



BGMPS
CRUSADER
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



May 7, 2018

Our mission at BGMPS is to prepare students for this life and the next by integrating Gospel Values, Catholic Doctrine, and Catholic Traditions into their academic experiences and daily lives.

Cinco de Mayo: Thank you to all students, parents, teachers, and staff who made the Cinco de Mayo celebration a beautiful success! In case you missed it, click [HERE](#) to see our beautiful folklorico dancers.

Teacher Appreciation Week – Notice from the PTO Advisory Committee: The week of May 7-11 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Parents, let's show our teachers how much we truly appreciate all they do by showering them with Treats. We are asking that each student choose one teacher to share something with them each day during this week. Some suggestions are as follows:

Monday: Bring your teacher their favorite drink (ex. Coffee, Soda, water, tea)

Tuesday: Bring your teacher their favorite classroom supply (ex. post-its, highlighters, copy paper, colored pens)

Wednesday: Bring your teacher their favorite snack (ex. trail mix, cookies, pretzels)

Thursday: Bring your teacher their favorite flower (ex. carnation, daisy, rose, tulips)

Friday: Bring your teacher a gift from the heart (ex. gift card, thank you card, prayer card)

OUR TEACHERS ARE THE BEST!!! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

Food Handler's Class: In order to volunteer in the concession stand, parents need to have a food handler's card. There will be a class offered at Most Precious Blood on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the St. Juliana Family Center. The cost is \$10 (cash only). You can also take the class online by clicking the following link: <https://corpuschristitx.foodhandlerclasses.com/courses>.

Mother's Day Luncheon: This special luncheon to honor our mothers will be on Thursday, May 10 in the Kenedy Center/Gym after the 10:15 a.m. Mass. There are no more tickets available for purchase.

Pizza Day: Students have the option of purchasing two slices of Pizza Hut pizza, chips, and a drink for \$5 on Friday, May 11. Please note that the only other lunch option will be for students to bring their own sack lunch. We will also have Snowie Bus serving snow cones so bring extra \$!

FACTS Management: Parents should have received an email from FACTS Management inviting you to set up your payment plan before June 1 for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. If you did not receive an email, please contact the Finance Office.

Tuition Assistance: Any families who would like to apply for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year can do so by clicking the following link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

Mission Project: The BGMPS community will participate in *Quenching Their Thirst* from April 9-27. The purpose of the project is to provide monies to buy water for the St. Theresa Home for Girls in the town of Barcelos, located



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on the Rio Negro in the Amazon Region of Brazil. We have a bulletin board in the school's main hallway with detailed information and pictures of the children we will be helping. The homerooms with the highest donation amounts will be awarded: 1) Pizza party 2) Ice cream social 3) Snack treat.

New Student Placement Testing: All incoming students for the 2018-19 school year are invited to take the placement test on Saturday, Saturday, May 12. All incoming students are required to take this placement test, which consists of Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies.

Registration for 2018-19 School Year: The registration fee for the 2018-2019 school year for current 6th and 7th graders is \$225.00. Registration for students new to Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School for the 2018-19 school year is ongoing.

8th Grade End-of-Year Mass: There will be a Mass on honor our 8th graders on Tuesday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Ss. Cyril and Methodius. Students need to arrive by 9:15 a.m.

Summer School: If your child fails (below 70) one or two subjects, summer school will be required to be promoted to the next grade level. Your child will need to take summer school at BGMPS – no public school summer school courses will be accepted. If your child fails three or more subjects, s/he will need to repeat the grade level. Please contact your child's teacher(s) if there are concerns about failing for the year.

Fund Raising Incentive: The Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School Advisory Council, in collaboration with and approval of the School Administration, would like to offer the following fundraising incentive to parents/guardians who intend to continue to provide a Catholic school education for their children.

For parents/guardians who exceed their fundraising commitment to Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School this current school year, one-half of the extra money raised would be applied toward their child's Registration Fee and/or Service Fee for the 2018-19; the other one-half would be deposited into the BGMPS operating account.

For example, if a family raises \$300.00 over and above their fundraising commitment to BGMPS:

- \$150.00 would be applied towards their child's Registration and/or Service Fees for the 2018-19 school year
- \$150.00 would be deposited into the BGMPS operating account

This incentive would apply only for children of parents/guardians who intend to enroll their child in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade at Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School or the 9th grade at St. John Paul II High School the 2018-19 school year. The extra money raised will not be transferable to any other family member (cousin, nephew, niece, etc.) or to any other Catholic school.



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SJPII Online Application and Enrollment:

The St. John Paul II High School [online application](#) is now live. Since the process is now online there will be a new process. First, you must apply online. After completing all the requirements, including the interview, which can be scheduled [HERE](#), admissions will be decided. The online enrollment packet can be filled out after your child is accepted. Applying online is not enrolling online. Please contact [James Hernandez](#) with any questions or call 361-855-5744.

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| ONLINE APPLICATION IS LIVE | | |
| STEP 1. APPLY ONLINE | STEP 2. COMPLETE INTERVIEW | STEP 3. ENROLL ONLINE |
| JPIIHIGHSCHOOL.ORG/APPLY <small>*ENROLL BY 4/27 FOR \$100 OFF ENROLLMENT FEES NOTE: APPLYING IS NOT ENROLLING</small> | | |

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

- May 6 – Marcus Aguas – 6th grader
- May 7 – Anthony Favata – 8th grader
- May 8 – Raul Ayala – 7th grader; Jaelynn and Jolie Elizalde – 6th graders
- May 11 – Kaitlyn Lopez – 6th grader and Emma Ybarra – 8th grader
- May 12 – Javen Haywood – 6th 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!

**** Special Announcement****

Parents/Guardians, please be aware 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.

Checks will not be accepted after May 1, 2018. Payments to the school for any financial obligation will be accepted via cash or credit card.

“Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God...for God is love.” ~ 1 John 4:7-8

“Jesus said to his disciples...“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” ~ John 15:12-13