

St. Serra supports celebrating Halloween within the teachings and doctrine of our Catholic faith. We, as Catholics, are devoted to ensuring that our Catholic faith has a presence in the society in which we live. We are excited to bring Halloween to St. Serra through our Trunk or Treat event, and in Catholic tradition. CLICK HERE to read an article that further explains "How to think about Halloween as a Catholic" as you work as a family to prepare to celebrate Halloween at St. Serra.

The costume guidelines that follow are very specific and non-negotiable. We are confident that the children can wear appropriate accessories and costumes within these guidelines. Students whose accessories or costumes do not fall within the guidelines will be either sent home or asked to have their uniform brought to school to change into. We trust this will be a minimal issue with the support of you, the parent. It is not mandatory for any student to participate.

Halloween Costume and Accessory Guidelines for Students in Preschool-Grade Eight

Accessories may include Halloween-themed socks, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, headbands, bows, ribbons, and rings.

All costumes must be in line with the Section 1901: Non-Uniform Dress (Free Dress) code in the <u>Parent-Student Handbook</u>, on pages 23 and 24.

Additional guidelines specific to Halloween/Trunk or Treat:

- Make-up of any type (fake teeth, fake blood, scars and other violent makeup) are not allowed.
- NO MASKS ALLOWED.
- NO dyed hair of any color.
- NO noise making accessories with bells or music.
- Any hats will need to be removed during class time.
- Costumes or accessories must allow the child to easily walk and utilize the restroom.
- Students who do not follow these guidelines will be either sent home or asked to have their school uniform brought to school to change.