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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The word "Halloween" translates to "Holy Evening" which originates in our Catholic Tradition as the holy evening before "All Saints Day" on November 1st. Halloween presents many opportunities to discuss our Catholic Traditions heading into the month of November. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common-sense practices will make events safer and more fun!

Students of Our Lady of Fatima School are invited to wear their costumes on October 31 for Halloween and our Dance-a-Thon fundraising event! In order to ensure all of our students have a fun and safe day on Halloween, here are a few guidelines all students are to follow with respect to costumes and activities:

- * As always, all students are asked to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the **Christian values** of Our Lady of Fatima School and the WCDSB.
- * Costumes should **not interfere** with classroom or outdoor activities. Students must be able to fully sit, walk, breathe, speak, see and hear.
- * **Masks** that cover the face are **to be worn only during Halloween celebration activities**. They may be worn on the top the child's head (as they would a hat) or stored in the classroom during the rest of the day.
- * **No fake weapons** of any kind are to be brought to school.
- * Recognizing that we have very young children at our school, **costumes should not be scary or depict violence, blood, etc.**
- * Appropriate and **safe footwear** must be worn.
- * We are asking for your cooperation in **not allowing your children to dress up as scary clowns** this year, due to the fear it may cause in light recent media and film depictions of clowns.
- * If your child is bringing in treats for their class, please remember **NO NUTS! All shared treats will go home in a 'loot bag' at the end of the day.**

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a fun Halloween and Dance-a- Thon day!

