

From the desk of Rob Costante, Principal...

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When some think of the secular holiday of Halloween, many will consider it to be merely a day synonymous with candy, costumes and pumpkins. Others recognize the relation of this day as a pathway to All-Saints Day. On this Holy day of celebration, the Communion of Saints can be seen at the core of the Catholic Church: a unity of faith in Christ for all believers, past, present and future, in heaven and on the earth. As a church community, we are united as one body in Christ by holy things. On the Holy day of All Saints, we recognize that our spirituality can be nourished through the unity of our entire faith community, both mystic and living.

As I reflect on the relationship between the secular celebration of Halloween and the non-secular observance of All Saints Day, I have come to appreciate that each of these events serve as a profound testimony to the vibrant existence of unity within the life of a Catholic school. Three events that were scheduled during this past week symbolized our unity as a community of faith. This past week, our parish and school families united in celebration as we revived the longstanding tradition of "Trunk-or-Treat". Included in this parish-wide ***Spooktacular Halloween Event***, were games for our younger students and a ***Monster Mash-Bash*** music and dance party for our middle school students. As well, this past Monday found our entire school community sharing in the joy of the ***Hallo-Giving Parade Project***. The focus of this project was the decoration of pumpkins and greeting cards for the residents of the Anchorage Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Salisbury. The most memorable view of this event was to watch 200+ students parade together in an array of colorful and creative costumes down Camden Avenue through Carroll Street. The end of our parade route revealed a tender moment where the generosity of our students met the heartfelt smiles of the residents of Anchorage. These two events served as a viable link between "Hallow-Eve" and the holiness of All Saints Day. On this Holy day, our school honored the Communion of Saints through a shared celebration that featured our unity as a parish of faith. Each of these three events exalted our Lord through our belief in community, service and a passion to live a life that nurtures the presence of Christ for all to see.

As we joyously reflect on the blessedness of this past week, we pray in thanksgiving for all of the parents, parishioners and community members who shared of themselves to make these events such a special memory for all.

As we look ahead to the twelfth week of school, I would like mention a couple of noteworthy items:

- **Our school will honor the accomplishments of the student-athletes on our Girls Field Hockey, Boys Soccer and Co-ed Golf teams. This Fall Sports Assembly will take place in the Parish Center at 8:15am on Thursday, October 10th.**
- **Our school will mark the observance of Veteran's Day with a special prayer service scheduled to be held in the Parish Center at 8:15am on Friday, October 11th.**

Have a blessed and enjoyable week!

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