

Dear Lower School Families,

Hello! As a Halloween fanatic (but also more formally as your Lower School Sustainability Coordinator), I can't wait to see you at this year's Homecoming celebration. There, I will host the third Great Halloween Costume Swap. Please participate! You can:

- ☐ drop off old Halloween costumes
- ☐ snag a costume for a child in your life
- ☐ both of the above
- ☐ donate other non-Halloween clothes

QUESTIONS:

**Where and when do I drop off costumes?**

There will be a costume collection box in the Lower School foyer as of Monday, September 30. Drop off costumes anytime before October 18. You can also bring costumes directly to Homecoming and drop them off at the swap station. **Make sure you place items in the box labeled for Homecoming or Pumpkin Patch**, because we also have a textile recycling box at the Lower School.

**What kind of costumes can I bring in to swap?**

We are accepting children's costumes only. They should be gently used and clean. Please keep in mind our school guidelines by bringing costumes that are permissible and respectful: no imaginary weapons and no stereotypical representations of cultures or peoples. Accessories and incomplete costumes are totally accepted!

**What happens to the costumes if they aren't swapped?**

All costumes that are not taken will be repurposed, donated, or most likely, saved for next year's swap. Along with raising awareness, our goal is to reduce both the number of new costumes sold and the number of old costumes in landfills.

**Can I donate other non-Halloween clothing?**

If you want to get rid of non-Halloween clothing, you can bring it to the swap (and place it in a separate box for later donation). Also, at any point during the year, you can put used clothing in the textiles recycling at the Lower School.

**Can I donate costumes after Halloween?**

Sure. bring them directly to me (Ms. Carmen) and I will put them in the bin for next year.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions at [cdreyer@polyprep.org](mailto:cdreyer@polyprep.org).

Yours in spooky sustainability,  
Carmen Dreyer