



From The Principal's Desk

September 29th, 2023

Important Dates Coming Up

- Our next **School Mass** is Tuesday, October 3rd, at 1:00pm, hosted by Grade 7. All are welcome!
- **½ Day of School:** There will be a ½ day of school on Friday, October 6th. Dismissal is 11:20am for Grades K-3, 11:30am for Grades 4-8. Dismissal for PS/PK starts as early as 11:00am.
- **Bake Sale:** There will be a Bake Sale on October 7 and 8 after all Masses at Espirito Santo Church to benefit the 8th grade, and their end of the year trip. If anyone would like to donate items for the bake sale, please contact Mrs. Brum at 774-451-6829.
- **Columbus Day:** There will be no school on Monday, October 9th.

New Announcements

Recording of TV Mass: On Thursday, October 5th at 5:30pm, Fr. Gauvin will be recording an English TV mass for the Diocese. This recording will take place in the chapel at Bishop Stang High School, in North Dartmouth. He has asked for the school to be involved! Thus, we are asking students to attend in their uniform. Members of the school choir will be singing, and students will be participating in the mass, along with Deacon Miranda and I. Let us have a great showing at the TV mass and represent our school! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Fall Dinner to Support Our School: In conjunction with our PTO, we are happy to announce our Fall Dinner, to benefit our school! A flyer is attached to this email. You can use the order form to purchase tickets. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Brum or Mrs. DeMelo.

MAD Science: We will welcome the MAD Science program back to our school this year. The Fall session will begin on 10/20/23. I've attached the flyer to this email. The program is open for students in Grades K-6. Please note that the registration online starts on Monday!

CYO Basketball: This is the last call for any students who would like to play CYO Basketball this year. This is open to students in Grades 2-8. If you are interested, please have your student stop by the main office for a form.

CYFL Futsal: I am happy to share that the CYFL Futsal league will return this year! Coach Bill Sampaio reached out to me to distribute the futsal information. Games will take place at BMC Durfee High School, here in Fall River. This is open to students in all grades! Information is attached to this email. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Bill Sampaio at billsampaiofutsal@gmail.com. Also, coaches are needed! (A valid CORI will be required, along with the appropriate Safe Environment Training.)

October Tuition Payments: A friendly reminder that your October tuition payment is due next week. Also, I will be working on August/September after-care statements to be sent home next week.



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Announcements from Prior Memos

Traffic Concerns: This past week, we have experienced some traffic backups in and around the school. In order to reduce these issues, please review the following information. It is also important that you share this information with those who may drop-off, or pick-up your child from school.

- It is very important that cars **do not block** traffic on Alden Street, Boutwell Street or neighboring side streets before the gates open. **The gates open in the afternoon at 2:15pm.** Parking is allowed in the church parking lot, or on streets that allow parking. Also, please be respectful to our neighbors. I received a call from the owner of Acoreana Market on Alden Street, complaining of parents parking in their lot, and also blocking access to their lot. Please note that the police have been notified of this.
- For morning drop-off, once you are along the side of the building, please allow your student to exit the vehicle and walk up the path to the door. This will allow for the flow of traffic to continue, and also for the timely entry of the students.
- For afternoon pick-up, upon entering the parking lot, cars **must pull all the way down the parking lot.** Parents are to exit their vehicle and walk to the area near the door to pick up their student. Students are not allowed to walk across the parking lot by themselves. Cars can't stop in the middle of the parking lot. This will cause backups, and will lead to traffic blockage on Alden Street. Lastly, Grades K-3 leave at 2:20pm, and Grades 4-8 leave at 2:30pm; please plan your arrival time accordingly.
- Lastly, parking is not permitted in front of the school during school operation. Please note the signs that are posted on Everett Street. Thank you for your cooperation!

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)



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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.

Fire Prevention Open House

**Flint Fire Station
Wednesday, October 11th
4:00 PM – 9:30 PM**



**Ladder 4, Engine 9,
and Medical Rescue
will be present.**

**Special Guest
SPARKY**

