



From The Principal's Desk

October 8th, 2023

Important Dates Coming Up

- **Columbus Day:** There will be no school on Monday, October 9th.
- **Mid-Term of Trimester I:** Progress reports will be going home the week of October 13th, as this is the mid-point of Trimester I.

New Announcements

PTO Meeting: Our next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00pm. This will be to discuss our Fall Dinner and to allow for additional planning. All are welcome!

FRFD Visit: Some of the members of the Fall River Fire Department will be visiting on Tuesday afternoon, to speak to our students are fire prevention. This will take place around 1:00pm in the school parking lot.

Truck or Treat: Attached to this email is a new, fun event for our students! We will have our 1st Truck or Treat on Saturday, October 28th! (We will still have our Halloween Gala on Friday, October 27th.) Please see the attached flyer below for additional information.

Save the Date for the Christmas Play: I have locked down a date for the Christmas Play! It will take place on December 20th, at the Bishop Connolly Campus. More information to come later!

Fall Dinner to Support Our School: In conjunction with our PTO, we are happy to announce our Fall Dinner, to benefit our school! Use the flyer here to order tickets: <http://www.espiritosantoschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Fall-Dinner-Ticket-Order-Form.pdf>

Tuition Statements: You should have received a tuition statement on Thursday. These statements will serve two purposes. The first is to keep you up to date with your balance with the school. A friendly reminder that, per your tuition agreement, payments are made at the beginning of each month. The second is to give you your updated charges for morning and after-care, so you may pay that balance for August and September. I ask that you submit payment for morning/aftercare upon receipt of your statement. You will notice at the top of the page the dates of 7/1/2023 - 10/2/2023. This is the range of the statement. Any payments submitted this week will not be reflected on the statement. (Those will be reflected on later statements.) You can access your financial information on Gradelink at any time, using your parent access information that was provided to you at the beginning of the year. If you need that information again, please send me an email, and I can provide that to you. Please note that Gradelink is not a "live system", in that payments do not post right away in the parent portal.

Announcements from Prior Memos

CYO Basketball: This is the last call for any students who would like to play CYO Basketball this year. This is open to students in Grades 2-8. If you are interested, please have your student stop by the main office for a form.



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CYFL Futsal: I am happy to share that the CYFL Futsal league will return this year! Coach Bill Sampaio reached out to me to distribute the futsal information. Games will take place at BMC Durfee High School, here in Fall River. This is open to students in all grades! Information is attached to this email. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Bill Sampaio at billsampaiofutsal@gmail.com. Also, coaches are needed! (A valid CORI will be required, along with the appropriate Safe Environment Training.)

MAD Science: We will welcome the MAD Science program back to our school this year. The Fall session will begin on 10/20/23. The flyer can be found here: http://www.espiritosantoschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Espirito_Santo_MAD-Science-Flyer.pdf

Traffic Concerns: This past week, we have experienced some traffic backups in and around the school. In order to reduce these issues, please review the following information. It is also important that you share this information with those who may drop-off, or pick-up your child from school.

- It is very important that cars **do not block** traffic on Alden Street, Boutwell Street or neighboring side streets before the gates open. **The gates open in the afternoon at 2:15pm.** Parking is allowed in the church parking lot, or on streets that allow parking. Also, please be respectful to our neighbors. I received a call from the owner of Acoreana Market on Alden Street, complaining of parents parking in their lot, and also blocking access to their lot. Please note that the police have been notified of this.
- For morning drop-off, once you are along the side of the building, please allow your student to exit the vehicle and walk up the path to the door. This will allow for the flow of traffic to continue, and also for the timely entry of the students.
- For afternoon pick-up, upon entering the parking lot, cars **must pull all the way down the parking lot.** Parents are to exit their vehicle and walk to the area near the door to pick up their student. Students are not allowed to walk across the parking lot by themselves. Cars can't stop in the middle of the parking lot. This will cause backups, and will lead to traffic blockage on Alden Street. Lastly, Grades K-3 leave at 2:20pm, and Grades 4-8 leave at 2:30pm; please plan your arrival time accordingly.
- Lastly, parking is not permitted in front of the school during school operation. Please note the signs that are posted on Everett Street. Thank you for your cooperation!

Uniform Policy: Please be sure that your student is dressed according to the uniform policy. It can be reviewed here: <http://www.espiritosantoschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Uniform-Policy-2023-2024.pdf> Please note that uniforms are only allowed from Donnelly's & Advanced Embroidery ([Link](#)). Custom made items are not permitted.

When Your Student is Sick: Please call the school at 508-672-2229 to notify the school of your student absence. You can leave a voicemail in the general mailbox.

Refillable Water Bottles: We have a bottle fill station at the school for students to use. Please send your student with a refillable water bottle, so they may have water during the school day. *Glass bottles are not allowed.*

CORIs: If you are a new parent, or a returning parent who would like to volunteer for field trips this year, you must complete the CORI process, along with the Safe Environment Training. Please see the links below. You may complete these forms, and forward them to the school office.



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- [CORI Form \(updated 5/2023\)](#) (Please provide front/back copy of License/ID/Passport)
- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Safe Environment Training](#) (Please provide copies of both certificates, which include Safe Environment Training and 51a Training)

Reminder about Snacks/Lunch from Home: Please be advised that snacks from home, as well as lunches brought from home must be free of peanut or tree nuts, per the student/parent handbook.



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TRUNK or TREAT

ESPIRITO SANTO SCHOOL PARKING LOT

EVENT: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 6:00-7:30 PM

Decorate your vehicle up and come join the fun! Trunk or Treat is a fun and safe place for families to spend a night together! Families from Espirito Santo School will decorate their cars in themes, then fill their trunks with lots of yummy candy and treats! Families stroll from car to car looking at all the decorated vehicles and collect candy and treats.

Vehicle owners must complete the vehicle registration form to participate. FEE FOR REGISTRATION IS \$25.00, must be included with register form. Once form AND payment is received, you will be getting a copy of your form with your reserved spot.

RULES OF THE ROAD for REGISTERED VEHICLES

1. Only those who have properly registered their vehicles by Wednesday, October 18th will be allowed to participate at this event.
2. Pre-registered vehicles may arrive at the School Parking Lot beginning at 4:30pm. All trunks must be decorated and staffed by 5:30pm, the event begins at 6:00pm.
3. Each vehicle will provide their own treats and must bring their own generators if they need it to use one to decorate their vehicles.
4. Registered vehicles must stay at the event until the event ends at 7:30pm. For safety purposes, vehicles will not be allowed to leave the parking lot until the event is over.



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VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM

EVENT: TRUNK OR TREAT

WHEN: SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2023 AT 6:00PM

TRUNK SET UP AT 4:30-5:30PM

WHERE: SCHOOL PARKING LOT

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE (Car, Trunk, SUV): _____

I agree to follow the rules of the road for Trunk or Treat 2023. I also authorize use of my name and picture of my child to be released for use in event coverage.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

This form AND payment must be returned to SCHOOL by Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

The first 50 forms are guaranteed a spot. Fee is \$25.00 per vehicle.



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Fire Prevention Open House

**Flint Fire Station
Wednesday, October 11th
4:00 PM – 9:30 PM**



**Ladder 4, Engine 9,
and Medical Rescue
will be present.**



**Special Guest
SPARKY**





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SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT NETWORK



The S.E.A.L. Foundation is excited to announce that we are launching a **Special Education Parent Network** to raise awareness and increase an understanding of the IEP (Individualized Education Plan) process. We understand the importance of being part of your child's education team and want you to be able to contribute with a solid understanding of the framework for these services. Our intention is to help you navigate the multi-step process from identification to the onset of services. Topics will include parent rights, how accommodations and modifications support overall learning, understanding the different disability categories, along with tips and practical suggestions which we feel are necessary to navigate the process with confidence. Most important, it is our goal to help you realize you aren't on an island by yourself. Our first meeting will be **Monday, October 16 at 5:30** at the **Boston Tavern** in **Middleborough** (58 E Grove Street). If you would like to attend the meeting, please rsvp to Lynne@thesealfoundation.org by Tuesday, October 10.



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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF FALL RIVER**

OPEN HOUSE

MEET THE STAFF, TAKE A TOUR,
REGISTER FOR PROGRAMMING!!

\$25 Annual Membership Fee

**OCTOBER 10TH, 11TH & 12TH
5:30PM TO 7:30PM**

Need more information?

Call 508-672-6340 or
visit www.fallriverbgc.org



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Let Freedom Ring
15th Amendment
19th Amendment

Celebrate
Your Right To Vote

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VOTE
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Fifteenth Amendment

The Fifteenth
Amendment gave
African-American
men the right to
vote by
prohibiting
denial of
voting rights
on basis of
race, color, or
previous condition
of servitude.



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Why Your Vote Matters
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**Magic Performances
Opening Exhibit
Period Music
Voter Registration
Census Registration
Interactive Activities
Interpretive Story Boards
Light Refreshments**

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**Saturday-October 14th
1:00-3:00pm
DCR/Heritage State Park
100 Davol Street, Fall River**

**This event is free and
open to the public**

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