

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of January 7

All School

Additional Uniform Resale on January 18

As many of you know, Parker School Uniforms has closed its doors. To help out with any immediate needs, there will be an extra uniform resale on **Thursday, January 18**. Please stop by between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** to shop for any items you may need.

Next Wolf Wear Sale Is January 12

The next Wolf Wear Sale will be held **Friday, January 12**. Visit us in the Concessions Stand from **7:45-9:45 a.m.**

Questions? E-mail [Eloise Taussig](#) or [Shelley Iglesias](#).

PA Parent Education Winter Event Is January 24

The birds and the bees ... oh help me, please!!

Presented by Megan Michelson of The Birds & The Bees, this program promises to empower parents and give you the tools you need to have age-appropriate conversations with your children about sex.

The breakfast will be held on **Wednesday, January 24, at 8:30 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall** on the Main Campus. Reserve your seat now at the [MySchoolAnywhere store](#).

Save the Date: Woolrich Luncheon Is February 8

Please mark your calendars for this year's Woolrich Luncheon, where we will be honoring our 2016-17 award recipients. (2017-18 recipients will be announced in March.)

We hope you can join us to hear about these educators' summertime adventures—which were made possible by the Woolrich Fund—and how these unique opportunities are helping to bring classroom learning to life!

Invitations to come soon.

Primary School

From the Division Head

It was really good to be back at school this week as we begin the second semester. We have missed your children!

I hope you'll be able to join us on **Wednesday, January 10**, for our discussion of the book *A More Beautiful Question* by Warren Berger. We'll **meet in the library at 8:15 a.m.** and finish in time for you to join us for chapel. Even if you haven't read the book, please feel free to drop in. We'll discuss the value of inquiry in helping children build their capacity for creativity and problem-solving. And of course, asking questions is important for adults, too!

We are looking forward to all that is ahead this year. The second semester promises to be a time of growth for your children, and we are privileged to be part of the journey.

Happy New Year!

Amy Whitley, MA
Head of Primary School

Reminder: Please Send Winter Clothing

It's that time of year when our weather can change in a matter of minutes! Please be mindful of this and remember to send your child with appropriate outerwear—coats, gloves, rain boots, etc. Weather permitting, our students will go outside for Motor and recess.

Primary School Dining Hall Menu

To view the Primary School Dining Hall menu for January, please click [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 9

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and II students wear uniforms
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Wednesday, January 10

- *Primary School Book Study:* 8:15 a.m. in the Primary School Library on the South Campus
 - *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and II students wear uniforms
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Thursday, January 11

- *Parent Step-Up Visit:* 8:30 a.m.; T/Th Pre-Primary parents visit Primary I
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Friday, January 12

- *Parent Step-Up Visit:* 8:30 a.m.; MWF Pre-Primary parents visit Primary I/Primary I parents visit Primary II
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Monday, January 15

- *Martin Luther King Day:* Student holiday (no school)
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Tuesday, January 16

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and II students wear uniforms*
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Wednesday, January 17

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and II students wear uniforms*
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Thursday, January 18

- *Primary II Winter Field Trip*
 - *T/Th Pre-Primary Fathers and Friends Breakfast: 8:15 a.m.*
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Friday, January 19

- *MWF Pre-Primary Fathers and Friends Breakfast: 8:15 a.m.*

Lower School

From the Division Head

Considering that it was the week after a long break, Lower School students were highly engaged and excited to be back at school! It warms our hearts to see them skipping into the building and greeting us by name each morning. We are looking forward to several weeks of calm, focused, and uninterrupted learning.

As you know, St. Francis's mission is to "challenge and motivate students in an academically and spiritually stimulating environment to become imaginative, critical thinkers and people for others." We believe that by helping students become self-motivated, we are empowering them to be lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and passionate about their endeavors.

Click [here](#) to learn more about a few ways we accomplish this and how you can partner with us in working toward our mission.

Please mark your calendars for our **Parent Meeting on Friday, January 26, at 8:15 a.m.** We have a guest speaker from The Parish School talking to us about developing social competence and resilience in our children. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Have a wonderful week,

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

3d Lacrosse Clinic Sign-up

The St. Francis Athletics Department is excited to announce that it will be hosting a free **3d Lacrosse Clinic** again this year.

3d Lacrosse is the nation's leading lacrosse training organization for youth. Last year's clinic was a huge success, and we are fortunate to have 3d Lacrosse return for a second year in a row.

The event will take place February 10-11, 2018, at the St. Francis South Campus.

Saturday, February 10

8:00–9:30 a.m. Girls (Grades 3-5)
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12:00–2:00 p.m. Girls (Grades 6-8)
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Sunday, February 11

1:00–2:30 p.m. Boys (Grades 3-5)
2:30–4:00 p.m. Boys (Grades 6-8)

This free clinic is for St. Francis students only. Your young laxer will need to provide his or her gear and stick.

To sign up, please [send an e-mail to Coach Robinson](#), director of Middle School athletics, stating that your son or daughter would like to attend the 3d Lacrosse Clinic. In the e-mail, include your child's name and grade.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 8

- *Dress Uniform Day*
 - *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between January 1-13 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Wednesday, January 10

- *Dress Uniform Day for Grade 4/Regular Uniform Day for Grades K-3*
 - *Leadership Council 3 Induction Chapel: 8:05 a.m.*
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Monday, January 15

- *Martin Luther King Day:* Student holiday (no school)

Middle School

From the Division Head

We hope you all had a wonderful first week back at school.

This past Tuesday, in preparation for our students' return, the Middle School faculty participated in an in-service dedicated to Mind, Brain, and Education Science research.

- We hosted Mr. Glenn Whitman, the director of studies at the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning (CTTL) at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, MD.
- Along with co-author Dr. Ian Kelleher, Whitman wrote the book *Neuroteach*, with which our faculty is currently engaged in a yearlong book study. This initiative only adds to our incredibly talented faculty's pedagogical repertoire.

- During the workshop, Mr. Whitman and our faculty discussed and case-studied the following topics: formative and summative assessments, memorization and active retrieval, social-emotional learning, growth mindset, student self-reflection and choice, explicit instruction in accordance with executive functioning, metacognition strategies, and constructive feedback.
- Our workshop was another step in the strengthening partnership between St. Francis and the CTTL as we move forward with best-practice, research-informed teaching methods to enhance our great school. (For more information about the CTTL, please click [here](#).)

You may also be interested in [this list of invaluable resources](#) from which Mr. Whitman and Dr. Kelleher took the research to write their book. I encourage you all to read and view these resources at your convenience, as they cover some of the most salient, current topics in education.

Finally, here are three recommended video resources for this week:

- [Susan Cain's TED talk about the power of introverts](#)
- [Carol Dweck's TED talk about the word "yet"](#)
- [Angela Duckworth's TED talk about grit and resilience](#)

Please engage our faculty in discussions about the great work they are doing in this book study. I am proud to see how this work continues to positively impact our teachers and students on a daily basis.

It's a beautiful day, and we are Wolves!

Connor Cook, EdD
Head of Middle School

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- *Regular Schedule/Dress Uniform Day*
 - *Chapel: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
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Tuesday, January 9

- *Regular Schedule/Regular Uniform for Grades 5-7/Dress Uniform for **Grade 8***
 - *Bible Study for Eighth Graders: 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
 - *Eighth-Grade Holocaust Museum Field Trip: 8:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; off campus; dress uniform required*
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Wednesday, January 10

- *Regular Schedule/Regular Uniform Day*

- *Bible Study for Seventh Graders: 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
 - *Chapel: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
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Thursday, January 11

- *Regular Schedule/Regular Uniform Day*
 - *Bible Study for Fifth and Sixth Graders: 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
 - *Middle School Class Meeting: 9:15 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center*
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Friday, January 12

- *Regular Schedule/Regular Friday Uniform*
- *NJHS Meeting: 7:15-7:45 a.m. in Dr. Bedard's classroom*
- *Art à la Carte for Grades 5-8*
- *WEB Leadership Training: 10:45-11:15 a.m. in classrooms*

Church

Disco Night Is February 3

Please join us on **Saturday, February 3**, for Disco Night, an adults-only party and fund-raiser for St. Francis Episcopal Church.

- Enjoy great food and music, silent and big board auction items, a wine toss, and fun with your St. Francis friends. The silent auction is filled with fabulous goods and services, and the spirited live auction includes exciting vacation getaways!
- Tickets will be on sale on Sundays at morning services, or you can purchase them online [here](#).
- To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please click [here](#).

Celebrate Good Times ...Come On!!

Shrove Tuesday Party Is February 13

Our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Party is

scheduled from **5:00-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13**—the evening before Ash Wednesday.

Join us for some family fun as we feast on pancakes, sausage, red beans and rice, and gumbo. There will also be crafts for the kids and Zydeco music provided by Rick Keith & friends.

For further details and to RSVP, [click here](#).

Spring First Communion

First Communion classes begin **Sunday, January 14**. This is an eight-week course designed to prepare second-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist. If you would like to sign up or request further information, please e-mail [Nichole Hilgert](#).