



OCTOBER 2018



Principal's Message

Dear parents, teachers and students,

We hope everyone's fall season is off to a wonderful start. As the days get shorter and the weather begins to change, we are keeping very busy at Preschool. The children are settling into their new environment and learning the daily routines alongside their friends.

I would like to thank you all for the speedy return of the school's extra clothes, as accidents tend to happen while the children are adapting. I would also like to thank all of you who attended our Open House. It was great to have an opportunity to show you all our classrooms and give you a better sense of what your little one is doing during the day.

This month, we will be focusing on all aspects of the fall season such as the changing leaves, pumpkins and of course a little Halloween! The children will also be creating some very fun and "scary" art projects, and we will address the changes in weather as well as the differences in the clothing we wear.

We want to remind parents that many of the activities and skills we focus on in preschool are based on the process, not the product, so expect a lot of creativity and self expression!

Looking forward to a great Season!!

Yours,
Elaine Sherry.



October

Dates to remember

November

29th: All Saints' and All Soul's mass

30th Halloween Parade with Lower school

31st: No school!

1st : No School, All Saints' and All Soul's

12th: K1, K2, K3 FIRST FIELD TRIP! We will go to the Theater!

28th: Thanksgiving Day Mass and celebration.

29th: No School.



HALLOWEEN

On Wednesday, October 30th ,

we will celebrate Halloween in the

school. The children will be able to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, and there will be fun games in class!

Your child's costume should be comfortable, friendly, should have 2 pieces and they mustn't bring a mask.



Friendly reminders

1. Please remember to check your child's agenda at the end of each school day for any important information and read your teacher's weekly newsletter. Is our way of keeping you up to date!
2. Weather permitting, we always take the children outside - Please make sure your child is properly dressed and his/her coat is labeled with his/her name.



Family day

Family day was great!
Thank you all those who were able to come and enjoyed some time with us!

A **SPOOKY** invitation...



Lower School would like to extend an invitation to all our K1 to K3 students to participate in a wonderful American tradition joining ASM and many other expat families in Madrid in their annual Húmera Trick-or-Treating this coming October.

In order for this event to be successful, we must ask for everyone attending to bring candy. The organizers are requesting 60 individually wrapped candy per child in a sealed bag (no open bags, and recently bought candy are a must). If a family has more than one child, they need to multiply that amount (60) per any additional child. It seems like a lot, but by the end of trick-or-treating, kids usually have that amount or even more in their bags. I kindly ask you to write your full name and our school name on the bags. You may bring it to my office from October 14th to the 16th. The last day for bringing the candy is October 16th. Please no later than that.

A few days before the event, we will send you a map showing all the houses distributing candy. It is important that you follow that map, as not all houses in Húmera will participate and we have to be very careful not to knock on doors that do not wish to take part in these events. At the same time, I would like for all of you to apply the 4Bs while trick-or-treating in Húmera: Being Respectful of others property and neighborhood, Being Responsible of your children, Being Safe while walking around and entering the gardens, and Being Kind with everyone, in particular to the house owners who will be handing out the candy. Do remember that when approaching someone's property, you should be mindful of where you walk and don't leave a mess of wrappers or costume accessories in your walk. It can get pretty hectic on the porch during peak trick-or-treat hours. Once you take your share, move out of the way for the next person and don't trip the person behind you. And one last thing, don't forget to say Trick-or-Treat and Thank You. Let's show our Aquinas spirit and manners at all times!

On a final note, all participants should be wearing a nice Halloween costume, carry a bag for collecting candy, and be accompanied by an adult.

This year's Halloween event will take place on:

Saturday October 19th from 7:00-8:30 pm.

P.E. is FUN



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