



ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES

News and Notes

Mrs. Lelia Pappas



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Good afternoon all St. James Families:

What a wonderful Halloween Happening on last Friday! Thank you to the staff and Miss Nunno who made it all possible. There certainly were many scary costumed people running around. It was a great family evening.

Also, our All Saints procession at Mass was impressive. Thank you to Mr. Slotter, Mrs. Shire, Sisters Anne, Margaret Rose and Mary Ann for all their efforts too. We all strive to be saints - or at least we try!

Today **Otto the Auto** visited our Pre K through 2nd grade to discuss safety while outside in the street. It was a great hour of fun and information.. The middle school students had a **Red Ribbon Assembly** presented by DEA Agents Cordero & Feldman, and Captain Velasquez from the Paterson PD who talked to the students about making good choices. They had a video and discussed the dangers of drugs- which are more prevalent than ever for young students. It is so important we know who are children are with and what they are doing. We cannot be afraid to protect our children and insist we know where they are! Don't forget to keep track of what they are doing on their phones and computers...danger is not only out on the streets. You cannot be too careful! Mrs Barton and Munson also showed a Red Ribbon Video to the students in 4th and 5th grade! Thank you to them for taking this time to encourage their students to make good choices!

Halloween will be here on Wednesday and I want to review our procedures.

- Grades **PK, K, 1 and 2 wear their costumes to school.** It should be comfortable and they cannot wear masks during the day.
- 12:40 PM - 1:00 Children in grades 3-8 who will wear a costume will dress and get ready for the Halloween assembly.
- 1:00 -1:40 Classes will have a simple Halloween party. It is up to the teacher to determine if and when parents are needed. Each child should be able to put on their own costume. It goes over their uniform. It should come to school in a bag marked with their name on it.
- 1:40 All students should be packed up and ready to go and come down to the Assembly hall for the Halloween assembly.
- **2:00 PM PARADE BEGINS** The students will process outside along the sidewalk with their Church buddies. We will walk around the perimeter of the property two times. **ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**
- 2:20 PM Back in the classroom for dismissal. Please let the children dismiss in the normal fashion, do not take your child directly from the parade.

Reminders: **NO FAKE weapons, blood, knives or scary costumes!** There have been many questions about parents coming into the school. The children will process outside and it is suppose to be a beautiful day. IF a teacher contacts you, please come into the school, sign in and report to the



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classroom. As candy will be plentiful, we don't want many sweet snacks sent in that day. The classroom teacher will be in charge.

A few additional things:

We will be having a **Protecting God's Children program** for our parents that will assist them in being able to volunteer in school. We will get two dates in November. More on that to follow.

This **Saturday** is a **Family Gathering after the 5:30 Mass**. Sister Margaret Rose works VERY hard on this evening. Please plan to spend this special time with your family. It is a wonderful evening. Flyers were sent home and we request your response so we can plan accordingly.

Thursday is ALL SAINTS DAY, a Holy Day, and we will be attending Mass as usual at 8:15. Please feel welcome to join us.

As we learned at Mass on Sunday there is a new priest assigned as temporary Administrator at St. James, Fr. Yojaneidier Garcia Ramirez. We are happy to welcome him to the Academy of St. James of the Marches School Family.

Peace and blessings as we thank God for our many gifts.
Lelia