



# From The Principal's Desk

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Dear Espirito Santo School family,

I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest thank you to our school community. It has been a great year thus far, and I look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the year. Thank you to our PS/PK/K students for their excellent work at their Christmas concert, to Grades 1-7 for their singing at the Christmas play, and a big thank you to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who did a fabulous job on stage!

Thank you to our faculty and staff for your continued dedication to our school and our students. May God continue to bless you for everything you do for our school.

Thank you to the parents and guardians who continue to support our school and our students. We are blessed to have such a wonderful school family to support us.

On behalf of Fr. Gauvin, Deacon Miranda, and I, may you and yours have a blessed Christmas and New Year! May God bless you all! #weloveESS

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew J. Raposo

Principal



## Christmas Mass Schedule at Espirito Santo Church

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Vigil at 4:00pm in English

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00am Mass (Bilingual)



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## Important Dates Coming Up

- **Christmas Vacation:** Christmas vacation will begin at the conclusion of school on 12/22. School will reopen on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>!
- **1/15/24 (MLK Day):** There will be no school on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **1/8/24 – 1/26/24:** We will be completing our winter MAP testing for Grades K-8.
- **1/28/24 – 2/3/24:** This is Catholic Schools Week, more information to come!

## New Announcements

**2024-2025 FACE Application:** The 2024/2025 FACE application is **now OPEN!** You can begin the application here for our school: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3GHM8> (Also, see flyer below for additional, important information!)

**2024-2025 Registration Forms:** These forms will be made available after the New Year. Also, please spread the word for any family or friends who may be interested in our school!

**CYFL Futsal:** The schedule of activities are been posted at [www.newenglandfutsal.com](http://www.newenglandfutsal.com).

**CYO Basketball:** For those students playing CYO Basketball, a new schedule has been posted and can be found here: <https://www.fallrivercyo.com/>

## Announcements from Prior Memos

**Important Documents:** Many of the important documents are posted on our school website, at the following link: <https://www.espiritosantoschool.org/helpful-links/>

**Morning/Aftercare:** A friendly reminder that our morning care program begins at 7:00am until 7:40am. Any students who enter during this time will be charged for morning care. Also, after-care begins at 2:30pm and ends at 5:00pm. Students must be picked up by 5:00pm.

**Mrs. Pacheco – Administrative Assistant:** If you need to contact Mrs. Pacheco in the main office, you may reach her at 508-672-2229 Ext. 1, or by email at [office@es.dfrcs.org](mailto:office@es.dfrcs.org).

**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.



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**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.

- [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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## 2024-2025 FACE APPLICATIONS APPLY TODAY



COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DUE BY  
**MARCH 29, 2024**



Providing scholarships since 1991, **The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education** awards need-based scholarships to assist with the tuition costs for students attending a Catholic school in the Diocese of Fall River. All families with one or more children enrolled in or applying to a Catholic elementary or middle school in grades **K-8** in the Diocese of Fall River are eligible to apply. FACE uses the FACTS system to determine financial need so that each situation can be fairly assessed for scholarship opportunities.

**It is very important to complete your application by the deadline to ensure your family is considered for scholarship opportunities.**

A new application must be completed for returning students each year.

Log into your FACTS account at: [\*\*online.factsmgt.com/aid\*\*](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid)

New applicants must go to the FACTS applications web page to create an account: [\*\*online.factsmgt.com/aid\*\*](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid)

\*La solicitud en línea de FACTS está disponible en español haciendo clic en el enlace Español en la parte superior del sitio web de FACTS

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- **2022** IRS FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN, INCLUDING ALL SUPPORTING SCHEDULES.
- ALL **2023** W-2 WAGE AND TAX STATEMENTS FOR BOTH THE APPLICANT AND CO-APPLICANT.
- **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE W-2 INCOME PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR 2023 FEDERAL TAX RETURN.**

**There is a \$40 per family non-refundable application fee.**

**For technical or document upload issues, and questions about the online application process, please contact: FACTS Customer Service at 866-441-4637**

PLEASE VISIT [\*\*WWW.FACE-DFR.ORG/HOW-TO-APPLY\*\*](https://www.face-dfr.org/how-to-apply) FOR FAQs AND HELPFUL RESOURCES.

EMAIL [\*\*FACEAPPS@CATHOLICFOUNDATIONSEMA.ORG\*\*](mailto:FACEAPPS@CATHOLICFOUNDATIONSEMA.ORG) IF YOUR APPLICATION REQUIRES A 2023 FEDERAL TAX RETURN AND YOU PLAN TO FILE AN EXTENSION.

**NOTE:** FACTS WILL SEND INCOMPLETE APPLICATION NOTICES VIA EMAIL IF INFORMATION IS MISSING OR IF YOUR DOCUMENTS ARE BLURRY. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN "APPLICATION IS COMPLETE" EMAIL ONCE ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS UPLOADED. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND ONLINE APPLICATION STATUS TO CONFIRM ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

ALL FACE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED.

**FACE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL OCCUR IN SPRING 2024 AND YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE NOTIFIED.**