

# HALLOWEEN SPOOK-A-THON

October 8, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Once again this year we are planning a Halloween Fundraiser. All students are welcome to participate in our Spook-a-Thon which will be a dance held on **Friday, October 29, 2021**.

The funds raised this year will go towards supporting student activities including providing additional resources, computers & peripherals, arts & music resources, special presentations and more!

All classes will be participating in our Dance-a-Thon and students will be receiving a pledge sheet in order to raise money and record their pledges. **Individual pledges of \$3.00 or more for our Spook-a-Thon will receive a tax receipt. These pledges must be made online at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) . Please ensure that the sponsor's name and address are on the receipt.**

Due to Covid19 we require all donations to be submitted on the York Catholic District School Board's online payment system at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org). This is a safe and secure method to make a donation to the school through an online payment method and receive a tax receipt immediately. York Catholic District School Board is the charity name; select the school name from the fund designation drop down list. To identify this donation from a particular student, indicate the student's name in the "honouree" field."



The Fundraising Committee is presently in the process of collecting donations for prizes. We are in need and would greatly appreciate any donations from our parent community. If any parent/guardian wishes to donate any incentive prizes, either personally or through your place of business, kindly bring all donations to the office by Friday, October 22, 2021. Please note that this is our main fundraising event and ALL money raised will go directly to help meet our students' (your child's) needs!

Suggested procedures for obtaining pledges for the Spook-a-Thon:

- We encourage students to elicit support from close family, friends, neighbours and relatives
- Parents may ask work colleagues to support this fundraising activity
- Students should NOT be going door-to-door to obtain pledges
- The Thanksgiving weekend is a great opportunity for students to fundraise with extended family and friends.

All pledge sheets and online donations should be returned to your child's classroom teacher between **Tuesday, October 22 and Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021**.

## **SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Parents/Guardians are asked to refrain from sending to school any prepackaged and individually wrapped edible Halloween treats due to students who have severe life-threatening allergies and also in observance of all YCDSB and York Region PH COVID-19 Health and Safety protocol.
- Inflatable costumes (which are powered by internal fans) are not permitted due in observance of YCDSB and York Region PH COVID-19 Health and Safety protocol.
- **Culture is NOT Costume:** Please refrain from wearing costumes that represent a cultural group or ethnicity. (e.g. First Nations, Chinese, Arabic, etc.) **Costumes which in effect involve**

**cultural appropriation are discouraged.**

- **Masks are Discouraged (Except for PPE):** 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:** OLR discourages 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 younger students, students with special needs, or students with phobias.
- **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:** Hallowe'en precedes All Soul's and All Saint's Days. Encourage students to dress as saints and religious figures.
- **Replica weapons are not permitted.**

Dance times: **Outdoor** Schedule (Weather permitting)  
Alternative Indoor Schedule T.B.D.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Time</b>
Kindergarten-Grade 3	9:00-10:15
Grade 4-6	10:30-11:50
Grade 7 & 8	12:50-3:10

We thank you, in advance, for your continued support of our school and its initiatives.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Our Lady of the Rosary  
Fundraising Committee



# HALLOWEEN SPOOK-A-THON PRIZE STRUCTURE

1. Early Bird Draw (Friday, October 22, 2021)
  - Students who have returned \$40 or more of pledges, by this date, will be eligible for the early bird draw – Principal for the Day!!
  
2. Top Class Prize - Any class that raises \$900 or more
  - Movie afternoon and popcorn!
  
3. Top sellers
  - **For every \$10 raised, students will receive a ballot.** They will place their ballots in the prize box for a chance to win a variety of prizes.
  
4. Milestones – When the school reaches...
  - \$2500 – Official extended Recess
  - \$5000 – Official Game Day (afternoon)
  - \$7500 – Official No Homework Day



## DAYS OF “SPOOKTACULAR” FUN!

In the last week of October, OLR students will be having a “Spooktacular” fun time as we revel in some Halloween spirit.

Students are encouraged to share in some exciting events during the days leading up to Halloween.

<b>Monday, October 25, 2021</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 26, 2021</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 27, 2021</b>	<b>Thursday October 28, 2021</b>	<b>Friday October 29, 2021</b>
Crazy Hair Day Pumpkin Carving can begin	Black and Orange Day	Halloween Mask Day(Covid-face masks)	Halloween Bingo Fun at 1pm for all classes	Halloween Dance Outdoors
<b>Pumpkin Carving and Decorating:</b> To take place throughout the week. All pumpkins must be completed by the morning of the dance.			one winner per division will be announced	

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CES  
HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISER**



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Pledge	Received
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