



From The Principal's Desk

August 21st, 2026

Dear Espirito Santo School family,

I hope and pray that this email finds you well, as we enjoy the final days of summer before we return to school for another successful school year. I want to welcome back our returning students/families, and also welcome our new students/families to our school. Collectively, greetings to our Espirito Santo School family! 😊

For our new families, this is my *"From the Principal's Desk"* memo. During the school year, I will be sending these on a weekly basis via email and text message. Be sure to review it on a weekly basis, to stay up to date on news from the school. If you ever have a question or concern, please reach out to me via email at ARaposo@es.dfrcs.org. Also, all of the memos (and other important items) are posted on the school website at <http://www.espiritosantoschool.org>.

Important Dates Coming Up:

- School Calendar for the 2026/2027 School Year: [Link](#)
- Thursday 8/27: ½ Day of School for Students
 - Dismissal for Grades K-3 is 11:20am, Grades 4-8 is 11:30am, and PS/PK dismissal begins at 11:00am.
- Friday 8/28: ½ Day of School for Students
 - Dismissal for Grades K-3 is 11:20am, Grades 4-8 is 11:30am, and PS/PK dismissal begins at 11:00am.

Important Things to Know:

Lunch Program: Espirito Santo School will continue to partner with the Fall River Public Schools Nutrition program. This means that breakfast (for those in morning care) and lunch will be made available free to our students! A menu will be sent to the school from FRPS, and then will be forwarded to our parents. Each morning, we will take a count of students who need hot lunch, and we will place the order with FRPS.

- August/September Menu: [Link](#)

Welcome to Our New Staff: We have new staff joining our school family!

Mrs. Katelyn Jones: Mrs. Jones joins us as our new Kindergarten teacher. She is a graduate of SNHU, and has prior experience working in the early childhood field. For our kindergarten families, she can be contacted at kjones@es.dfrcs.org.



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Mrs. Angela Rego: Mrs. Rego returns to Espirito Santo School, as our Kindergarten paraprofessional. She has multiple years of experience in the classroom, and we welcome her back to our school family. Her email is arego@es.dfrcs.org.

Mrs. Judy DaCosta: Mrs. DaCosta joins us as our building substitute, and coach. Mrs. DaCosta is an experienced educator, and will be helping both in our classrooms, and with our teachers. Her email is jdacosta@es.dfrcs.org.

Ms. Isabella Abuisi: Ms. Abuisi joins us as our new 1st grade teacher. She is a graduate from Rhode Island College. For our 1st grade families, she can be contacted at iabuisi@es.dfrcs.org.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sousa: Mrs. Sousa joins us as our new 2nd grade paraprofessional. She can be contacted at esousa@es.dfrcs.org.

Ms. Clare Meighan: Ms. Meighan joins us as our new 4th grade teacher. She comes to us from Providence College. For our 4th grade families, she can be contacted at cmeighan@es.dfrcs.org.

Mr. Max Nigro: Mr. Nigro joins us as our new middle school Social Studies/Religion teacher. He comes to us from Providence College as well. He can be reached at mnigro@es.dfrcs.org.

Ms. Susan Simard, LPN: Nurse Simard joins us as our substitute LPN, and will be working with Nurse Adam Turcotte & Lindsay Waite in the nurse's office. She can be contacted at ssimard@es.dfrcs.org.

Documents to Be Returned: On the 1st day of school, your student will receive a packet that will need to be completed, and returned to the school. Please be sure to return them to the school by the 2nd day of school. This is very important that we receive these documents in a timely manner.

Tuition Statements: Tuition payments are due at the beginning of each month, per the tuition agreements that were mailed to you. You can mail your payment to the school. You can also schedule your payments with bill pay through your banking partner, where they will be mailed to the school on your behalf. Lastly, we offer the ability to process card payments, using our Square system. *Please note that a convenience fee is added using this method.*



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Uniforms: In addition to Donnelly's Clothing, we will continue to work with Advanced Embroidery in New Bedford, as another vendor that will help supply our polo uniform shirts & gym clothing. Please begin to prepare for the school year, as delays are likely due to supply chain issues. ***Please note that uniforms are only allowed from Donnelly's & Advanced Embroidery. Custom made items are not permitted.***

Gym Uniforms: Grades 4-8 wear their gym uniforms on Wednesday, and Grades PS-3 wear their gym uniforms on Thursday. **Thus, since the 1st day of school is on a Thursday, Grades PS-3 should wear their gym uniforms.**

CORIs

For individuals who would like to volunteer for events/field trips, you will need to complete a CORI check. A friendly reminder that the CORIs are **now valid for 3 years, once completed**. It is important that you complete this process now, and not when a field trip is announced. Delays occur and may result in a CORI not getting completed in time. Please note the following:

1. **If you have never been CORId before**, you will need to complete:
 - CORI Form: <https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/app/uploads/2024/03/DFR-CORI-Acknowledgement-Form-March-2024.pdf>
 - Code of Conduct: <https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/app/uploads/2025/01/Volunteer-Code-of-Conduct-English.pdf>
 - Safe Environment Training: https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/app/uploads/2026/02/SE_2.0_End-User_Flyer_Online_Training_-_Fall_River_2-5-2026-2.pdf
 - Copy of the front/back of your license
2. **If you have been CORId before and are currently expired**, you will need to complete the CORI form, Code of Conduct and copy of your license.
 - *Please note that some individuals may need to do renewal training if you have been with us for at least six years. The process of renewal can be found here:* https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/app/uploads/2025/08/SE_2.0_End-User_Flyer_Renewal_2025_-_Fall_River_8-25-2025.pdf
 - *If you are unsure about your CORI status, reach out and I can let you know.*

Drop-Off & Pickup Procedures: In order to make drop-off and pickup as seamless as possible, please review the following information. Please share this with those who may pick up your student. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

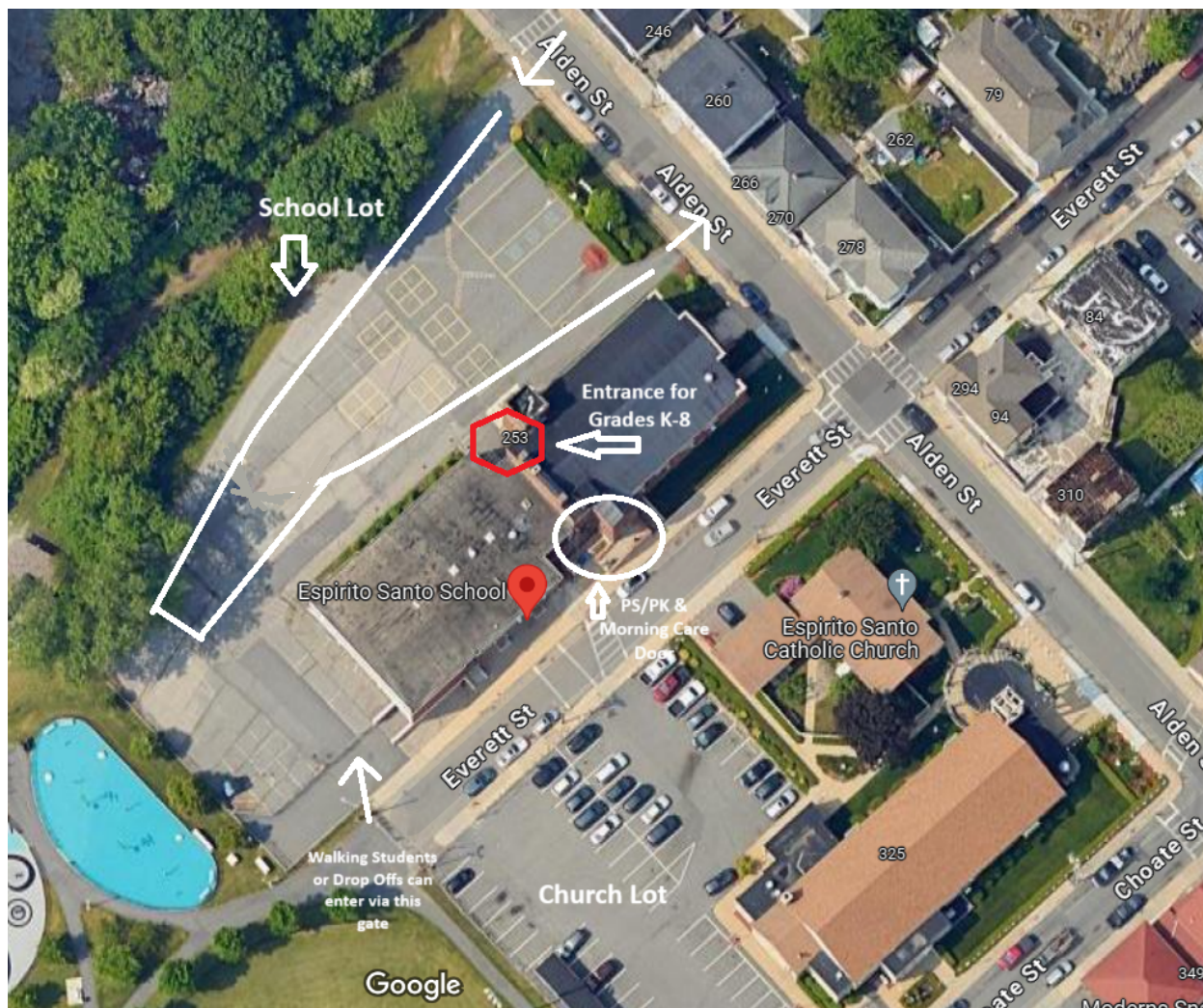
Drop-Off: For students in PS/PK, they will enter via the PS/PK door, located up the brick stairs to the right of the main doors of the school. Once you arrive at the door, please ring the buzzer. A staff member will greet you and sign your child in. Parents will not be



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permitted to enter the building. Please park in the church parking lot, and **do not park in the rectory driveway.**

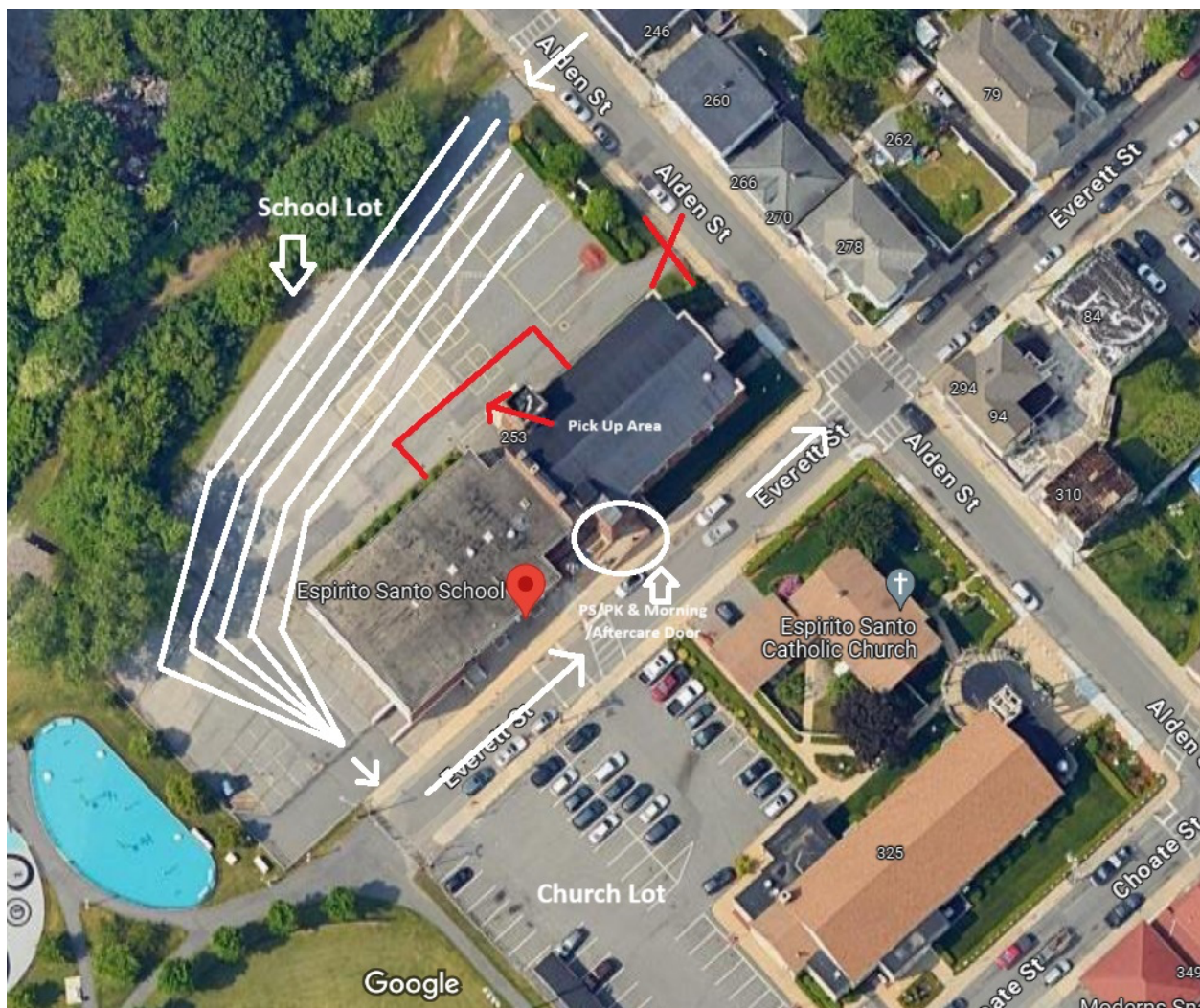
Students in Grades K-8 will continue to arrive at school via the back door in the school parking lot. The doors will open at 7:40am. Parents will enter the large gate on Alden Street, and make a U-shape car line. Once your car is along the side of the building, please allow your child to exit the vehicle and walk within the coned off area. You may exit the parking lot through the smaller gate on Alden Street. There will be staff present to assist students. Parents will not be permitted to enter the building. Students should not be entering via the front doors unless the student is walking to school, or is late (arriving after 8:00am). Please make every effort to be on time, so that the day begins smoothly.





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Dismissal: For students in PS/PK, dismissal begins as early as 2:00pm on full days, 11:00am on half days. Please ring the buzzer at the PS/PK door, and a staff member will assist you. For students in Grades K-8, dismissal will take place in the back parking lot. Please enter via the large gate on Alden Street, and make multiple car lines. It is very important to pull all the way down the parking lot. **Do not stop in the middle of the parking lot, or weave in/out of traffic.** We want to ensure that our students are safe. There will be a coned area where teachers/students will stand. You must exit your vehicle, and pick up your child from their teacher. Students are not allowed to run across the parking lot. Once you and your child have entered your vehicle, proceed down the parking lot, and up Everett Street. Please be reminded that the intersection of Alden & Everett Streets is a 3-way stop.





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Morning & After-Care: Morning care begins at 7:00am. After-care runs from 2:30 - 5:00pm. Parents may check in their student for morning care and dismiss their student from after-care at the PS/PK door.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. See you soon!

Sincerely,
Andrew J. Raposo
Mr. Andrew J. Raposo
Principal