

We can't heal the world today but we can begin with a voice of compassion, a heart of love, an act of kindness.

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MARY DAVIS

VIRTUE: COMPASSION

UPDATES



It's that time of year again when you are planning out your child(ren)'s Halloween costume. We need everyone to remember a few simple parameters around dressing up for Halloween at Notre Dame next Tuesday Oct 31st:

- When selecting a costume, we ask that students refrain from wearing violent costumes and ask that no replica or toy weapons be brought to school.
- Culture is NOT Costume: Please refrain from using costumes that represent a cultural group or ethnicity.
- Masks are Discouraged: Wearing masks during the school day can compromise the safety of the community. We should always be identifiable in our community so we can avoid having unwelcome guests.
- Awareness of Costume Appropriateness is Important: Discourage costumes that are not appropriate to the moral tone of our Catholic Schools.
- Awareness of Fear and Evil: Be aware that Ghoulish costumes can terrify some students.
- We must be trauma sensitive: There may be members of our communities who have traumas that can be triggered by certain costumes.
- When in Doubt, Think Saint: Halloween precedes All Souls and All Saints Days. Encourage students to dress as saints and religious figures.

Please Note: There will be no sharing of any treats or food.

October 2023

Blessings,

T. Wilkinson Principal J. Ruggiero-Khan Vice-Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Oct. 31 - Dance-A-Thon

- Nov. 1 Gr. 8s visit Sacred Heart HS
 - Photo Re-Take Day
 - 14 Reports go home to Parents
 - 16 Parent/Teacher Interviews
 - 17 PA Day

Parenting Video on Youtube

Looking for some guidance and advice on mental health and your child? Last week Hannah Beach, a leading parenting coach, came to the YCDSB and shared her wisdom. This is a recording of her talk which you may find valuable in your parenting journey.





Junior Volleyball Intramurals

We are collecting names of students who are interested in participating in recess intramurals. We are starting with junior volleyball which will be during the months of November and December. Any students in Intramurals will be considered for the Junior Girls' & Boys' Volleyball teams in January. Not all students need to make the school team but this is a fun way to be active, connect and try something new. We look forward to watching students grow in sportsmanship, teamwork and responsibility all while playing the wonderful game of volleyball.

If your child is absent please report

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The countdown is on for our <u>Halloween Dance-a-thon!</u> It is with MUCH excitement that









Please keep those pledges coming!

We're looking for ward to this funfilled event!

