



BISHOP GARRIGA MIDDLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



March 7, 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

Do not let us be put to shame, but deal with us in Your kindness and great mercy. Azariah asks God to remember His mercies. He places his complete trust in God. These days, we place our lives in God's hands, and we let God forgive us. The challenge of the Gospel is to forgive as we have been forgiven. How often we are so very much harder on others than our God is on us! **An important Lenten examination of conscience:** "So will my Heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.



BGMPS Prayer Partners: The BGMPS Prayer Partners will be meeting on **Monday, March 7** 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.

3-H Club: The 3-H (Holy, Happy, and Healthy) Club has attained the services of Rebecca Smith from the Texas A&M University-CC Health and Science Department. Ms. Smith has begun a 5 week course on Health Careers. Through this 5 week course, she is informing students on the type of education needed to pursue a career in the various Health related fields. The students will also have an opportunity to participate in "hands-on" activities, such as working with a Phlebotomy Arm, Smart Scope, Glow Germ, as well as learning how to take a blood pressure reading and much more.

Open House – Sisters of St. Anne: As you are aware, Sister Lucia D’Cunha joined the BGMPS teaching staff in January 2016. Sister Lucia is a member of the Sisters of St. Anne. Sister Lucia’s Congregation is sponsoring a “Come and See Day”. This open house is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 from 10:00 a. m.-2:00 p. m. at the Convent where the Sisters of St. Anne reside. The Convent is located on 19th Street, which is across from Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital on the grounds of St. Joseph Catholic Church. The purpose of this open house is for people to come to know who the Sisters of St. Anne are and to learn about their Congregation and their Apostolate Missions all over the world. For more information, please contact Sister Lucia at our school.



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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 will be available for families to sell beginning Monday, March 7. **Parents/Guardians/Grandparents will receive 50% credit for tickets they sell;** this amount will be applied to the family's fund raising commitment. Tickets will sell for \$7.00.
2. **Spring Raffle:** BGMPs will be sponsoring a Spring Raffle. The prizes for this raffle 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.

****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.



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A Lenten Prayer

God of infinite love, I thank You for this reminder of Your love and Your call that we be more patient, gentle, and compassionate with others. Here in the middle of Lent, I turn to You to beg for Your help. Please soften my heart. Help me to let go of judging others. I ask You this in Jesus' Holy Name.
Amen.



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

March 6 Javier Castillo – 8th Grader

March 13 John Ramirez – 7th 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 March

Please be aware of these important dates in month of March.

March 14-18 – Spring Break

March 20-26 – Holy Week

March 20 – Palm Sunday

March 24 – Holy Thursday – Live Stations of the Cross – 2:00 p. m. – Kenedy Center/Gymnasium

March 25 – Good Friday – No school for BGMPS students

March 26 – Holy Saturday

March 27 – Easter Sunday

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

Have a wonderful week, and God bless.

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