Tilma News, 1/26/18

Feast of Sts. Timothy and Titus (Patrons of Fundraising!)

Virtue for the Month of January: Fidelity (Being faithful to our promises and commitments) "He who is faithful in little things will also be faithful in much." (Luke 16:10)

National Catholic Schools Week - We have several events planned next week (Jan 29-Feb 2) in order to celebrate our Catholic education! On Tuesday, Mr. Chuck Lynch from the Serra Club will be coming to speak to the children in grades 4-12 about all of the areas in which the Serra Club supports priests, vocations, and Catholic Education. On Wednesday, all grades will be playing Catholic games of different types that will teach them about their faith and confirm what they know, with regular Mass at 2pm. On Thursday, Fr. Shibu from India will celebrate Mass at 8:00 am, followed by a talk about poverty in India and how Catholic schools have helped support that mission. Lastly, Friday is the first Friday of the month, so we will have confessions and Adoration beginning at 1pm, followed by Mass. Hope you can all join us!

Blanket Shelby County - Please consider donating any new or gently used blankets to the school to benefit the homeless and less fortunate of Shelby and surrounding counties. The class that collects the most blankets will be granted the privilege of distributing the blankets in our area! NEW DEADLINE for collecting is February 14. Please encourage your children to get creative on how to collect more blankets. Some say they already gave what they had last year, but we are trying to teach them that a little extra effort will continue to be blessed by our Lord. Perhaps your church would have a collection or your children can go to their neighbors or family and ask. This is an easy way to help others to give in a way that makes them feel good, but does not cost money. And on the other hand, the recipients see that their life matters and that others care! Thank you for supporting these efforts and helping us teach your children the importance of giving back! "Whatsoever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do unto Me." (Matthew 25:40)

Crusade for Education Dinner/Auction School Fundraiser - This wonderful event, taking place on Saturday, April 14, does require a lot of prep work. Again, you do not need to pay for that table if you have 3 other couples, or 7 other friends, who could pair up with you and pay their way! We believe this is the absolute best education in the area, and are excited to invite others to see all the good that is happening within the school walls and community. To date, we have 13 people committed to tables. The goal is to have 25 tables filled. WE ARE HALF WAY THERE! We now have 2 Silent Auction Corporate Sponsors and 2 Contributor Corporate Sponsors as well as the Title Sponsor! We still need 2 Supporting Sponsors, at \$1,000 each (includes table of 8), at least 2 more Silent Auction Sponsors (\$500 each, with 4 tickets to the event), and several more Contributor Sponsorships (\$250 each, with 2 tickets to the event). If you or someone you know could fill this need, the school (aka ultimately, your children) would greatly benefit! Also, families, we need people willing to collect Silent Auction items. Please help!! We have only received 2 items to date! Tax ID forms to give retailers for items collected are available in the office. The school staff cannot do this alone! Thank you for those of you who have already reached out to help! Please advise the office if you are willing to fill a table or help in any other way!

Parker Uniforms - I am sorry to say that Parker went out of business last week, so we are looking for ways to transition to a new uniform store. We will keep you posted! However, IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY CCCA UNIFORMS YOU NO LONGER USE AND COULD DONATE, THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL!

Volunteers still needed! Every day to answer phones and greet visitors in the office from 8-10am and 2-3pm. Thank you!

Re-enrollments and Financial Assistance for 2018-19 - Families, this is super important for our planning and hiring! Please be on the lookout for the form to re-enroll your children next year. Also, NOW IS THE TIME to go online and fill out the application once more to receive Financial Assistance in the upcoming school year from the Catholic Education Foundation. Please do not miss out on this opportunity. The earlier you do this, the greater the chance of receiving the assistance you need!

Basketball - Continuing on Mondays and Thursdays after school. Thank you to Mr. Vander Woude and Mr. Downs!

Pictures needed - I still need videos and pics from the Christmas Event and I am hoping you will get them to me for our upcoming yearbook. Thank you to those who have sent me some already!! The Yearbook committee is working hard!

Wish list - Life size Our Lady of Guadalupe outdoor statue for the outside front of the school!

Tilma Fact - There is no under-sketch or under-drawing on Our Lady of Guadalupe's original image in Mexico City!