

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of May 13

All School

¡Los Lobos Tienen Éxito Otra Vez!

Twenty-seven St. Francis seventh graders and 35 eighth graders took the National Spanish Examination in April. This two-part online assessment tests vocabulary, grammar, listening comprehension, and reading comprehension.

Out of the 157,000-plus students who took the test nationwide this year, our St. Francis test takers made quite a showing!

Congratulations to the following medalists and honorable-mention recipients:

SEVENTH GRADE

- **Gold Medal:** Luke Romere
- **Silver Medal:** Sophie Denham, Estelle Robertson
- **Bronze Medal:** Natalie Boquist, Colton Matthews, Taylor Romere, Cameron Ederle, Carys Howell, Hunter Masterson, Taylor McMullen, Sydney Perlick, Dwight Solano
- **Honorable Mention:** Christian Mikkelson, John Bratten, Katelyn Cutter, John Gibson, Cole Huff, Ava Sweitzer, Kendall Blalock, Walker Deyo

EIGHTH GRADE

- **Gold Medal:** Sophia Crummel
- **Silver Medal:** Devin Dinsmore, Charlie Hartman, Lauren Little, Luke Weinzierl,* Kourtney Casey

- **Bronze Medal:** Makenzie Gill, Spencer Gray, Abhi Milind, Robert Morris, Foster Stephens, Kyle Braddock, Ashley Adams, Mary Lacy Rieke, Tatum Moore, David Hernandez, Diego Vergara, Pablo Vergara
- **Honorable Mention:** Berkley Matthews, Aidan Moore, Whitley O'Donnell, Audrey Post, Lauren Drury, Caldwell Graham, Michelle Iglesias, Sophie Lesniak, Wellsley Moore, Clayton Rice, Miya Voss, Claire Sanchez, Daniela Contreras, Kirk Hankamer

***Please note that Luke Weinzierl should have originally been listed as a silver-medal winner in eighth grade. Our sincerest apologies for the oversight!**

Check Lost and Found for Missing Items!

If your Lower or Middle School child is missing any items—clothing or otherwise—please be sure to check the Lost and Found area, which is **now located next to the Crum Library entrance in the closet under the fourth- and fifth-grade stairs**. It currently contains LOTS of St. Francis fleeces and sweatshirts, non-St. Francis clothing items, water bottles, and miscellaneous items.

Let the Music Play: Special Piano Sale

St. Francis will host a piano sale in conjunction with our educational piano loaner program with Kawai America Corporation. **On Wednesday, May 30, St. Francis parents are invited to a special pre-sale event featuring discounted purchase prices—and a bonus donation made to the school for every purchase!** Our School of Music students have benefited this year from use of these pianos in our practice rooms and music classrooms, and at recitals and musical performances. Now students will have an opportunity to own the pianos on which they have been learning.

Additional pianos from other locations will also be available for sale. Please see [this letter](#) for more details and instructions for scheduling an appointment to view the pianos.

A Note from Maureen and Paul Perea, St. Francis Fund Chairs

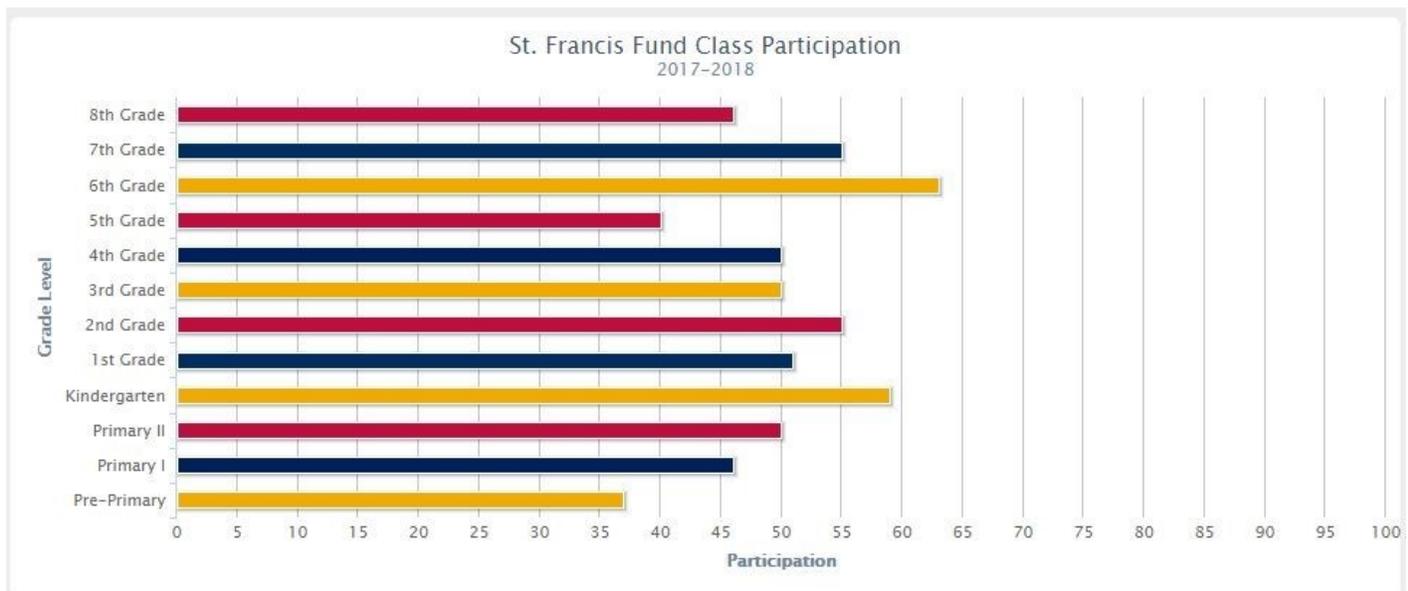
Dear Fellow St. Francis Parents,

As the end of the 2017–18 school year draws near, we sincerely hope that your students have had a great year filled with intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth. We are grateful that our daughter is at St. Francis, where she is able to have dedicated Chapel time; learn collaboratively with her peers; and participate in sports, the arts, and community service.

As chairs this year, we are grateful to each and every family that has made a gift already and knows how important the Fund is to keeping the programming and faculty at St. Francis top-notch.

Our goals for the Fund this year are \$800,000 and 100 percent parent participation.

Giving by grade level is as follows:



We are close, but we need every family’s help to get there. A gift to the Fund before the end of the school year will help ensure that *every student* continues to receive the benefits it provides.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider making a gift. We gave because we believe in the education St. Francis provides—and in the power of philanthropy.

Gifts may be made [here](#). Questions about the Fund may be directed to [Faith Cohen](#), director of annual gifts.

In partnership,

Maureen and Paul Perea

Update: \$50,000 Raised Toward \$150,000 Tellepsen Challenge

Thank you to all of those who have so generously stepped up for our children. We have three more weeks left in the challenge! If you would like to make a donation to the playground, you may do so using this [link](#). Please specify “Forward in Faith Campaign” in the drop-down menu, and under additional information, enter “Playground.” What this means for you is **double the giving power** of your Tellepsen Challenge donation! What it means for our Lower and Middle School students, however, is even more powerful. Outdoor play on fantastic updated and expanded facilities can only be made more special by the social, emotional, and physical boost that comes from time spent in nature among friends.

To help make this long-held dream a reality, please contact Head of Development [Kelly Cliburn](#) at 713.458.6172. And please join us in thanking the Tellepsen family for their game-changing kindness!

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As part of our strategic planning process, we are surveying St. Francis parents. **Your input is critical in shaping our path forward.** Please take a moment to complete the survey, which is available by [clicking here](#).

You ‘Art’ to Check Out Our Online Gallery Winners!

Friends of Fine Arts offers a big round of applause to this year’s Fine Arts Online Gallery blue ribbon winners—whose art ran the gamut from a ceramic turtle to a one-of-a-kind self-portrait to wildlife in copper repoussé! [Please click here to view the gallery](#).

These students and their families were honored at a reception recently, and you can take a peek at their artwork in the People Place. Special thanks to our Lower and Middle School visual arts faculty members Emily Arnot and Amy Chandler for their guidance and inspiration!

Kinder: Gabby Hendricks | *Turtle*

Grade 1: Mary-Claire Eidman | *Parrot*

Grade 2: Hutch Burrow | *Toucan*
Grade 3: Matthew Kandolha | *Self-Portrait*
Grade 4: Fife Famurewa | *Flowers With Pumpkins*
Grade 5: Bess Brazelton | *Graffiti Name*
Evan Stout | *Farm Animal (Dog)*
Grade 6: Lily Gay | *Tiger Copper Repoussé*
Izzy Hendricks | *Elephant Copper Repoussé*
Chloe Zagorski | *Keyhole Mixed-Media Drawing*
Grade 7: Elliott Theis | *Fox Sculpture*
Carys Howell and Katelyn Hodge | *Ceramic Monster Mugs*
Grade 8: Claire Fortney and Miya Voss | *Architectural Letters*

Health Forms for 2018-19 Now Available

Information about health-related requirements and all the necessary health forms for 2018-19 are now available. You can access them through the Parent Portal using the “Magnus Health Information” link or by [clicking here](#).

Please note that completed Magnus Health forms for the 2018-19 school year are due by **Friday, June 1**.

2018-19 School Supplies: Online Ordering Now Available

School supplies may now be ordered online for the 2018-19 school year. Visit www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks, and enter your division’s ID code in the box provided:

- To order a school supply pack for a student in LOWER SCHOOL, enter the code STF001.
- To order a school supply pack for a student in MIDDLE SCHOOL, enter the code STF018.
- To order a school supply pack for a student in UPPER SCHOOL, enter the code STF079.

The deadline to order is Sunday, June 24, 2018.

Supplies will be delivered to your child's homeroom prior to the first day of school.

Please note:

- Incoming seventh, eighth, and ninth graders must have a TI-84 graphing calculator for the 2018–19 school year. If you don't already own one, you will want to purchase the newest model, the TI-84 Plus CE graphing calculator. The TI-84 Plus CE is approximately \$135-\$165.
- Similarly, incoming sixth graders will need to purchase a TI-30Xa scientific calculator for the 2018–19 school year if they don't already own one. These are approximately \$12-\$15.
- *These items can be found at local and online retailers.*

Please [e-mail Kim Graeter](#) with questions.

Parent Community Bible Studies

Please join us for upcoming Bible studies aimed at our parent community:

MOMS' PRAYER DEVOTIONAL WITH MRS. HEINEMANN

- **Monday, May 14, at 8:40 a.m. in the Chapel of St. Clare**
- This is a peaceful time of scriptural reflection, prayerful meditation, and supportive fellowship.
- All moms are welcome!

DADS' PUB Q&A WITH FATHER WISMER

- **Thursday, May 17, at 8:00 p.m. at Union Kitchen (12538 Memorial Dr.)**
- All dads are welcome!

Sign Up for Summer Camp Notes by May 21

Summertime is almost here—and that means summer camp! As your children head off toward adventure, help Father Wismer or Mrs. Heinemann send them a bit of St. Francis love by completing [this form](#). **The sign-up deadline is Monday, May 21.**

Donate Your Gently Used School Uniforms for Resale

As the school year comes to an end and the kiddos get bigger, it's time to clean out those closets and make room for summer!

Please bag up any *clean, gently used* uniform items your child has outgrown and drop them at the location that's most convenient for you:

- On the **Main Campus**, please leave them at the front desk with Rose Ann Gregory.
- On the **South Campus**, please leave them at the front desk with Leslie vanArsdale.

Questions? E-mail [the Uniform Resale Boutique](#).

Thank you!

Angela Bookmyer, Jill Smith, and Kristin Valicek

Primary School

From the Division Head

Art studio work is an integral part of Reggio-inspired programs. In the Primary School, students have opportunities to work on individual and group projects; to create sculptures and collage; to draw their observations, paint, and experiment with materials; and to explore new art media. We want students to have experiences with a wide range of materials, to know about artists, and to appreciate the beauty of their own work, as well as of others' creations. We believe that the process, rather than the product, is the value of art for young children.

Over the last week, our students have had the opportunity to work with local ceramics artist Jane Dipaolo. Through the support of St. Francis Episcopal School Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA), Ms. Dipaolo spent time with each of our classes helping us create a community art project that every child in the Primary School and every member of our staff will have a hand in—literally! Each person is creating a stone in porcelain clay that he or she has pressed a thumb or finger into, leaving a unique print. The children's stones, fired in white and terra-cotta tones, and the adults' black stones will become part of a living exhibit—an interactive art installation in the Primary School.

We are eager to see what happens after the stones are fired in the kiln, and how they will become a part of the historical record of our year together.

Just as the children have left their mark on the porcelain stones, they've left their prints on us this year. Thank you for sharing your unique and creative children with us! Also, thank you to FoFA and Shelby Nielsen, FoFA outreach chair, for giving us opportunities this year to learn from talented artists in our community! We value the arts in the Primary School, and hope to introduce our students to other artists in the future.

You can view the beautiful work of Jane Dipaolo [online here](#).

All the best,

Amy Whitley, MA
Head of Primary School

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Notes From the Clinic Manager

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most effective method is for you to scan your documents and upload them yourself.

Should you have any questions regarding Magnus, please feel free to call Michelle Ly, Primary School clinic manager, at 713.458.6167.

Primary School Dining Hall Menu

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

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, May 15

- *Chapel (Wiener's Drama Presentation): 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, May 16

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

- *Splash Day for T/Th Pre-Primary and Primary II: **Students only***
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Friday, May 18

- *Splash Day for MWF Pre-Primary and Primary I: **Students only***
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Monday, May 21

- *MWF Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party: 1:30 p.m.*
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Tuesday, May 22

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *T/Th Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party: 1:30 p.m.*
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Wednesday, May 23

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; **Primary I and Primary II students wear uniforms***
 - *Primary I End-of-Year Party: 1:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, May 24

- *Primary II End-of-Year Party: 1:00 p.m.*
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Friday, May 25

- *Last Day of School!*
- *Early Dismissal at 11:00 a.m. for Primary School*
- ***No Explore and Extend Today***

Have a great summer!

Lower School

From the Division Head

One more week has flown by! Our fourth graders were amazing in their culminating drama presentations last week. It was obvious how much fun they had and how much they have learned over their years in Lower School drama. Great job!

We had two very informative parent meetings last week:

- One was for rising second-, third-, and fourth-grade parents on the topic of avoiding the summer slide. Kiddos lose so much traction over the summer, and we all shared ideas on how to keep learning fun and engaging.
- The second meeting was for incoming kindergarten and first-grade parents on how to read with your young children. Our specialists covered specific information on how to read with and to children in the most fun, effective manner to promote deeper comprehension and growth. This is such a critical time for your emergent readers, and we want to equip you with great information to help your child.

If you ever have questions about your specific child and how to motivate them to engage in activities over the summer, do not hesitate to reach out to me, and I will put you in touch with the correct person.

TWO MORE WEEKS! We are still chugging along in our classrooms, keeping everything as normal as possible. There is still a lot of learning happening! Thank you for keeping your children plugged in and focused on school.

Have a fantastic week!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

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Student Ambassador Applications Now Available for Rising Fifth Graders

The ambassador council is a group of student leaders who serve the school

by assisting with admissions tours, welcoming families to our campus, and acting as buddies for applicants who shadow. **Please complete the application and turn it in to your teacher or the Admissions Office no later than Friday, May 18.** If you have any questions, please e-mail [Kathryn Spinelli](#).

Summer Reading Bingo Is on the Parent Portal

Please note that access to the summer bingo sheets is available via the Lower School Parent Portal.

Friendly Reminders Regarding Magnus, Our Medical Records Portal

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Should you have any questions regarding Magnus, please feel free to call Debbie Toler, Lower School and Middle School nurse, at 713.458.6128.

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Monday, May 14

- *Dress Uniform Day*
 - *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between May 13-19 and in the month of June will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Wednesday, May 16

- *Dress Uniform Day*
 - *Ascension Eucharist:* 8:05 a.m.
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Friday, May 18

- *Third-Grade and Fourth-Grade Field Day:* 8:30-11:30 a.m.
 - *Kindergarten, First-Grade, and Second-Grade Field Day:* 1:00-2:30 p.m.
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Monday, May 21

- *Dress Uniform Day*
 - *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between May 20-31 and in the month of July will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Friday, May 25

- *Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony:* 10:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center
- *Last Day of School/Early Dismissal:*
 - 11:15 a.m.—Kindergarten and First Grade
 - 11:30 a.m.—Second, Third, and Fourth Grade

Middle School

From the Division Head

Happy Sunday, Middle School Families. I hope this finds you all well today.

The eighth grade had a wonderful time exploring Carlsbad Caverns and Big Bend National Park last week. Nature's beauty was on display as we enjoyed the outdoors and made lasting memories. Thank you to our eighth-grade students for pioneering this effort, and thank you to our eighth-grade teachers for their leadership.

We have a busy week ahead of us with field days, the eighth-grade Art Crawl, and our last dance of the year on Friday. Please review the calendar below closely as there are several special schedules and graduation activities listed. Let's take care of business and each other as we bring this school year into the home stretch.

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

Sincerely,

Connor Cook, EdD
Head of Middle School

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Magnus Health Notifications

Every Thursday, Magnus Health generates e-mail alerts to those with incomplete health requirements. You may have received an e-mail this past Thursday even though your student had their physical at SFES on

Wednesday. Magnus will need a week or two to upload those physical exams into each student account.

The e-mail from Magnus follows:

St. Francis Episcopal School requires action to be taken. The items listed below must be completed as soon as possible for admittance to school this fall. Your prompt cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have questions concerning your Magnus Health EMR account or require technical assistance, please contact the Magnus Health Help Desk toll free at 877.461.6831, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST.

You have to complete the following requirement(s) before the deadline date of June 1.

- *Physical Exam Grades 6-9*
- *Incomplete*

Please note that you will continue to receive Thursday e-mail alerts from Magnus until **all** requirements are completed. As stated in the e-mail above, the parent account support number at Magnus is 877.461.6831.

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Join the Shutterfly Account for Your Child's Class

Please consider joining the Shutterfly account for your child's class. As parents, we often take great photos of sports events, school events, and special times at St. Francis. Photos from these sites are frequently used by the yearbook team, during Honor the Wolves, and by alumni and parents who want to keep a record of their time in the Wolf Den.

- If your child is currently in eighth grade, please join [here](#).
- If your child is currently in seventh grade, please join [here](#).
- If your child is currently in sixth grade, please join [here](#).
- If your child is currently in fifth grade, please join [here](#).

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Get Your Summer Reading On!

It's almost time to hit the beach, the boat, the barbecue ... and our **St. Francis Middle School summer book list!** Please note that this year's *required* summer reading lists can also be found on the **Parent Portal** for quick reference. Please [e-mail Melanie Wallace](#) with questions.

INCOMING FIFTH GRADERS

- [Two titles from the HAISLN Grade 5 Reading List](#)

INCOMING SIXTH GRADERS

- [Two titles from the HAISLN Grade 6 Reading List](#)
- [One free choice from the Newbery Award List](#)

INCOMING SEVENTH GRADERS

- [One nonfiction title from the HAISLN Grade 7 and 8 Reading List](#)
- [One free choice from the HAISLN Grade 7 and 8 Reading List](#)
- [One title from the Newbery Award List](#)

INCOMING EIGHTH GRADERS

- **Required:** *The Odyssey: A Graphic Novel* by Gareth Hinds
- [One free choice from the HAISLN Grade 7 and 8 Reading List](#)
- [One free choice from the Newbery Award List](#)

MORE FUN READS

- [Scholastic Reading Resources](#)
- [National Endowment for the Arts: Big Read](#)
- [McGraw-Hill: Summer Literacy Strategies](#)
- [Article on Audiobooks: "To Your Brain, Listening to a Book Is Pretty Much the Same as Reading It"](#)

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 14

- *Special Schedule/Dress Uniform Day*
 - *Grades 6 and 7 Electives Sign-up Due Via My Backpack*
 - *Recognition and Awards Ceremony: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center*
 - *Yearbook Staff Distribution Party: 3:00-6:00 p.m.; dinner provided*
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Tuesday, May 15

- *Regular Schedule/Regular Uniform Day*
 - *Yearbooks Distributed in Advisory*
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Wednesday, May 16

- *Special Schedule/Regular Uniform Day*
 - *Eighth-Grade Eucharist Celebration:* 11:05-11:55 a.m. in the Chapel; only eighth-grade parents invited
 - *Eighth-Grade Alumni Lunch:* 1:10-1:40 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall; students only
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Thursday, May 17

- *Grades 5-7:* Special schedule; house T-shirts, athletic shorts, and athletic shoes
 - *Grade 8:* Special schedule; eighth-grade T-shirt and jeans or uniform bottoms
 - *Eighth-Grade Field Trip:* Art crawl
 - *Grades 5-7 Field Day:* 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the gym, on the field, and in the Outdoor Activities Center
 - *Graduation Rehearsal:* 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center
 - *Grades 7 and 8 Girls Powder Puff Game:* 3:00-3:30 p.m.
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Friday, May 18

- *Grades 5-7:* Regular schedule; regular Friday uniform day
- *Grade 8:* Special schedule; regular Friday uniform day; 45-minute core classes; **early dismissal at 12:00 p.m.**
- *Final Honors Decisions E-mailed*
- *Graduation Family Pictures (No Photographer):* 5:45-6:25 p.m.
- *Eighth-Grade Graduation Dinner:* 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; students only
- *Eighth-Grade Parents' Champagne Toast:* 6:30 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
- *Eighth-Grade Class Video Presentation:* 7:15 p.m.; eighth graders and their parents only
- *MS Spring Dance ("Evening Under the Stars" Theme) for Grades 6-8:* 7:30-10:00 p.m. in the gym; students only

Monday, May 21

- *Grades 5-7:* Regular schedule; dress uniform day
- *Grade 8:* Special schedule; casual dress day (per *School Handbook* guidelines)
- *Grade 5 Has PE*
- *End of Fall Preview:* 3:00-3:45 p.m.
- *Chapel:* 10:45-11:15 a.m.
- *Regular Dismissal:* 3:45 p.m.
- *MS Final Exams*
- *Graduation Rehearsal:* 3:05-3:45 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center and Chapel

Tuesday, May 22

- *Grades 5-7:* Special schedule; regular uniform day
- *Grade 8:* Special schedule; casual dress day (per *School Handbook* guidelines)
- *MS Final Exams*
- *Chapel:* 8:05-8:25 a.m.
- *Study Hall and Locker Clean Out:* 11:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
- *Early Dismissal:* 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

- *Grades 5-7:* Special schedule; regular uniform day
- *Grade 8:* Special schedule; casual dress day (per *School Handbook* guidelines)
- *MS Final Exams*
- *Study Hall and Locker Clean Out:* 11:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
- *Early Dismissal:* 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

- *Grades 5-7:* Special schedule; regular uniform day
- *Grade 8:* Special schedule; house T-shirts, athletic shorts, and athletic shoes
- ***MS Last Day of School***
- *MS Final Exams*
- *Locker Clean Out:* 11:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
- *Early Dismissal:* 12:15 p.m.
- *Eighth-Grade Field Day:* 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the field, in the gym, and on the Outdoor Activities Center
- *Eighth-Grade Graduation Rehearsal:* 11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m. in the Chapel and the Fine Arts Center
- *Eighth-Grade Graduation Group Photo:* **MUST ARRIVE BY 5:30 p.m.;** photo will be taken in the Chapel
- *Eighth-Grade Graduation:* 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center
- *Eighth-Grade Graduation Reception:* 7:30 p.m. in the gym

Upper School

Upper Schoolers: Top Four Things to Know Headed Into the Summer

1. [A sample schedule is available here.](#) Please note the students' later start time. Extracurricular practices and rehearsals will begin at 4:15 p.m. For students not involved in a sport or arts rehearsal, parent pickup must conclude by 6:00 p.m. daily.
2. We'd like to hear about student sports and club interests. [Students, please take this quick survey](#) to help us plan for the fall! What do you do now that you would like to continue, and what new things would you like to try?
3. Tommy Hilfiger School Uniforms is our new uniform vendor. Find their [uniform ordering guide here](#), and be on the lookout for a sizing event this summer!
4. Keep your eyes open for our end-of-year e-mail packet, which will highlight summer reading, the Spanish placement test, and all your other need-to-know information for heading back to school. Also,

starting at the end of May through the summer, the New Parent Portal will feature an Upper School Family Section. This is where to look for guidance related to all things Upper School.

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Church

Week of Wonder (WOW) Is July 30-August 3

WOW Week will be held July 30-August 3, and is based on stories from the Book of Genesis. WOW Sunday will be held August 5 at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Date: July 30–August 3

Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Theme: Time Lab—Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future!

Ages: Children from 4 years old to those entering fourth grade (must turn 4 by July 30, 2018)

Registration Fee: \$50 per child

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We have 16 spots available per age group entering pre-K (full), kindergarten (full), first grade, second grade, third grade, and fourth grade. Once registration is full for an age group, you can be placed on a waiting list. Registration will be done online using this [Event Registration Link](#).

Deadline to register is Friday, June 29.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

It's not too late to join the already AWESOME Week of Wonder team of volunteers. We only need three more adults to complete our team.

Thank you to the following for joining in this Children's Ministry at St. Francis: Jessica Antel, Chelsea Lerner, Allison Devlin, Marilyn Weaver, Nicki Black, Lauren Biggs, Judy Parker, Andrea Vogelsang, Jim Anderson, Cabell Wood, Jada Powell, Stacey Merchant, Carla Banks, Carla Roth, Colleen Dunlap, Nicole Blaine, Kathleen Roche, Kay Forker, Bob Forker, Tracy Simmons,

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[Contact Nichole](#) to join our amazing team!

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Day of Pentecost Baptisms Are May 20

Sunday, May 20, is the Day of Pentecost, a Principal Feast Day celebrating the birth of the church—and an especially appropriate day to offer the Sacrament of Baptism. To schedule a Pentecost baptism, please contact [Amy Homer](#) at 713.458.6307.

RSVP Today for Our Pentecost Party!

Since we celebrate the birth of the church on the Day of Pentecost, what better way to rejoice than with a party? Mark your calendars for food, fun, and festivities on **Sunday, May 20, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall**. We'll feast on fried chicken (plus classic side dishes), play indoor and outdoor games, and enjoy birthday cupcakes.

Please RSVP as soon as possible by [clicking here](#).

SCENES Summer Theater Camp

Registration for SCENES, one of the highest-quality theater camps in Houston, is open! [Visit our website for more information and to register.](#)

CAMP #1: URINETOWN

July 9–13

Grades 7–12

CAMP #2: HONK

July 16–27

Grades 2–High School

CAMP #3: MUSICAL REVIEW

July 30–August 3

Songs from Disney, *Matilda*, *Annie*, and Classic Musical Theater

Grades K–6

Fall First Communion Classes

First Communion classes begin **Sunday, September 16**. This is an eight-week course designed to prepare second-grade students to receive Holy Eucharist. To sign up or for further information, please contact [Nichole Hilgert](#).