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**October 17, 2025**

**Reminder**—All absences must be reported to the Office at 309-344-3151. You may also email Mrs. Olin at [terriolin@costacatholicacademy.org](mailto:terriolin@costacatholicacademy.org) to report an absence.

**Car Riders** When exiting the north parking lot after school, please wait for Mrs. Knuth and all other teachers/aides to safely leave the area before exiting the parking lot. Please observe and obey the stop sign. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Dia de los Muertos** We will be setting up an Ofrenda or altar honoring our loved ones who have passed away. If you would like to send in a copy of a photo to display, please do so before 10/28. Please only send printed copies as the photos will not be returned. The Day of the Dead is celebrated on All Souls' Day which is a Saturday this year, but in the Catholic Church we believe it is always important to pray for the souls of the departed. We will also have a notebook for students to add the name(s) of their departed loved ones.

**YMCA Basketball** Final call for YMCA Basketball registration for PS-4th grade. Forms will be given to the Y at the end of the school day Monday (10/20). You can print the attached form or fill out one in the school office.

**Fightin Friars T-Shirts** If anyone ordered and paid for a Fightin Friars t-shirt before or during the soccer season please let the office know and we will send it home with your child, or you can stop by the office.

**Shorts** The final day for wearing shorts is October 31. "Short season" will resume on April 1, 2026.

**Boys Basketball** practice starts Monday, October 20th, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. with a parent meeting at 4 p.m.. An updated sports physical is required *before* starting practice.

**Help, please!** Any unsold Chicken Dinner raffle tickets should be returned to the Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

**Holly Days Parade** At the beginning of November, we will start building our float for the Holly Days Parade on December 7th. We will need several volunteers (service hour opportunities) to help with the float and we also encourage families to walk in the parade (2 service hours for walking). Please reach out to Ashley Hanson [ahanson0505@gmail.com](mailto:ahanson0505@gmail.com) or (409) 335-5514 if you are interested in helping.

**Costa Spirit Wear** Reminder that we have a link available on our website, if you are interested in purchasing Costa spirit wear. (Under **About Us**, then **Spirit Wear**).

**Class Parties** Due to limited space in the classroom, only designated room parents will be able to attend the Halloween celebration on Friday, October 31. We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us keep the event manageable for the students.

**Halloween Parade Route** Students in grades PS-5 will have the opportunity to participate in the annual Halloween parade. This year's parade route will begin at the NW door of the school. Students will proceed to the north parking lot and then continue to the sidewalk along Costa Drive. Once they reach the school's south side walk, they will turn west and enter the school through the junior high hallway entrance. If you would like to use the north parking lot to watch the parade, please make sure you are in place by 12:55 p.m. To ensure the safety of all students and their teachers, traffic in and out of the parking lot will be suspended until all parade participants have left the parking lot.

**Costumes** To help ensure a fun and inclusive Halloween for all our children, we kindly ask that costumes not be overly scary, gory, or violent in nature. Some children may be sensitive to frightening imagery, and we want to create a positive experience for everyone. Thank you for helping us keep Halloween safe and enjoyable for all ages! Students in grades K-3 may wear their costumes to school as they will be trick or treating at one of the nursing homes in the morning. Students in 4th and 5th grades will have the opportunity to change into their costumes before the Halloween parade at 1 p.m.

**Costa Trunk or Treat** CCA is hosting Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26, from 2-4 PM in Costa's north parking lot. Families are encouraged to decorate their vehicle and hand out candy to students. You may earn 5 service hours for this event. (This includes time spent at the event and candy purchases.) Please see the attached flyer for volunteer information.

**Halloween Dance** It's time for the 6th-8th grade students to put on their dancing shoes! The annual Halloween dance will take place on Friday, October 24, from 6-8 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

**Christmas Wreath Sales** Student Service Council and the 8th graders are selling Christmas wreaths. Please refer to the attached flyer for ordering information.

**Important Dates**

October 20 Communion service at IHM Church 8:15 AM/Blessing the Stations of the Cross

October 22 Report card distribution

October 24 NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences

October 24 Grades 6-8 Halloween Dance 6-8 PM

October 26 CCA Trunk or Treat 2-4 PM

October 27 Communion service at IHM Church 8:15 AM

October 31 Halloween parade at 1 pm followed by class parties for grades PS-5; casual day