

From the Principal's Desk

March 31st, 2023

New Announcements

Palm Sunday: On Sunday morning, I will be leading a small procession with the youth of our parish for our 9:30am Palm Sunday youth Mass. Students from our school are invited and encouraged to join us! Please meet in the school cafeteria by 9:15am. We will process from the school, to the church, and come together as one community, as we continue on our Lenten journey.

Update on Security Camera Project: I am happy to share that the contract has been signed for our security camera project. We are currently scheduling the work, which should start shortly. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who have participated in our fundraisers that helped support this project!

Living Stations of the Cross: Our 7th grade students will be leading the Living Stations of the Cross on this Sunday, April 2nd at 3:00pm in the church. All are welcomed to attend!

2nd Dominga: I am happy to share that Espirito Santo School will host the 2nd Dominga for the parish! More information to come next week.

Reminder about Drinks: Recently, there has been a rise of sugary and/or energy-type drinks coming into school. *Please be reminded that these drinks are not allowed in school*, and are also not good for young people. This include the new “Prime” drinks. We have a refillable bottle station for students to use. They may use a refillable plastic or metal bottle to do so. We appreciate your cooperation.

Holy Week: Holy Week is right around the corner! We will have our para-liturgy on Holy Thursday (4/6) at 10:00am in the church. The following is the Mass schedule for Holy Week. We hope to see you there!

- Holy Thursday (4/6): 7:00pm Bilingual & Adoration until Midnight.
- Good Friday (4/7): 7:00pm Bilingual & the Procession of “Senhor Morto”
- Holy Saturday (4/8): 7:30pm Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday (4/9): 9:30am English & 11:30am Portuguese

Chocolate Bar Sale: If you need additional boxes of chocolate, please see Mrs. Brodeur in the office. Thank you for supporting our school!

Re-Registration Forms (2023/2024): Thank you to those who have returned your re-registration form and scholastic fee to the school. If you have not done so, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact me.

Students Out Sick: When your student will be out of school due to illness, please be sure to contact Nurse Carrier to report the absence. If you have any questions/concerns when your child is sick, please reach out to Nurse Carrier. She is available to assist.

Announcements from Prior Memos

FACE Applications for 2023-2024 (Grades K-8): Begin the application here, and upload your documents: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3GHM8>

School Posters: If you know of a local business that would be willing to hang up a school poster for us, please contact the school office. Thank you for helping spread the word about our school!

Reminders from the School Nurse: (Contact Nurse Carrier at scarrier@es.dfrcs.org)

- 1) Students who require medication during the school day must have a doctor's order.
- 2) If your student is out for three days, a doctor's note is required in order for them to return.
- 3) Please remember that if your student has a fever or vomiting, they must remain home for 24 hours, and must be symptom free.

Reminder about Birthdays – From the Student/Parent Handbook: Birthday parties are more appropriately held at home. If you wish, you may deliver **individually packaged snacks** to be served at snack time or at a time determined by the teacher and at the Principal's discretion. We ask that you notify the school ahead of time by calling the school nurse. All snacks must be peanut-free/nut free, and it must be on the label. Please contact the school nurse regarding this.

Parking Reminder: Please do not park in the rectory driveway when dropping off/picking up your child. Also, there are no parking signs on Everett Street. Please use the church parking lot.

Setting Up Grade Alerts on Gradelink: Here is a helpful guide on how to setup Parent Alerts via Gradelink. This will help you keep track of your students' progress. ([Link](#)) You can also download the Gradelink app! ([Link](#))

Building Our Alumni Database: We are starting a new initiative here to connect with the great number of alumni that have attended Espirito Santo School. It is our hope to connect with them and extend our reach beyond our walls. To start this process, a Google Form has been established so we may begin to collect this information. This will also be shared on social media. If you are an alumni of the school, please fill it out! Link to Alumni Google Form: <https://forms.gle/9ghuWQz6oXUGM4vh9>

Uniform Policy: It can be found here: <http://www.espiritosantoschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Uniform-Policy-2022-2023.pdf>