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Why We Celebrate Michaelmas (Festival of Courage)

Why we celebrate

The children return in the autumn term full of energy and trailing with them summer's warmth; a new school year begins. Nature too is breathing in. From the expanse of high summer's dream she begins to awaken. The opening main lesson begins, and is guided over the weeks towards the first festival of the new school year--Michaelmas, a festival of the will; a festival to awaken to the struggle between Michael and the Dragon; a struggle which is enacted upon the great sleeping in-breath of nature, upon the return to the mundane, from the widths of space in high summer to the depths of the earth in winter. Michael is the guiding spirit of our time; it is no coincidence, there-

fore, that children celebrate this festival . . . to mark the beginning of their school year. After the festival, "the sense of purpose and courage resonates into the following weeks. . . . *Adapted from an article in Child and Man.*

What to wear and bring

The Festival of Courage will take place on Friday, September 30th. (Rain Date: Monday, October 3rd). The Festival of Courage is a celebration for the Lower, Middle, and Upper Schools. **Students in these divisions should bring gloves, a water bottle, hat, sneakers (NO CLEATS PERMITTED) and sunscreen.** Students in the Lower and Middle Schools should

wear red. The Upper School will wear all black.

Parents are invited

Parents are invited to the Pageant, which will take place on the Upper School Field at 10:30 a.m. During the day, Lower, Middle, and Upper School students will participate in a variety of Feats of Courage. Parents are invited to the Tugs of War, which will take place in the Lower School recess field at 2:30 p.m.

Children's Garden

The Children's Garden will not participate in this festival, but will have its own celebration of Autumn Garden in October (more information to come).

