



**First day of Fall
was on
September 22**

Oblong Jr. High

What's Happening?
October 2023



HALLOWEEN



Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2023 will occur on Tuesday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.



Reference: History, (2022, July 22). *Halloween 2022*.
<https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween#:~:text=The%20tradition%20originated%20with%20the.of%20the%20traditions%20of%20Samhain>.

CHARACTER STRONG

RESPECT

“Be kind and courteous.

Be polite, avoid interrupting or causing disturbances.

Listen to others and respect differences in beliefs and opinions.

Think before you speak, your language and tone.

Lend a helping hand or ear and practice compassion.

Avoid gossip and any conversations that may be considered discriminatory or bullying.

Respect personal space and personal property.

Understand everyone has their own experiences and beliefs.

Speak up if others around you are being disrespectful.

Be willing to evolve and admit mistakes.”

Resource: <https://www.uwl.ac.uk/student-life/building-uwl-community/10-ways-be-respectful>

NO SCHOOL

October 9th

Columbus Day



Additionally, there will be NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26th & 27th FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES. Please sign up as soon as you receive the sheet. Thanks so much.

The first quarter ends on Friday, October 13, 2022. Report cards will be distributed on October 20. Please let me know if you would prefer them to be mailed, otherwise they will be sent home with your child. I can also review them during the P/T conferences.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on November 5th.

