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Back to School Night will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 5-6:30 PM. Students will have the opportunity to meet their homeroom teacher and drop off their school supplies. Our 4th-8th grade students may decorate their lockers during this time. CCA has prepared some extra activities for our students, including a scavenger hunt and art activity stations. Mr. Lopez, along with three of his bandmates, will be performing live music in the band room from 5:30-6:30 PM. We can't wait to see you!

Cheers and Tears Costa parents, following morning drop off on August 19, you are invited to gather in the Costa Cafeteria with your friends for a cup of coffee and fellowship.

Friars Club will be meeting on Monday, August 24, at 6 PM in the Costa Cafeteria.

School pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, September 9. Students should wear their school uniforms for picture day.

HVAC Costa is anxiously awaiting the arrival of a new Trane chiller scheduled to be installed during the first week of September. I am encouraged to see cooler temperatures in the forecast. Please contact your child's teacher if you have a fan that can be used during the next two weeks.

Costa Choir Students in grades 3-8 are invited to join Costa Choir. The choir will sing at all school Masses, and will have an opportunity to perform at Costa music programs. Costa Choir will meet on Thursday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 PM in the music room. If your child is interested in joining, please email Mr. Lopez at mlopez3@costacatholicacademy.org.

Hot Lunch Parents are responsible for making lunch payments via FACTS. Students who order additional entrees or beverages will be charged accordingly. If your child receives free and reduced lunch, parents are responsible for paying for additional entrees or beverages. If you do not want your child buying additional food or beverage items, please contact Taylor Cratty @ tcratty@costacatholicacademy.org.

Allergy Alert Out of respect for our students who have life-threatening allergies, Costa will remain a peanut and tree nut free school. Please take the time to carefully read ingredients in

snack bars. This particular item commonly contains nuts or peanut butter. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Communication Costa does its very best to communicate information to parents and students. A principal's newsletter is sent home at the end of each week containing up-to-date information; homeroom teachers generally send weekly communication via email; news and events are posted on Costa's Facebook page and Costa's website; and text alerts and emails are sent to parents from our school secretary on a regular basis. We also utilize the marquee in front of the school for important announcements.

iPhone and Smart watch use is not allowed during school hours. Upon entering the school building, student cell phones *must* be **powered off** and stored in your child's backpack. Smart watches are not allowed to be worn during the school day. Parents who need to contact their children during the school day should contact Terri Olin at 309-344-3151 or terriolin@costacatholicacademy.org.

Water Bottles Water bottles are allowed at school. However, bottles or cups with *straws* are no longer permitted due to the amount of spills and damage done to the carpet. This also serves as a reminder that water is the only beverage students should be drinking from their water bottles. Water bottles will be kept in a student's locker or cubby.

Arrival and Dismissal Information Students are permitted in the building at 7:35 AM each morning. A warning bell will ring at 7:45 AM to alert students to their homerooms. At 7:50 AM, the tardy bell will ring and announcements will promptly begin. Any student who arrives *after* the tardy bell rings at 7:50 AM, should enter the school via the main entrance. A parent or responsible adult *must* accompany the tardy student(s) to the office to sign in the student(s) and give an explanation for tardiness.

Upcoming events

August 18 Back to School Night 5-6:30 PM

August 19 First Day of School

August 19 Tears and Cheers

August 19 Early Dismissal 11:30 AM

August 19 NO afternoon bus service

August 20 Aftercare begins

August 21 Mass and Eucharistic Procession 8:15 AM