



BISHOP GARRIGA MIDDLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



{ December 11, 2015 }



Greetings in the peace and love of Christ! As we continue our Advent journey, let us take time to reflect on the beautiful readings the Church gives us during this Holy Season. Additionally, let us prepare ourselves for the celebration of the coming of the Christ Child. I challenge all of us to do at least one random act of kindness each day during Advent. Let us also take time to pray daily as a family in order to prepare ourselves for the Feast of Christmas. Let us continue to give God thanks for our health, for family, friends, our beautiful children, and most importantly, for the gift of His Son, Jesus.

**BGMPS Prayer Partners:** Our next gathering for the BGMPS Prayers Partners will be on **Monday, December 14 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. We have begun as a small group; my hope is that we will have more and more people attend this special time of prayer.

**Christmas Tree Lane:** You have noticed the Christmas trees and other Christmas related decorations directly in front of the main building of the school. These decorations add to the beauty of the school and help heighten the Christmas Spirit. Christmas Tree Lane was made possible by many who helped set up and decorate that area. Individuals who helped with Christmas Tree Lane are:

- Mr. Ray Arellano, Sr. – Grandparent of Ray Arellano, III – one of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders
- Mr. Sean Higgins – Parent of Valentin Oranday – one of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders
- Mr. Julian Rodriguez – Parent of Lauren Rodriguez – one of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Mr. Joe Henry and Mrs. Sandra Morales – Parents of Joe Henry Morales, Jr. – one of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Mrs. Anissa Hernandez – Parent of Adan Hernandez – one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Joe Henry Morales, Jr.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Adan Hernandez

Sincerest thanks are extended to the above named individuals who assisted in making our Christmas Tree Lane a reality.

If any other parents helped with this project and were not named, please let me know so that I can give them the credit deserved.



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**Christmas Play:** Our Christmas Play on Friday, December 11 was a great success! Our students did a marvelous job in re-enacting the events that lead up to the birth of our Savior. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all students who participated, the Religion Department for sponsoring the Play, Mrs. and Ms. Logue for facilitating the cheerleader events and Liturgical Dance, and the cheerleaders. All of you did a magnificent job in making our Christmas Play one of great beauty. God bless you all.

**Christmas Raffle:** As was announced earlier this week, the Christmas Raffle has been extended to Friday, December 18. Tickets can be sold through Friday, December 18; raffle money will have to be turned in to the Finance Office by 9:00 a. m. on Friday, December 18. The raffle drawing will be conducted at 11:30 a. m. at the gym on that day.

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

**\*\*If you are a winner of one of the raffle prizes and are unable to pick up your prize on Friday, December 18, you may pick up the prize in the school office on Monday, December 21 or Tuesday, December 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please make sure that the ticket stub is filled out completely, including the contact phone number.\*\***

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:** As you are aware, BGMPs is sponsoring a Blanket Drive for the purpose of supplying warm blankets for the homeless in our community. The Blanket Drive continues through Thursday, December 17. BGMPs would like to deliver the blankets to the Mother Teresa Shelter on Thursday and Friday, December 17 & 18.

We have already collected several blankets; thank you for your kindness and generosity. 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, again, for your kindness and generosity.

I was speaking to a homeless man a couple of weeks ago. He said to me that he was dreading the cold and rainy winter months. He also stated that he was looking forward to the warmth of a blanket and some dry socks. He stated that when his feet are cold, he cannot rest comfortably. In addition to the blanket I will be donating, I will be donating white tube socks. Hopefully, we can collect some socks for the homeless, as well.

**Book Fair:** BGMPs, through the kind assistance of Mrs. Twyla Meier, is sponsoring a Book Fair. You are invited to our Scholastic Book Fair, a reading event packed with excitement for students and families. The more a child reads, the stronger reader he or she becomes. Strong reading skills are essential to a child's success in school and life. Our Book Fair encourages this success by offering students access to great books at affordable prices. Children are more likely to read books they personally choose. The wide variety of choices offered at our Book Fair ensures that there will be something for everyone! Please join us to make this Book Fair the BEST our school has ever seen.

The Book Fair will continue to operate on the following days:

- December 14th-15th before and after school

Please contact Mrs. Meier at [TWilson@bgmps.org](mailto:TWilson@bgmps.org) if you would like to volunteer to help at the Book Fair.





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**Birthday Wishes:** The BGMPS faculty, staff, and administration extend birthday wishes to the following students and staff members who will celebrate a birthday this week and through the Christmas Holiday.

December 12 Annabelle Plata  
 December 18 Jade De Leon  
 December 24 Ms. Diana Sanchez  
 December 30 Veronica Ramirez  
                   Lauren Rodriguez  
 January 1     Matthew Granados

December 17 Nathalia Fernandez  
 December 20 John Villarreal  
 December 25 Alfredo Trejo  
 December 31 Mackinnley Scott  
 January 3     Araceli Lozano  
                   Jillian Moore

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!





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**Schedule – Midterm Exams:** Please be aware of the schedule for our school’s Midterm Exams.

Day	Date	Event (Period)	Time
Monday	Dec. 14	Review Day	Regular Schedule
Tuesday	Dec. 15	Homeroom	8:00-8:25 a. m.
		Exam – 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Period	8:30-10:00 a. m.
		Break – Courtyard	10:00-10:25 a. m.
		Exam – 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:30 a. m.-12:00 noon
		Homeroom	12:05-12:30 p. m.
		<b>Classes Dismissed at 12:30 p. m.</b>	
Wednesday	Dec. 16	Homeroom	8:00-8:25 a. m.
		Exam – 4 <sup>th</sup> Period	8:30-10:00 a. m.
		Break – Courtyard	10:00-10:25 a. m.
		Exam – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	10:30 a. m.-12:00 noon
		Homeroom	12:05-12:30 p. m.
		<b>Classes Dismissed at 12:30 p. m.</b>	
Thursday	Dec. 17	Homeroom	8:00-8:25 a. m.
		Exam – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	8:30-10:00 a. m.
		Break – Courtyard	10:00-10:25 a. m.
		Exam – 1 <sup>st</sup> Period	10:30 a. m.-12:00 noon
		Homeroom	12:05-12:30 p. m.
		<b>Classes Dismissed at 12:30 p. m.</b>	
Friday	Dec. 18	Movies	8:15-9:30 a. m.
		Games	9:45-11:45 a. m.
		Homeroom	11:50 a. m.-12:00 noon
		<b>Classes Dismissed at 12:00 noon</b>	

**\*\*Please note that classes on Tuesday, December 15 – Thursday, December 17 will be dismissed at 12:30 p. m. Classes on Friday, December 18 will dismiss at 12:00 noon. There will be no Afterschool Care available on these days.\*\***



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**Blue Jeans Free Day:** On Friday, December 18, students will be able to wear blue jeans, free of charge, as long as they wear a BGMPs Spirit/Athletic Shirt. Students will not be charged the \$1.00 to wear blue jeans on this day. Please be reminded that blue jeans must be in compliance with BGMPs standards and expectations.



**An Advent Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we praise You for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise You for the light of Israel: the Law, the Prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise You for Jesus Christ, Your Son, the true Light of the world, the Light which no darkness can overcome. He is Emmanuel who saved the world from darkness and brought humanity into the peace of everlasting Light. We praise You for Mary, who held Your Son in her loving arms, and who was given to us as a Mother at the foot of the Cross. She is the New Eve, leading all her children into the Light of her Son, Jesus. We praise You for the gift of faith, given to us at Baptism, which enlightens our minds to know and accept the Gospel of Truth and Life. Grant that we may always walk as sons and daughters of the Light, keeping the flame of Truth alive in our hearts, until we join You and the Heavenly Host in the Kingdom of everlasting Light.

Amen.

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

**\*\*Hard copies of this newsletter are available in the lobby of the main building.\*\***