



August 31, 2017

Good evening St. Francis family,

Once again, we were blessed with a sunny day. It provided just what our community needed to continue recovery from this massive storm. We continue to praise God for watching over Houston and St. Francis, and for allowing us to help those that need assistance.

Please take a moment and check the [Google doc](#) for an update on members of our community. I encourage you to either place information on the document about your family's condition or take some time to review it and see if there are any friends or neighbors in need of assistance. Once we return next week I will provide the community further information on specific needs and ways you can help.

Today our buildings began to return to normal with available staff and volunteers working to prepare for the start of school. If you or your student(s) wish to volunteer your time, please contact Kathryn Spinelli, Assistant Head of Admissions, at [KSpinelli@StFrancisHouston.org](mailto:KSpinelli@StFrancisHouston.org). Kathryn is coordinating our volunteers and we ask that you please make contact with her before coming up to school. She knows best the needs of each division and how you can help. Various staff and teachers are working throughout the weekend and we will continue this volunteer process through Sunday. Each day around 6:00 pm, I will provide updates and further information concerning our first day of school on Tuesday, September 5. Here are a few commonly asked questions:

- **Uniforms**—Since many of our families do not have access to school uniforms, our students will start school in casual attire. Once we get a better pulse on the condition of our community, I will announce our first uniform day.
- **School Supplies**—Pre-ordered supplies will be delivered to the classrooms. If you did not order supplies and you do not have access to school supplies, St. Francis will provide your child with supplies for the first two weeks.
- **Access to Campus**—We will continue to monitor road conditions and work with local officials. Closer to our school opening we will provide suggested routes. Currently, you cannot drive from the South Campus to the Main Campus via South Piney Point (northbound). You can drive from the South Campus to Main Campus by taking South Piney Point (southbound) to Westheimer, turn left onto Westheimer, left onto Voss, left onto San Felipe and right onto North Piney Point Road.
- **Attendance**—We realize that some families evacuated or are displaced. We will work with all families that are displaced. If your child cannot return for school on September 5, please note that on the [Google doc](#) and contact your child's division office.
- **Meet the Teacher**—Division Heads are finalizing details on a revised *Meet the Teachers* schedule. We know our *Meet the Teacher* experience is important to families. By re-scheduling these visits, students will get to see their classrooms and meet their teachers before starting classes. I will send more details about this schedule tomorrow.

We look forward to welcoming our families back to St. Francis on September 5. If there is a particular need for which I can assist you, please contact me directly at [SLair@StFrancisHouston.org](mailto:SLair@StFrancisHouston.org) or 713.253.4823. Talk to you tomorrow!

With the warmest affection,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan B. Lair". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being more prominent than the last name "Lair".

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