



"Let Your Light Shine"

St. Augustine School

Treaty Six Territory

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RE: Halloween Costumes

Hello Parents and Guardians;

In alignment with our Safe and Caring mandate including caring for students in vulnerable situations we appreciate your support in ensuring all our students feel safe at Halloween.

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **No Hidden Identities:** This will be written as a school rule (into agendas, posted on the website) and apply throughout the year:

'No person is allowed to disguise their identity in any fashion on school property without prior permission of school staff.'

2. Staff members are required to stop any person entering school property that they do not recognize and ask them to reveal their identity, what their name is and the purpose of their visit. Any suspicious behavior is to be reported to the office immediately. Failure to comply with these requests will be reported to the office and police may be called.

3. **No Offensive or Disturbing Costumes:** Costumes that are viewed as offensive, indecent or disturbing by school administration will be removed. Homeroom teachers and FA's are to ask if they are unsure about a student's costume. Failure to comply may result in further disciplinary action. Examples of Offensive or Disturbing Costumes:

- **Offensive:** KKK costumes, nuns in short skirts
- **Indecent:** costumes that are too revealing, costumes of genital parts
- **Disturbing:** Excessive blood or mangled body parts

4. **Weapons,** even imitation weapons of any kind are not permitted in school at any time throughout the year.

Thank you for supporting student safety. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your homeroom teacher or Faculty Advisor.

Sincerely,

Kari Davidson