



**PISCATAWAY
TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

Theodore Schor Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a team, the teachers, Mr. Hueston and I have been brainstorming ways to make the curriculum “come alive” for our students during this fall season. To do so, we have designated October 31st as, “Curricular/Cultural/Costume and Pajama Day” here at Schor. This event will be an opportunity for students to come together through self-expression as they so choose.

Inasmuch as some families do not celebrate Halloween, this is an optional activity that combines the festivities of the season with student learning and comradery. However, students, with the permission of families, might also choose to wear traditional seasonal costumes. If they are not permitted, as noted in the permission slip below, they may wear cultural attire or pajamas on this day without a permission slip. Some examples of a curricular costume include dressing as a literary or historical character, dressing as a mathematical symbol or dressing as an icon of the Spanish culture for world language. Community members who choose to express themselves more traditionally may wear a costume that adheres to the dress code of conduct – appropriate and respectful attire - no masks or weapons – as might be carried or worn by the costume of the character they choose. Some students may decide to dress comfortably and wear their pajamas to school or clothing that represents their culture; while others may choose to wear their everyday school clothes, as they usually do.

In order for your child to wear a traditional costume (not cultural attire or pajamas) to school, the form below must be completed and returned to the homeroom teacher by Wednesday, 10/30/19. The district code of conduct for appropriate dress will be applied to all those who attend school that day. If you have any questions, or concerns regarding this event, feel free to contact me via email at ocetta@pway.org. Even though this is a regular day, I look forward to this opportunity for our students to express both their individuality and creativity on this day!

Educationally yours,

Orsolina A. Cetta, PhD
Assistant Principal

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom # & Teacher: _____

I give my child permission to participate in the fall event at T. Schor School on 10/31/19. (Only complete and return this portion if your child chooses to wear a traditional costume, on 10/31/19. Permission slips are not required for cultural attire or pajamas.)

Costume idea: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Student Signature: _____