



BISHOP GARRIGA MIDDLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

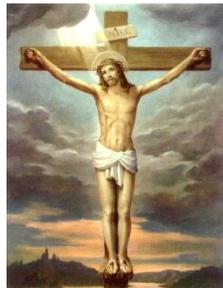
February 22, 2016



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.

A Lenten Reflection

Christ saved us through an act of suffering. He died for us on the cross, bearing in His own person the weight of our sin. On the cross, suffering and love coincided. When one thinks of it, every act of love involves suffering, since love always involves bearing the burden of another. Let us remember to love one another, as Jesus loves us.



BGMPS Prayer Partners: The BGMPS Prayer Partners will be meeting on **Monday, February 22** 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.

Open House – February 27: Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School will be sponsoring an Open House on Saturday, February 27 from 9:00 a. m.-1:00 p. m. in the Kenedy Center/Gymnasium. The Open House is for all who are interested in enrolling their son/daughter at our very fine school the 2016-17 school year. This is a great opportunity for you, as parents, to help BGMPS welcome more students to our campus. Invite your friends and relatives to visit our campus for the Open House on Saturday, February 27.

Early Registration Event: Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School is holding its Early Registration Event on Friday, March 4 in the Kenedy Center/Gymnasium from 8:00 a. m.-7:00 p. m. Early registration will be available to current families and families whose children are not yet attending BGMPS. On this day, families will be given the opportunity to register their children at BGMPS for the 2016-17 school year.

Year of Mercy 24 Hour Adoration for our Lord: In response to Our Holy Father Pope Francis' request to spend time with our Lord in Adoration during this Year of Mercy, Fr. Patrick Higgins, our school's Chaplain, is facilitating a Year of Mercy 24 Hour Adoration for our Lord Event. This event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 4-5 in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the St. John Paul II Campus. We encourage all students and families from our two Diocesan campuses, Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School and St. John Paul II High School, to participate in this Day of Adoration for our Lord. The schedule for this event is attached.



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Shadowing Day: Students from the exiting grades of Catholic elementary schools have been on our campus for a “Shadowing Day” experience. Thus far, students from St. Patrick, Ss. Cyril & Methodius, and Most Precious Blood Catholic Schools have visited our campus. Additionally, I met with a group of parents from St. Pius X Catholic School who are interested in enrolling their children in our fine school. The comments we have heard from these students and families have been very positive. It is our hope that we will be able to welcome more students to BGMPs next school year and provide to more young people the opportunity of an excellent Catholic education.

BGMPs will be welcoming students from the following Catholic schools on the dates indicated below:

- Central Catholic Elementary – February 23
- Holy Family Catholic School – February 23
- St. Pius X Catholic School – February 25

If you know families from these schools whose children are in the exiting grades, please contact them and encourage them to enroll their children in our very fine school. I thank you in advance for your assistance in welcoming more students to our school. Word of mouth is the most effective way to advertise. Please continue to talk to family and friends about BGMPs and invite them to visit our school.

A Great, Big Thank You: I would like to extend an enormous expression of gratitude to the following individuals who have been of great assistance to Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School. Please join me in thanking these individuals for their kind assistance.

- **Beautification Day – January 30:** The following families and BGMPs students were of great assistance in erecting the crosses in front of our school, as well as working to improve the courtyard area of our school:
 - Ray Arellano, Sr. – Grandparent of Ray Arellano, III – 7th Grader
 - Armida Cortinas – Parent of Noah Cortinas – 7th Grader
 - Veronica Cortinas – Sister of Noah Cortinas
 - Abel and Cynthia Garza – Parents of Bryan Garza – 8th Grader
 - Anissa Hernandez – Parent of Adan Hernandez – 8th Grader
 - Jennifer Martinez – Aunt of Nina McWha – 6th Grader
 - Elizabeth Nguyen – Parent of Isabella Nguyen – 7th Grader
 - Julian Rodriguez – Parent of Lauren Rodriguez – 6th Grader
 - Robert Rocha – Parent of Olivia and Gabby Rocha – 6th and 7th Graders
 - Isaiah Rickert, Sr. and Athena Rickert, Isaiah, Jerrica, Johnny, Ava – Family of William David – 8th Grader
 - – Siblings/Relatives of William David
 - William David – 8th Grader
 - Gabby Rocha – 7th Grader
 - Olivia Rocha – 6th Grader



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- **Abel and Cynthia Garza and their crew of workers:** Mr. & Mrs. Garza and a crew of workers re-stripped our front parking lot and repainted the fire zone in front of our school. They did all this work free of charge to our school. Mr. & Mrs. Garza also donated dirt to cover exposed roots from trees in the courtyard area.
- **Henry and Sandra Morales:** Mr. & Mrs. Morales, owners of Mira’s Sports & More, donated the 6th Grade Boys’ Basketball uniforms. The boys looked sharp on the court at Thursday evening’s game.
- **Ash Wednesday Lighting of the Crosses Event:** The following students and staff members were present at 5:30 a. m. on Ash Wednesday for the Lighting of the Crosses Event; KRIS-TV was on campus filming this.

- Molly Acosta – 6 th Grader	- Ilyana Garcia – 6 th Grader	- Nina McWha – 6 th Grader
- Olivia Rocha – 6 th Grader	- Abigail San Miguel – 6 th Grader	- Jasmine Trevino – 6 th Grader
- Brigitte Escamilla – 7 th Grader	- Athena Miranda – 7 th Grader	- Faith Reyes – 7 th Grader
- Gabby Rocha – 7 th Grader	- Claudia Sanchez – 7 th Grader	- Corina Cuya – 8 th Grader
- Julianna Gomez – 8 th Grader	- Madeleine Villanueva – 8 th Grader	- Camie Jimenez – 8 th Grader
- Vincent Dominguez – 6 th Grader	- Alejandro Flores – 6 th Grader	- Joshua Munoz – 6 th Grader
- Marcos Guzman – 7 th Grader	- Joshua Moreno – 7 th Grader	- Michael Scott – 7 th Grader
- Marvin Brooks – 8 th Grader	- Enrique Garcia – 8 th Grader	- Alejandro Lerma – 8 th Grader
- Matthew Granados – 8 th Grader	- Matt Sanchez – 8 th Grader	- Marc Tercero – 8 th Grader
- Mrs. Janelle Logue	- Mr. Michael Derocher	- Coach Jack Tanny

I am most grateful to the above named individuals for their contributions to the continued growth and success of Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School. May God grace them with a multitude of blessings.

****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.

A Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus, Good Master, who in the Sermon on the Mount said, “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied,” pour forth Your mercy on all those who suffer throughout the world because of injustice and extreme poverty. And to us, Your servants, give us generous hearts, disposed to help whomever is in need. Bless all our efforts especially this Lent when we shall help our brothers and sisters by lessening the cruel yoke of hunger and poverty that affects their daily lives. Help us to be witnesses of Your love for others.

Amen.



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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:

February 20 Arleen Canseco

February 25 Alicia Herrera

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 February and March

Please be aware of these important dates in months of February and March.

Friday, February 26 – Catholic Schools’ Night with the Ice Rays – 7:00 p. m. – American Bank Center

Saturday, February 27 – Open House – Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School

9:00 a. m.-1:00 p. m. – Kenedy Center/Gymnasium

Friday, March 4 – Early Registration for the 2016-17 School Year – 8:00 a. m.-7:00 p. m. – Kenedy

Center/Gymnasium

Friday-Saturday, March 4-5 – Year of Mercy 24 Hour Adoration for our Lord – 11:30 a. m. (Friday)

through 11:50 a. m. (Saturday) – Immaculate Conception Chapel, St. John Paul II Campus

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

Have a wonderful week, and God bless.