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## **HALLOWEEN**

### **Dakota High School hosts Haunted Hallway**

Kid-friendly events, haunted house included

Dakota High School will offer thrills for those seeking scares or sweets this Halloween, when it opens its doors after school hours to host the Haunted Hallway event.

The Dakota Haunted Hallway will be held at Dakota High School on Oct. 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dakota High School is a Chippewa Valley Schools district building located at 21051 21 Mile Road in Macomb Township. Parking will be located by the school's North Entrance, which is near the football stadium.

The Dakota Haunted Hallway is sponsored by the Student Diversity Group of Dakota High School. Andrew Renaud, a sponsor of the group and a teacher in the school's math department, said that all age groups will be welcome at the event.

"We have a kid friendly area where games, arts and crafts, and treats will be available for younger ages or for those who are not interested in the super spooky Haunted Hallway walk," Renaud said. Some of the Halloween-themed, child appropriate activities that the Student Diversity Group has been creating and discussing may include dancing, face painting and more, according to Renaud. The kid-friendly area will be located in Dakota High School's atrium.

"The hallway walk is for those who are intimidated by startling, scary, frightening characters and displays," Renaud said. "The Haunted Hallway is Dakota's entire lower academic area."

The Student Diversity Group, which has about 40 members, will be working on creating prompts and decorations until event day, according to Renaud.

"It is hard work for a great cause," Renaud said.

In addition to the Halloween themes of the event, an anti-bullying campaign will be conducted, according to Renaud.

Tickets to Dakota High School Haunted Hallway will be sold at the door. Tentative price for tickets is \$5 for those age 11 and up, or \$2 for those age 10 and under, according to Renaud. Any funds raised beyond the breakeven point are generally donated to charity, Renaud said.

"We do not have any specific expectation regarding profit. We tend to break even. We do this for the anti-bullying campaign," Renaud said.

Adult supervisors and Student Diversity Group student leaders will serve as guides for students or parents who attend the Haunted Hallway event but are unfamiliar with Dakota High School's layout, Renaud said.

Students can earn service hours for groups such as the National Honor Society through participation in the Haunted Hallway event, according to Renaud.

The Student Diversity Group at Dakota sponsors numerous activities throughout the school year including Anonymous Positive Affirmations Candy Grams and Hunt for Hope.

"These events are still in the development stage. The club will have more detail as we create and discuss these throughout the year," Renaud said.



The Student Diversity Group at Dakota High School will sponsor a Haunted Hallway event at the Macomb Township school on Oct. 27.

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Dakota High School in Macomb Township will host a Haunted Hallway event on Oct. 27.



A Haunted Hallway event at Dakota High School will include not only haunted house attractions but also a kid-friendly area in the atrium for those who prefer treats to tricks.

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