

D211 POST: DISTRICT SCHOOLS TO HOLD HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Three District 211 school's will be hosting community Halloween events in the coming days. William Fremd, Palatine and Hoffman Estates High Schools will open their doors to children and parents with events ranging from trick-or-treating to games and more.



William Fremd High School will be holding their annual Halloween Fest on October 24 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The event is open to students 12 years and under with accompanying adults. During the fest participants can trick-or-treat through the halls as well as play a variety of games. FHS is a proud supporter of the Teal Pumpkin and will have allergy-friendly prizes for all children. Those attending are asked to enter through the school's main entrance. Fremd's student council will be trick-or-treating for non-perishable items for the Palatine Township Food Pantry. For a list of needed items click [here](#).



On October 25, Palatine High School will hold its 24th annual Trick-or-Treat with Pirate Pete from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The festivities are open to children 10 and under with an adult. The event was started at Palatine by retiring principal Gary Steiger and has grown to include an inflatable corn maze, a pirate ship moon jump, petting zoo, and both “scary” and “not scary” decorated rooms for the children to tour. More than 32 student groups, as well as community organizations will participate to, or have made donations to the event. For more information on Trick or Treat with Pirate Pete click [here](#).



Finally, October 30, Hoffman Estates High School will hold its 21st annual

Halloween Event from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The night will include games, not-so-scary haunted rooms, crafts, trick-or-treating and treats created by the school's Family and Consumer Science Department. The event is open to students from 10 years old to pre-school with accompanying adults. With more than 22 clubs and activities participating, the event offers something for everyone and has expanded beyond the first floor of the school to include the gym shelf. For more information on HEHS's Halloween Event contact FCS Department Chair Jessica Ecker at 847-755-5301.

PALATINE, FREMD, SCHAUMBURG HIGH SCHOOLS TO HOST COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Palatine, Fremd, and Schaumburg High Schools will host Halloween events that are open to the community.



The Fremd Student Council is inviting students ages 12 and under and parents to attend the annual Halloween Festival held at Fremd High School on Oct. 26 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The school has been transformed for a fun night of trick-or-treating with games, toys, and candy. FHS is a proud teal pumpkin supporter, so there are plenty of prizes for all children.

All children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Additionally, Student Council will also be trick or treating for canned goods to benefit the Palatine Township Food Pantry. A food collection bin will be available in the cafeteria upon entering the school.

Palatine High School will host its annual free Trick or Treat with Pirate Pete event on Oct. 27 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., at Palatine High School, 1111 N. Rohlwing Rd. Children aged ten and under, and accompanied by an adult, are invited to attend the free annual celebration of the fall season. Students from a variety of Palatine High School clubs, organizations, programs, and athletic teams will staff the event. The gym and cafeteria will have a large selection of carnival type games for the children to play.

Classrooms throughout the first floor of the school will be decorated using themes. Each classroom has a sign outside letting parents know if the room is "scary" or "not scary" for the children. Many treats will be handed out at the event.

At Schaumburg High School, the Students Helping Others (SHO) Club has collected cans on Halloween for the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry for the past 15 years. Last year, the club collected a record amount of food donations. While SHO is not running this year, the National Honor Society is continuing this activity. Students and faculty will collect again on Oct. 31 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the community. Preferred foods include: canned meats, canned pastas, soup, juices, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, bar soap, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, cereals, canned fruit, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, salt, pepper, flour, sugar, Spaghetti-o's, Hamburger Helper, Rice-a-Roni, snacks and lunchboxes.

PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST ANNUAL 'TRICK OR TREAT WITH PIRATE PETE' EVENT FOR COMMUNITY



Palatine High School will host its annual Trick or Treat with Pirate Pete event on Oct. 29 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Palatine High School, 1111 N. Rohlwing Rd.

Children ages ten and under and accompanied by an adult are invited to attend the free annual celebration of the fall season. Students from a variety of Palatine High School clubs, organizations, programs, and athletic teams will staff the event.

The gym and cafeteria will have a large selection of carnival type games for the children to play, and classrooms throughout the first floor of the school will be decorated using themes. Each classroom has a sign outside letting parents know if the room is "scary" or "not scary" for the children. Many treats will be handed out at the event.

Palatine High School staff and student groups along with community organizations and businesses sponsor the event. One of the annual sponsors is the PHS Pirate Boosters. The Booster Club provides an annual grant of \$1,700 to subsidize the supplies and candy purchases. In addition, the Booster Club president sends a letter to area

businesses soliciting treats and supplies for the event.

“The PHS Pirate Boosters exist to enhance the PHS experience for our students,” said PHS Pirate Boosters Co-President Alissa DePue. “We do this both monetarily and through deed. Supporting the trick or treat festival is one way we demonstrate that mission. By aiding our community, all children – student volunteers and young attendees alike – are impacted in a positive and meaningful way.”

PHS Principal Gary Steiger planned the first trick or treat event at Fremd High School after attending a similar community event with his children, and has been hosting the event at Palatine High School for the last 19 years. Steiger looks at the event as a way to give back to the Palatine community.

“The trick or treat festival started out as a small way to allow our students to give back to the community of Palatine and has become such a big part of our community that it is wonderful to see,” Stegier said. “It really is a great community event that lets our Pirates give back by providing our future Pirates a warm, dry and safe place to go trick or treating.”

Palatine High School Chemistry teacher Nicki O’Keefe, who is helping plan the event this year, remembers Trick or Treat with Pirate Pete from her time at Palatine High School as a student. She said she enjoyed decorating a room for the local community children to trick or treat safely.

“This is a great opportunity for families to bring their children to a warm, safe and friendly environment to trick or treat,” O’Keefe said.

For more information about Trick or Treat with Pirate Pete, please call Palatine High School at (847) 755-1600.