

Service Hour Requirement

Philosophy

The mission statement of Costa Catholic Academy is “Costa – Dedicated to the Whole Child – Body, Mind, Spirit and Community; *striving daily to bring the Living God into the hearts and minds of our Students.*” The word “Community” is stressed to our students through service hours in the many varied projects that Costa students are involved in throughout the school year. Service and commitment to the church and local community are highly stressed by our teachers and staff. This mission of service by our own Costa students is the driving force for our Parent Stewardship Program. *Stewardship is the sharing of our time, talents and treasure with others.* As a Catholic faith community, stewardship or service is an important value to pass on to our children. Our children are stewards within their own rights at school.

As parents, the example needs to be set to impress upon our students that service is important and that all of us must make that commitment.

Parents can foster their student’s growth by becoming involved with activities and projects that will give them the opportunity to serve our school. With the goal of pulling together as a Costa Catholic Academy Community and giving our children the best experiences and opportunities possible, each family will be required to fulfill a service hour’s agreement. If volunteering is not going to be possible during the school year, a “buyout” can be made for \$1,250 up front.

The cost to educate a student at Costa Catholic Academy is not covered by tuition alone. The best way to close the educational gap is through parental support and service. Service hours improve, enrich and allow Costa to continue to provide your students with the best education in Galesburg and the surrounding areas.

Costa Catholic Academy Service Hours Guidelines

Costa Catholic Academy relies on its families to give of their time, treasure, and talents in order for the school to thrive. Your generous gift of service offsets the operational expenses and makes us a stronger, more viable school. All Costa families are asked to

donate 25 hours of service during the school year recording their hours on the Service Hour Log.

There are a variety of ways individuals and families can help Costa. Some activities are listed below. Any additional activities or projects not listed should be brought to the attention of Mrs. Julie Purl, Lead Teacher/Manager of Administrative Operations.

Approved Costa Activities

- Summer work in the school such as lawn care or weeding
- Building and grounds such as painting, assistance with maintenance projects
- Room parent–two parents per class
- Band fundraising events; Costa Performing Arts program set up and take down; assist with Talent Show fundraiser
- Building and creating scenery for school music performances
- Sewing costumes for school music performances
- Reading Buddy
- Costa Annual Auction–Help auction committee solicit donations; help with set up the day of the event; help with tear down the day of the event; thank you committee, raffle ticket sales
- Costa Golf Outing
- CCA Officer
- CCA events–Annual Chicken Dinner, Trunk or Treat; Cookies with Santa; End-of-the-Year Carnival; Chili Luncheon; Teacher Appreciation Week; Rock and Roll Bingo; attend monthly CCA meetings; uniform resale
- Friars Club Officer
- Sporting events concession stand sales; uniform supervisor; ticket sales; scorekeeper or timer at games; attend monthly meetings
- Coaching–two coaches per team (25–hours earned for coaching positions)
- Cafeteria volunteer assisting in serving food; washing cafeteria tables; washing dishes
- Library volunteer
- Recess supervision
- Classroom reading buddy
- Selling items for fundraisers
- Trunk or Treat–decorating your vehicle and handing out treats to children
- Providing baked goods at fundraiser events
- Coordinating and working at the school book fair
- Taking sports and school activities photos for yearbook
- Donating dinner on parent/teacher conference day (sign-up in the office)

- Chaperoning field trips
- Assisting Marketing and Development with special school events such as Catholic Schools Week activities; help with mass mailings; thank you notes; Annual Appeal
- Office Aide—make copies; file paperwork; compile teacher packets

While we encourage you to give your time, talents, and treasure to your local parish and attend its activities, we cannot award individuals and families school service hours for this.

Attendance at school activities and class parties, school-sponsored sport or music events will not be counted as service hours.

Service hours in excess of the 25-hour requirement may not be carried over to the following school year, nor are they transferable.

Service hours for each school year will begin on June 1 and end on May 31 of the following year. Service Hour logs should be turned into the Costa office *prior* to May 31.

Failure to fulfill Costa's service hour requirement will result in a charge of \$50 per each hour not completed.