## TRICKS, TREATS, AND MONTESSORI FEATS: THE SENIOR HIGH HALLOWEEN

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After being stuck at home and interacting only through virtual platforms because of the pandemic for the past few years, a gust of excitement and laughter swept through as our school embraced the long-awaited return of face-to-face Halloween festivities. Emerging from the shadowy realm of online classes, students and faculty alike traded screens for costumes, transforming the department into a vibrant tapestry of creativity and celebration. In this paper, we unravel the tale of our school's triumphant resurgence into the spirit of Halloween after years spent in the haunting embrace of the pandemic-induced virtual realm. Grab your broomsticks and

join us as we explore the magical day that brought back the pulse of life to our halls—where ghosts and ghouls danced, and laughter echoed through the once-silent halls.

What was just an "activity" for the Senior High School students before became a tradition in the department. Since 2018, the Senior High School has organized the Halloween School Event. With each passing year, the dedication of the department to crafting an unforgettable celebration has only intensified. When the Pandemic forced us to continue learning by virtual means, the Halloween Celebration did not stop. Students with the help of teachers strived to find ways on how all of the students of MIS could interact with one another virtually on another Halloween celebration despite being in their own homes. As a witness to these events, I am glad to say that they were very successful. Now that the pandemic has been declared over, the majority of the students of MIS are now back to face-to-face mode of learning.



The pandemic surely took a toll on the MIS events that would typically happen. The halloween events in MIS included the whole school and campus before it made a big change. Such events would have a lot more activities and games to offer. One of the primary reasons for its change is the campus changes that were made. Starting with the grassy area for booths and also the lack of parking space needed for the families/students visiting.

In defiance with the event being distinct from previous years, "The Senior High Halloween Program" proved to be an exceptional experience for all attendees. The senior high students showcased their creativity through remarkable Halloween decorations, effectively capturing the festive spirit. Moreover, their unique and diverse costumes added an element of intrigue to the event. The program featured a range of simple yet enjoyable activities, culminating in a thrilling horror movie screening to conclude the day.



Despite not getting the approval of our initial proposal of making this year's Halloween event an event to be enjoyed by the whole school together in one day, we are still grateful that we are able to celebrate this event face-to-face with the department. As the echoes of laughter and the rustle of costumes fade away, our Halloween escapade draws to a close, leaving behind a trail of delightful memories etched in the corridors of time. The baton of eventful revelry passes seamlessly from one season to the next, inviting us to keep the spirit alive and gather once again, this time under the mistletoe, as we unwrap the gift of togetherness in the upcoming Christmas event.