

HALLOWEEN in Lower School

On **Thursday, October 31**, we will be celebrating Halloween with a parade, sing-along, and classroom parties at the end of the school day.

K-4th Grade Schedule:

- 1:30 – 2:00 Parade & sing-along
- 2:00 – 2:45 Classroom parties
- 2:45 – 3:00 Clean-up
- **3:00 DISMISSAL FOR K-4TH GRADES**

Pre-K Schedule:

- 11:45 – 12:00 Parade, interior hallways
- 12:00-1:00 Classroom parties
- Regular pre-K dismissal times will be observed

Lower School students may wear Halloween costumes to school. Students who would like to wear a costume should come dressed at morning drop-off, as students will not be changing into their costumes at school. If a student opts to not wear a costume, they must wear their normal school uniform.

To help the children enjoy this day of special events, please review the following guidelines:

- Select a costume that is appropriate for our school community and one that will allow your child to fully participate in activities throughout the morning (academic) and afternoon (parade, sing-along, party).
- Costumes must comply with our free-dress guidelines (see attached).
- Younger children should practice wearing their costumes at home so that they will be comfortable doing so by themselves at school (i.e., practice walking, sitting, using the restroom).
- Masks and hats can only be worn during the student's costume parade and party. Masks that obstruct a student's line of vision may not be worn during the parade.
- The following are not permitted:
 - Blood and gore - Students will be asked to remove masks or costumes that are deemed violent or scary.
 - Full-face paint - If worn, makeup or face painting should be minimally applied so that students' faces are recognizable.
 - Inflatable costumes
 - Accessories to costumes (e.g., brooms, pitchforks, weapons of any sort, etc.) may not be brought to school. These items should remain at home. Any of the above items that are brought to school will be held in the classroom until the end of the day.
 - If necessary, parents will be called to bring a change of clothes to school.

Halloween Parade

The parade begins at 1:30 and travels out the Lower School carpool doors, down around the Middle School carpool donut, then back up and around the Lower School carpool donut before students re-enter the building through the Lower School carpool doors. Parents who would like to see the parade are invited to line the parade route around the carpool donuts and along the parked cars.

Class party volunteers

Class party volunteers should sign in at the front desk when they arrive. Because of space limitations, only the designated Halloween party volunteers may be present for the classroom parties. We ask that all volunteers arrange to leave siblings who do not attend St. John's at home.

Parents who are in charge of Halloween parties should coordinate party plans with the homeroom teacher. Please remember that all party food must follow the nut-sensitive guidelines posted in Resource Documents in RenWeb.