uniform.



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**Liturgy to Begin the School Year Mass:** The BGMPs 8th grade will visit the Corpus Christi Cathedral along with the eldest class from each of the Catholic schools in the diocese to celebrate Mass with Bishop Mulvey on Thursday, August 24 at 10:00 a.m. Parents and families are welcome to attend. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students received a permission form that needs to be signed and returned by Wednesday, August 23.

**Club Meetings:** Clubs began meeting last week during 8th period (2:45-3:30). The full list of clubs and meeting days can be found below – club sponsors are in parentheses along with any fees:

Monday: Student Council ([Mrs. Hernandez](#) and [Mrs. Ochoa](#)) – \$10

Tuesday: 3H – Happy, Healthy, Holy ([Mrs. Flores](#) and [Ms. Enloe](#)) – \$10

Wednesday: Science & Ecology ([Miss Lumetta](#)) – \$10

Thursday: Yearbook ([Mrs. Le Grange](#))

Friday: [MATHCOUNTS](#) ([Mr. Derocher](#))

**Birthday Wishes:** The BGMPs faculty, staff, and administration extend birthday wishes to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays this week:

August 20 – Alexa Patterson – 6<sup>th</sup> grader

August 21 – Roderick Tilley – 6<sup>th</sup> grader

August 24 – Kaylee Medina and Julissa Villareal – 7<sup>th</sup> graders

August 25 – Preston Bessant – 7<sup>th</sup> grader and Matthew Garcia – 8<sup>th</sup> grader

August 26 – Andrew Ybarra – 7<sup>th</sup> grader

We wish these fine young 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!

*“Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’  
And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour.” ~ Matthew 15:28*