



From The Principal's Desk

December 7th, 2025

(Lunch Menu for December → [Link](#)) (CYO Basketball Schedule → [Link](#))

Important Dates Coming Up

- Holy Day – Immaculate Conception – Monday 12/8, Mass @ 10am
- Confessions for Grades 3-5 – Tuesday, 12/9
- Class Photos / Fall Photo Retakes – Tuesday, 12/9
- Christmas Gala (Rescheduled Halloween Gala) – Friday 12/12, 6-8pm
- PS/PK/K Christmas Concert – Wednesday 12/17 @ Bishop Connolly
- ESS Christmas Play – Thursday, 12/18 @ Bishop Connolly
- ½ Day of School – Friday, 12/19
- Christmas Break – No School (12/22/25 – 1/2/26)

New Information This Week

Class Photos / Photo Retakes: Class photos, and class photos will be taken on Tuesday. If your child's fall photo needs to be retaken, please contact Mrs. Pacheco. (office@es.dfrcs.org)

Announcement from Diocesan Wellness Committee: Please click on this link to access important information and documents regarding the Diocese of Fall River Wellness Initiative, which includes both information on the Student and Parent Wellness Surveys that every school will be implementing in December. This link contains English, Spanish and Portuguese versions. Thank you so much for your involvement!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RhkmeG3vJA16dgKp3BnXCewt1wCXBIAJWMBn6uvqOSY/edit?usp=sharing>

Care Solace: Please see information below regarding Care Solace, a free service accessible to our community for mental health supports. The school also this available to us as needed.

Information from Prior Memos

Gift of Love Christmas Service Project: Please see the letter below regarding our Gift of Love Christmas Service Project. A special thank you to Ms. Polselli for organizing it!

Halloween Gala Rescheduled: I want to extend thanks for your patience regarding the Halloween Gala. We had to figure out a few logistics in order to reschedule the Gala. **The rescheduled Gala (Now the Christmas Gala) will take place on December 12th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Bishop Connolly.** Tickets purchased from the Halloween Gala will be valid for admission for the Christmas Gala.

- Pumpkins from the Halloween Gala will still be judged as we would have before.



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- Since it is now a Christmas Gala, we will skip costumes. Instead, students can dress in festive/Christmas colors.
- Pizza, soda and water will still be on sale during the Gala.
- If you have any questions regarding the Gala, please reach out to the school office.



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Gift of Love Christmas Service Project

Dear Families,

During this Christmas Season, our school would like to take part in a very special service project as an act of love. We feel that it is important to have the children do something meaningful within their community as stated in the school's Mission Statement. In our city, we have an organization known as **GATES OF HOPE, Inc.** which is run right out of our own parish located in the building right behind Espirito Santo Church.

It offers the following services:

- **Food Pantry- by appointment Tuesday- Friday between 2:00pm and 4:00pm**
- **Pet Pantry**
- **Hygiene Items**

We recently contacted the **Director, Faith Scallion** and asked if we would be able to help them out by providing some needed items. Ms. Scallion informed us that there were some much needed items which we could help provide. We are asking the children to purchase one item each week from the list below. Ms. Scallion wishes to express her gratitude to you for any donations that you can provide.

For the week of **NOV. 24 : Please bring one of the following:** condiments such as mustard, ketchup and spices. They are also in need of pet food.

For the week of **DEC. 1: Please bring one of the following:** a package of cake mixes, brownie mix, muffin/cookie mix, snack items and boxes of cereal.

For the week of **DEC. 8 : Please bring one of the following:** canned meats such as canned chicken, spam, ham, chicken spreads.

For the week of **DEC. 15: Please bring one of the following:** ready-made meals such as rice-a-roni, hamburger helper, canned beef stews, chunky soups, chef-boy-ar-dee pastas. (They don't need any more mac and cheese, tuna or beans)

In lieu of the above items, they will also accept gift cards for Price Rite, Stop and Shop, Walmart and Market Basket.

Thank you so much for all your cooperation and generosity and for helping the children grow in their faith and love for God through their acts of love for others in need. May you be greatly blessed!

Sincerely, The Faculty of Espirito Santo School



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Support your family's wellbeing

Dear Families,

When you or your child needs help, it's hard to know where to turn. In an effort to ease the burden of finding the mental health and substance use services you need, we've partnered with Care Solace, your central hub of care.

With a network of over 560,000 providers and services, Care Solace will help you find the right help at the right time, 24/7/365, at no cost to you. They will connect you with providers accepting all medical insurances, including Medicaid, Medicare, and sliding scale options for those without insurance.

You can access Care Solace services in three ways:

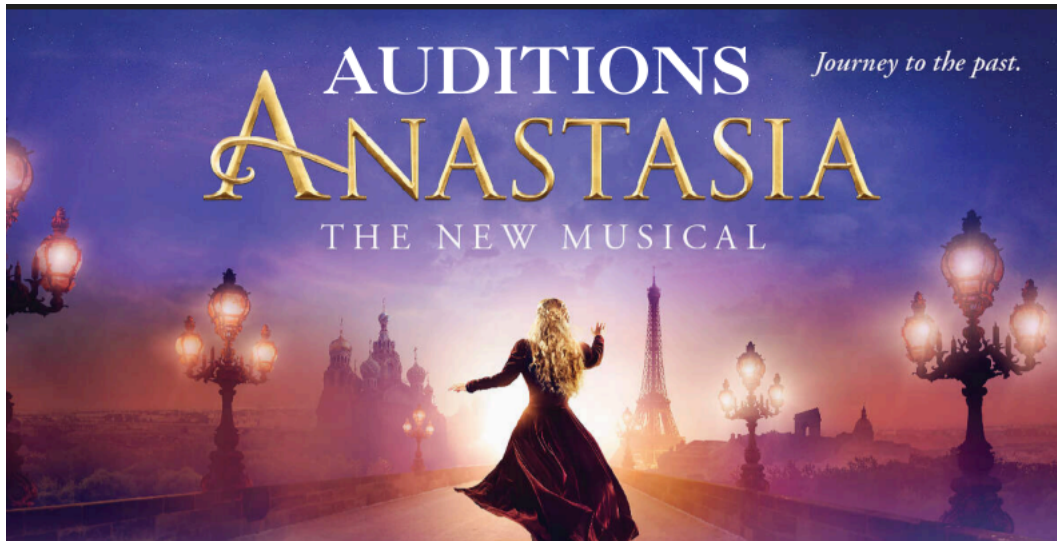
- Call 888-515-0595 at any time. Multilingual support is available 24/7/365. A dedicated Care Companion will help you every step of the way to research options, secure appointments, and follow up to make sure it is a good fit.
- Search anonymously to get matched with an extensive list of care providers at caresolace.com/dioc-fr.
- Contact your school health professional, and they will submit a referral on your behalf.

No matter what you're experiencing, there is hope and help. We are confident that our new partnership with Care Solace will help us build a healthier, more vibrant school community.

If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 9-1-1 or The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.



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Bishop Stang is looking for children to audition for our Spring Musical, *Anastasia*!

Production Dates: April 30th, May 1st and 2nd at 7pm

Auditions:

When: December 8th, 3:30-4:30

Where: Bishop Stang High School
500 Slocum Rd. Dartmouth MA

Roles Offered

Young Anastasia- (female, ages 9-11)

Alexei- (male, ages 9-11)

Please email Miss Lavoie at theater@bishopstang.org to sign up for auditions and for the audition song!

Bishop Stang Theatre Co. rehearsals Mondays, Tuesdays, and *some* Fridays from 2:30-5:30



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care/solace.

It's okay to ask for help.



(888) 515-0595

Care Solace is a free, confidential service that connects students, staff and their families to mental health providers and substance use treatment matched to their needs – regardless of insurance.

Scan the code or use your link:
[caresolace.com/
dioc-fr](https://caresolace.com/dioc-fr)

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