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Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Tilma News 9/9/23

Virtue of the Month: Hope (Trusting in God's loving plan)
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL of our Cross Country runners, who ran their hearts out in the St. Edwards CC race at Charlie Vettner Park and not only represented us well, but also came home with several medals and/or ribbons. They were true CRUSADERS in every sense of the word!

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW TEACHERS AND NEW FAMILIES! All of you should have received the Friday Parent Communication from each class with the contact information of every teacher. Feel free to send them a welcome text/ email and reach out to any new families you may see to introduce yourself!

Classical Education - Every week, we will list some aspect of the school that puts our school over and above all schools in the area and explains why we are not just another Catholic school, but we are the epitome of Catholic education in the spirit of St. Thomas Aquinas' scholasticism, that forms well-rounded, high level thinkers, who understand and love their Catholic faith and the importance of serving Christ in others! See the attached explanation of the *Uniqueness of Catholic Classical Education*.

Morning Rosary and Drop-offs - Parents, We have the best students in ANY school in the area! Yes, it has everything to do with being your children! They are so respectful and reverent as we begin the morning rosary every morning at 7:30. Just a reminder, however, that ALL drop-offs should be at the green door of the school, no matter what time the arrival, but any time after 8am will be considered tardy. Thank you for getting your children here on time!

Masses have begun again! - We are SO BLESSED to have Masses again, where we can FREELY SING AND GIVE PRAISE TO GOD FOR ALL OF HIS GIFTS! Dominican priest, Fr. Bartholomew Calvano from St. Louis Bertrand, will be offering confession for the children and celebrating Mass for the school every Friday at 2. Hope you can join us!

Mass Intentions - We are SO EXTREMELY BLESSED to have Mass every Friday at the school. What a treasure this is!! If you would like to offer Mass for your loved ones on earth or in heaven, please text Mrs. Heite on the office phone (502) 487-0409 or send in your requests in an envelope for the office with your child and let us know. Your \$20 donation towards the offering helps offset the costs of expenses involved in celebrating the Eucharist every week. Thank you!

Lunch - We hope to continue with Thursday lunches from Domino's Pizza this week and will let you know as soon as it is confirmed with Domino's.

SPECIALS WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK:

PE - We will be teaching new skills every month, including everything from physical fitness to square dancing to team sports and more! This month, Mrs. Todd, who has an extensive background in teaching Physical Education, Exercise Science, Physical Therapy and more will be working with all students to develop skills to strengthen muscles, flexibility and endurance! We are blessed to have her generously offering her time and expertise to work with the students!

Violin - Lessons will begin again this Wednesday, September 13. I did send out a request this summer for those of you who were interested and only heard from some of you. If you would like your child to take lessons, we will see if we have enough students to begin another class this year and will let you know. Cost this year will be the same as last year, \$20/ lesson. Sadly, Ms. Eva could not continue this year, but we are super blessed to have Mrs. Mary McGillen, a Shelbyville local. See her amazing attached bio!

Music/Theater - We are also blessed to have another unbelievable instructor in music and theater this year, Mrs. Elizabeth Huling, who comes with a list of credits too numerous to name. However, I have attached an abbreviated form of her amazing bio for your perusal!

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RAFFLE UPCOMING! - The Charitable Gaming License has been approved and our Raffle Draw is set to take place before Mass on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27!** Each family is responsible for selling or raising money for the cost of 5 raffle tickets at \$100 each! **THOSE 5 TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME** at the end of September **WITH ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN!** Please share this with your families, friends and anyone else who is interested in supporting this type of HOPE for the future! *And then, let them know ahead of time that you hope to sell them a raffle ticket!!* **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

BENEFACTORS needed - Please remember in your prayers that your tuition only covers approximately 50% of the amount it takes to cover all operating costs, including the pay of our teachers. We want to continue to grow and form more souls for Christ! We are a non-profit organization so **ALL DONATIONS** are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

DONATIONS NEEDED - Thank you to everyone who sent in water bottles for the office and all additional donated items! We are grateful for that support!

Tilma Fact - *Mary is blocking the rays of the sun and stepping on the moon but looking down in a gesture of humility to show that she is more powerful than the Aztec gods of the sun and the moon, but she is not God; she humbles herself before God. For this and many other reasons, we can say that she is "our life, our sweetness and our hope"! She shows us the proper posture before God our Father.*

Latin saying for the Month - "Spes non confundit." ("Hope does not disappoint!" ~Romans 5:5)



Opening school Mass in the chapel with Fr. Jean and Deacon Bob Hart! Blessing for the new school year!



Montessori in full swing!



Mrs. Todd teaching students how to coordinate efforts and be a good team player while building muscle control with this parachute activity!