

# KATZIE NEWSFLASH

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## Halloween COSTUMES and PARADE

Halloween is fast approaching! Please remind students that replica or toy weapons are not allowed at school even if they are a part of their Halloween costumes. As per Safe & Caring Schools Policy [9410](#) & Regulation [9410.1](#) "It is expected that students will not use, possess or display any weapon, replica weapon or toy weapon, on any school property or at any event that is organized or sponsored by a school." A reminder that any masks covering the entire face or any gore is also not allowed.

Parents are welcome to gather in our school gymnasium at 8:35 am to view the costume parade which will begin at 8:50 am. As the hallways will be very congested on this day, please head directly to the gymnasium to await the ghouls and witches!

## Pumpkin carving contest

A reminder that Katzie students are invited to take part in a Jack O'Lantern contest! Students may enter carved, painted, or otherwise decorated pumpkins by bringing them to the school tomorrow, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Students are asked to place their pumpkin on the table(s) representing the category they would like to be judged in (happiest, scariest or most creative pumpkins). The tables will be placed along the hallways on the main floor.

### If you wish to enter the contest, please:

- Use felt marker/Sharpie to record student name (First and Last) and division number on the **bottom** of the pumpkin;
- Please use small to medium-sized pumpkins;
- Only adults should handle sharp tools (if carving);
- Don't send candles or matches/lighters;
- Please be sure to pick up your pumpkin at the end of the day on Wednesday (otherwise they will be disposed of);
- We encourage families to help their children, however, please remember that this is a contest for students, not their adults!

## Halloween Safety

We love our Katzie families and want to ensure you all have a fun and safe Halloween. Below are some tips for a safe Halloween.

**Get your glow on:** Light your kids up with glow sticks, bike lights clipped onto costumes and reflective tape. A flashlight is also a great idea.

**Take the tiny trick-or-treaters:** Little kids should always have an adult with them.

**Go as a group:** Older kids should travel together, stick to a route they've cleared with their parents, check in by phone regularly, and have a set curfew to return home.

**Choose wisely:** Don't feel you have to hit every home on the block. Look for well-lit locations with pumpkins on display.

**Stay on the step:** Kids should never enter strangers' homes.

**Follow the rules of the road:** Set a good example and only cross the street at established crosswalks. Do not dart out from between parked cars.

**Check it all out:** Before you let your kids dive in, dump the entire candy bag out and inspect it all. Throw out any packages that look like they've been opened and any homemade or repackaged goods.

**Be alert for allergens:** If you've got a child with serious allergies or food sensitivities, read any unfamiliar labels before handing over the candy.

