THE **EMILY WARREN ROEBLING** SCHOOL

Halloween 2026

Children and staff are welcome to wear Halloween costumes to school on Friday, October 30th. We recognize that some families will choose not to have their child participate in dressing in costume and that is OK.

All classes will participate in a *Character Costume Parade* around the PS 8 block beginning at 8:50AM. Please review the below FAQs for more details. Classes will walk along the side walks. We know that some children may find seeing their parents during the school day challenging and we ask that you bear that in mind when deciding whether or not to attend.

What will the school day look like on October 30th?
The 30th is a typical day of learning for all children. If your child has PE on Fridays, please make sure to wear sneakers. Keep in mind that your child will be in the classroom, cafeteria and recess yard, when selecting a costume.

What is the Character Costume Parade?
Children will walk with their class from PS8 in a large rectangle–Hicks Street to Poplar Street up to Henry Street and down Middagh Street back to school . Families are invited to view the Character Costume Parade along the sidewalks on the opposite side of the street from PS 8 to cheer on the children. We will try to close Poplar Street from traffic. Classes will then walk back to PS 8 and continue with the school day. **Please make sure that your child(ren)'s General Walking Trip Permission Form is completed in Operoo before October 25th.**

Can I bring my PS8 child(ren) directly to the parade?
NO. All PS8 children must arrive at PS8 by 8:20AM. The parade is considered a *school walking trip*, so children must travel with their teacher(s) the entire time. You cannot take your child home from the parade.

Will my child's class be having a Halloween celebration during the day?
In accordance with our Wellness committee's guidelines, treats and food will not be distributed during the school day. We ask that parents do not send in "treat bags" or gifts.

What if my child doesn't have a costume but wants to participate?
Please reach out to our assistant principal, Caren Gandelman.

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What is not appropriate to wear to PS8 on Halloween?
Children cannot bring any accessories including toy weapons, no costume masks of any kind,no capes past the knee or anything that children could trip on, no wings, and no fake blood or inflatables. Please keep in mind that our youngest learners are 4 and 5 years old, so please keep costumes appropriate.

We are not responsible if your child's costume rips or is spilled on.

Route and Times
Walk up Poplar Street to Henry Street. Walk on Henry Street and turn right on Middagh Street back to PS8. Classes will be leaving the building at 8:50AM.

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