

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

May 13, 2020

Hello to all!

In advance, I would like to thank all involved in our Funraiser/Fundraiser event. The **Spring Fundraiser** is always essential, but especially this year. I am immeasurably grateful to all our sponsors, and each participant, as well as to Lori Boghdan for spearheading the event during this challenging time. I loved the creativity and generous spirit that emerged, for example, families purchasing raffle chances for teachers. The combined efforts of all contribute to our first schoolwide goal for SPXS during this pandemic. That is the successful completion of the 2019-2020 academic year for our students. On behalf of everyone, thank you! I wish everyone luck in the tuition raffle and in the lottery ticket raffle- the big drawing is Friday!

The second goal of this period is thoughtful planning for a **2020-2021** school year, one that provides a safe and secure academic environment for all. In terms of what education will look like come the fall, the staff has already discussed, and the diocese is examining possibilities that include:

1. Return to school

With necessary modifications for the safety and health of all

2. Continued distance learning

This model requires additional pre-planning for staff, and the understanding it might need to be implemented at some point during the year once again

3. A combination of 1 and 2- referred to as hybrid learning, with some students at school on certain days, working from home others.

Whichever model(s) are needed, the staff will need planning time, guidance from various agencies and groups, including the state, the MDPH, and the diocese, and an understanding that even with our first choice (#1 above), school will be different. Conversations and planning have already begun around all three models, including the academic, social, health-related, and mental health-related aspects of returning to school. Any thoughtful ideas related to these topics are most appreciated.

If you are currently experiencing any financial concerns related to tuition, please reach out. We are happy to assist our school families.

This Friday, May 15th, SPXS will hold a **Pick-Up and Drop-Off Day**.

What will you pick up? Your child's belongings left behind on March 13th.

What are you asked to drop off? If you are able, a **bag of diapers** for the **Baby Center** in Hyannis or a donation for the Yarmouth Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is currently in need of **cereal, peanut butter, and mac & cheese**.

Pick-Up times are scheduled so that belongings of PreK and K students (and their siblings), will be picked up at the PreK and K classroom doors.
All other families will pick up student belongings at the side Gym door, where regular dismissal takes place.

Assigned times for pick-up/drop-off are:

At PreK and K classroom doors

9:00-10:00 PreK and K families (older siblings' belongings will be there too)

At Gym door

10:00-11:00 All families with last names Abercrombie-Igoe

11:00-12:00 All families with last names Imad-O'Sullivan

12:00-1:00 All families with last name Palomar-Nelson to Zontini

Please follow dismissal routine, entering the school campus by Wood Rd. and leaving by Barbara St. Also, put a placard in your windshield with your family name. It should be legible from a distance. Those assisting with this process will bring your bags out, and place right outside the Gym door. You will drive up, retrieve the bag(s) and leave your donation item.

To turn this into a fun event, families are invited to **decorate your vehicles!** We can't wait to see the imagination of our students and families!

If you are unable to pick-up at your designated time, contact the school to make alternate arrangements.

The Diocese of Fall River is participating in an **International, Interreligious Day of Prayer for Humanity**.

An invitation is extended to "believers of all religions and people of good will" to observe a day of prayer, fasting, and works of charity on Thursday, May 14.

In my Facebook prayer this morning I challenged everyone to participate in this day.

Please Read Below and Participate!
I thank Mr. Nick Corsi and Mrs. Carolyn Hietsch for this idea!

Hello SPXS Families,

As we continue our distance learning at SPXS, we are always looking for ways to keep our community connections strong, and so we have an at-home art project we hope you will work on with the students in your home.

The Spirit Rock at SPXS is used to spread joy throughout the school, all year long. We use the Spirit Rock to celebrate birthdays, welcome students back to school, to greet grandparents, to remember those who've made an impact on us, and much more. Now, we have a brand new way to use it to spread joy! It is going to become the centerpiece in a collection of mini spirit rocks made by our students. After we create our "spirit rock garden", our hope is that you'll visit during our time apart, when you need a smile. We can't wait to see the mini spirit rocks you create at home!

Supplies Needed:

- A Smooth Rock
- Acrylic Paint and Paintbrush and/or Acrylic Paint Pens
- A Waterproof Sealant or Waterproof Modge Podge(optional)

Directions:

- 1.) Head out into your yard, go to a local beach or to another outdoor location and find a smooth rock. It should fit in the palm of your hand. Not too big!
- 2.) Wash and dry your rock with soap and water.
- 3.) Paint the top of the rock one color. This will be your background, so pick a color you love! Let it dry.
- 4.) Add a drawing, quote, saying, or anything else you think will bring joy to others.
- 5.) Find a place on your rock to write your first name, current grade and "2020".
- 6.) After the paint is dry, seal your rock to protect it from the sun and rain.
- 7.) Drop it off at the Spirit Rock. If at any point you miss school or need a pick-me-up, stop by and read the messages and look at the beautiful art (without touching it!). We hope it will brighten your day!

Need a little inspiration or a little more info? This website has wonderful ideas, as well as tips and tricks!

<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/>



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Pre-K Families
Kindergarten Families
2nd Grade Families
3rd Grade Families
4th Grade Families
5th Grade Families
6th Grade Families
8th Grade proceeds from Spirit Rock & the Snack Cart

More than ever, we extend our sincerest appreciation to these businesses and families!

The Yearbook

**The 2019-2020 Yearbook
is being published.**

Don't miss out!

Cost: \$40.00

(payment must accompany order)

All grades are depicted in the yearbook.

Please order online via the below link.

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/yearbook2020>

**Any questions - please email Mrs. Shaw at
ashaw@spxschool.org.**

**Yearbook pick-up will be coordinated at the
end of school year.**



GOT BOX TOPS??

PLEASE DROP THEM OFF
FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

2 COLLECTION BOXES

1. BOX WILL BE OUTSIDE BETWEEN PRE-K &
KINDERGARTEN DOORS
2. BOX WILL BE OUTSIDE THE GYM DOORS

KEEP CLIPPING & SCANNING RECEIPTS!

THANK YOU!