

SPIRIT WEEK GUIDELINES

Bishop Garcia Diego High School

Spirit Week is designed to build individual class spirit and collective school spirit culminating in the Homecoming football game and dance. The co-curricular activities of Spirit Week are meant to augment school life, but not at the detriment of the academic studies. Therefore, all constituents within the school community should ensure a balance between activities and academics, school life and family life, none of which should be ignored or become the exclusive attention of the week.

The school recognizes that parents are the primary educators of their children and the use of the school campus must be in the spirit of community building to ensure a positive experience. Parent participation and guidance is appreciated; however, **parents and school personnel serve the students best by advising and facilitating.** Students need to experience the satisfaction of doing the activity themselves. Therefore, these guidelines are established to help ensure a positive experience for the entire school community.

1. It is important to note that the school is available during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and until 2:00 on Friday. All activity during this time must be under the supervision of school personnel or designated parent representatives. The school assumes no responsibility for students arriving or departing from the school. Therefore, the school makes no commitment to the parents that students will be checked in or out from the Spirit Week activities. Students are accountable to their parents regarding their whereabouts outside of daily class hours. Supervision is not guaranteed before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
2. The use of a stepladder to hang a banner must be supervised by school personnel or a designated parent representative who must be present at the foot of the ladder.
3. No person may go on any building roof or building ledge or tree.
4. No vehicles are to be driven onto campus at any time during Spirit Week.
5. Materials used may not damage or deface school property or buildings. Do not use masking, packing or duck tape as they damage painted surfaces. No chalk.
6. Activities are confined to the campus; the school does not encourage any gathering off campus at any time of the day during Spirit Week.
7. Activities on campus are limited to BGDHS students, their families and school personnel.
8. All decorations and props are to be respected and valued by the entire school community. Vandalism of any sort or magnitude will result in the loss of activities for the students.
9. Parents assume responsibility for the use of family vehicles in transporting student passengers when off campus.
10. Students are encouraged to be creative and ingenious in the decoration of their spirit areas. No one class is to exceed \$400 total in donations, gifts-in-kind or class funds during the week.

AREAS APPROVED FOR DECORATIONS

Theme Days:

- Front gate
- Half of campus according to grade level
- Snack stand area

Red and White Day:

- Corresponding locker area
- Seniors –senior lawn and front gate
- Juniors – main administration hallway
- Sophomores – Snack stand/gym front
- Freshmen – Patio

Additional stipulations:

- Trees may not be adorned with crepe paper but decorations may be nicely hung from branches.
- Plain paper may not be wrapped around anything for color.
- Photocopied flyers may not be plastered over lockers.
- Materials must be effectively used...judges will deduct for wasteful use of materials.

Vandalism:

- Students witnessed vandalizing decorations may not be permitted to attend Homecoming in addition to the consequences stated in the handbook.