

Making Connections

Rick Petrini leading the parade of Halloween costumes to the Middle and Upper Schools.

There are many words which define the educational experiences at Saint George's School, but for the moment let us choose the word *vibrant*. Adding to our vibrancy are the connections between students of all ages, K through 12. We leverage the uniqueness of a student body spanning thirteen grade levels, as we embrace purposeful and serendipitous connections across campus.

The Lower School, Middle School, Upper School, and the greater Spokane community connect in a network of staff, siblings, activities, and events. Connections help all of Saint George's students be known, be excited for learning, and cast their vision forward to the day when they will be in the roles to which they aspire.

The Lower School's weekly Friday Assemblies in our Dragons Den are iconic, vibrant representations of the connections we cherish. It is common for students in the Upper and Middle schools to "come back" to the Lower School by announcing community fundraisers they are leading, or to perform in ensembles or choirs to the enjoyment of the younger kids and their parents. Likewise, varsity and JV teams return to our Dragons Den

to introduce their players and give updates on their season. The younger Dragons can't believe kids who are that tall once sat in the same place during Friday Assemblies years ago! Our Lower School's Student Council members plan and lead these assemblies, gaining valuable leadership and confidence skills that they will carry into ASB positions once they are in the Upper School.

Who doesn't love a parade? The excitement is palpable in the Upper School courtyard as students in grades 6-12 await the Lower School's traditional Halloween Costume parade to arrive! Being in the lead, Kindergarteners' eyes pop open wide as they enter the Upper School to a throng of over 200 students and staff awaiting the parade that winds through the building. Many middle schoolers and upper schoolers can remember the days when they, too, were younger and got their own treats and trinkets from "the big kids." Although treats seem to always run a bit low by the end of the parade when the fifth graders go through the crowd, everyone loves connecting as a full school on this exciting day!

— Rick Petrini, Head of Lower School

