

HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES – 2019

At All Saints Academy, we recognize that Halloween is a fun and highly anticipated holiday for many children. We are happy to be part of Halloween festivities, however we ask that you adhere to these guidelines that include the privilege of dressing in costume and provide everyone with a day of learning as well. We will allow students to come to school dressed in costumes on Thursday, October 31st. At 1pm, there will be a Halloween parade in the church parking lot with parents hosting “Trunk or Treat” from their cars. Following the parade, students in grades K – 5 will return to classrooms for simple parties organized by parent volunteers in conjunction with teacher guidance. Grades 6 -8 will be in the gymnasium. With parent assistance, we will have an afternoon middle school party and refreshments. In the event of rain, the parade event will be moved into the gym and modified as needed.

We will not have costume changes in school. Students will wear their costumes to school; therefore:

- Costumes must be comfortable, able to be worn through the school day, and, for young students, easy on/off for lavatory visits (without teacher/ adult assistance).
- Costumes must allow students to move safely and freely and to perform all their regular school tasks.
- Students must wear proper undergarments and any necessary under clothes (ex: tights, t-shirts, etc.) due to thin costume fabric or construction.
- For your younger student, please consider his/her wearing a t-shirt and gym shorts under the costume, especially if you think that your child cannot tolerate a costume for the full school day.
- There can be no props of any kind.
- Students may not wear any type of mask or hood; if a hat is a legitimate part of the costume (ex: a baseball cap for a baseball costume), it may be worn for the outside parade, but not in the building.
- Costume accessories (ex: angel wings) may not be worn indoors, but will be added on for the outdoor parade.
- NO make up – no full face, hands or arms make-up; also, no tattoos, fake nails and no painted or colored aerosol-sprayed hair.
- No strapless or narrows-strap shirts or dresses for girls; costumes may not be any shorter than one inch above the knees.
- No high heel shoes or boots, platform shoes, roller-sneakers, slippers, flip-flops, or unsafe shoes; sneakers are the preferred shoes regardless of any costume theme or style.
- Students may not come in costumes that depict any kind of graphic violence, adult themes, drugs and/or alcohol.
- Students should be discouraged from wearing any costume material that could be easily damaged.
- Students may not wear costumes that make fun of others, make others feel uncomfortable or make stereotypes of others in terms of gender, race, nationality.
- When in doubt, please keep the costume simple and safe and in good taste!
- Administrators and teachers reserve the right to deem a costume as inappropriate, unsafe or distracting. If your student arrives to school inappropriately dressed, we will contact you to either bring a change of clothing to wear a school uniform for the day or your student will not be permitted to remain in school for the day.