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**Costa Spirit Week**—Hats off to Mrs. Bond for organizing a fun week of activities celebrating the founder of Catholic education in Galesburg, Father Joseph Costa. Photos of this week's events have been posted on Costa's Facebook page.

**MASS on MONDAY**—Because we will not be in school next Friday, our weekly Mass will be on Monday, October 21. Students should not wear shorts to school on Monday. Thank you.

**Thursday, October 24**, marks the 50th day of school. Students are encouraged to wear 50s style clothing to celebrate. If your child does not wish to participate, he/she should wear his/her school uniform.

**Helping Hand**—Costa parent Mr. Andy Blake has been monitoring the drop off area in front of the IHM Parish Activity Center each morning. We appreciate his willingness to help our school.

**Updates to FACTS**—Please make necessary changes to student medical needs, address, and phone numbers on FACTS. In case of an emergency, the school needs accurate, up-to-date contact information.

**Trunk or Treat** will be held on Sunday, October 27, from 2-4 PM, in the north Costa parking lot. Please direct your questions to the fabulous CCA ladies at [cca@costacatholicacademy.org](mailto:cca@costacatholicacademy.org). Sponsoring a trunk will earn service hours.

**Halloween parade and Halloween parties** for students in grades PS-5, will take place on Thursday, October 31. The parade will begin at 1PM, followed by class parties at approximately 1:15 PM.

**Boys Basketball** practice officially begins on Monday, October 21, 2:45-4:30 PM, with a parent meeting immediately following practice. Practice will be held Monday-Thursday, from 2:45-4:30 PM, until further notice.

**Spirit Wear** is available for purchase. Please see the attached flyers for ordering instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Cratty at [tcratty@costacatholicacademy.org](mailto:tcratty@costacatholicacademy.org).

**Circle of Grace** is the children's education component of the Diocese of Peoria's safe environment training. It is grounded in the Catholic tradition and serves the purpose of educating and informing children about the value of positive relationships with God and others. Through Circle of Grace, teachers assist children with recognizing that each of us lives within a sacred Circle of Grace that maintains our essence in body, mind, heart, and soul. In the program, students are taught to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual, and physical boundaries; recognize when boundary violations might occur; and learn how to take action when boundaries are threatened.

The Circle of Grace Program will be implemented at Costa during the second quarter. If you would like to review the lessons and/or opt your child out of the program, please contact your child's teacher.

**Important Dates**

October 21 Mass and Confession @ IHM 8:15 AM

October 24 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-6 PM (by appointment only)

October 25 NO SCHOOL

October 25 Parent-Teacher Conferences 8-12 PM (by appointment only)

October 25 Grades 6-8 Halloween Dance 6-8 PM

October 27 Trunk or Treat 2-4 PM

October 31 Casual Day

October 31 Halloween parade 1 PM (followed by classroom parties at 1:15 PM)