



From The Principal's Desk

December 3rd, 2023

Important Dates Coming Up

- **12/8 (School Mass):** Our next school mass will take place on Friday at 10:00am in the church. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, as it is the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be hosted by Grade 3. All are welcome to attend!
- **12/12 (Picture Re-Take Day)** – For those interested, there will be picture re-takes available, for those who want their photos retaken, or if you were absent on the original day. Please contact the school if your student will have a re-take by contacting Mrs. Pacheco in the school office.
- **12/15 (Early Dismissal Day)** – Due to a professional development opportunity, there will be a ½ day of school. Dismissal for PS/PK begins at 11:00am, Grades K-3 at 11:20am, and Grades 4-8 at 11:30pm. There will be no after-care or lunch on this day.
- **12/19 @ 6:00pm (PS/PK/K Christmas Concert)** – We will have a PS/PK/K Christmas Concert at 6:00pm on December 19th in the church. A good will donation will be collected.
- **12/20 (ESS Christmas Play)** – On December 20th, Espirito Santo School will present our Christmas Play. This will take place at the campus of Bishop Connolly on Elsbree Street. More information to come!
- **12/22 (Early Dismissal Day)** – As we enter Christmas break, there will be a ½ day of school. Dismissal for PS/PK begins at 11:00am, Grades K-3 at 11:20am, and Grades 4-8 at 11:30pm. There will be no after-care or lunch on this day.

New Announcements

PTO Meeting: Our next PTO meeting is tomorrow night (12/4) at the school. However, the time has been changed to **7:00pm** due to my commitment with the students who are a part of our CYO basketball program.

Parent/Teacher Conferences (Grades K-8): Thank you to those who responded to the email regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences for Grades K-8. There are still some spots available. Please email me at ARaposo@es.dfrcs.org for an afternoon (3:00 – 4:30pm) or an evening (5:30 – 7:30pm) if available. Please identify which teacher you would like to speak with. Appointments are limited to ten minutes. If you need a longer appointment, please contact the teacher directly to set up an alternative day.

Report Cards (Grades K-8): Report cards went home on Friday. Please sign and return them to school by Tuesday. Please note that there was an error on the music grades that were printed on the report card. Mrs. Tavares is working to correct those grades. Once corrected, I will post the updated report cards digitally on Gradelink. We apologize for the error.

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.



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

December Lunch Menu: The December lunch menus can be found here: ([Grade K-8](#)) ([PS/PK](#))

CYFL Futsal: The schedule of activities are been posted at 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

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.

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.

- [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.