

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of May 12

All School

Join Us Tuesday: We're Unveiling the 2025 Strategic Plan!

You're invited to join the Strategic Planning Committee and Joel Moore, chair of the board of trustees; Kate Denham, vice chair of the board and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee; and Stephen Lovejoy, head of school, as they unveil:



Tuesday, May 14

8:30 a.m.—Primary School Library on the South Campus

or

6:00 p.m.—Hogan Board Room on the Main Campus*

* Dinner and child care will be available. Please help us plan by letting us know if you will attend the evening session. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

The 2019-20 School Calendar Is Available Online

The St. Francis calendar for the 2019-20 school year is available online [here](#). If you have any questions about next year's school calendar, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your division office!

Get Your Summer Reading On!

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

2019-20 School Supplies: Online Ordering Now Available

School supplies may now be ordered online for the 2019–20 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 (grades 9 and 10 will use the same supply list), enter the code STF079.

The deadline to order is Monday, June 10.

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

Please note:

- Incoming third and fourth graders will need to purchase a 2-inch three-ring zipper binder for the 2019-20 school year (if they don't already own one).
- Incoming seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth graders must have a TI-84 graphing calculator for the 2019–20 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 2019–20 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.

Water Bottles, Jackets, and Fleeces—OH MY!

As we wrap up for the summer, please take a minute to check the lost and found closet, which is **located next to the Crum Library entrance in the closet under the fifth-grade stairs**. It currently contains LOTS of navy blue hoodies and jackets, non-St. Francis clothing, water bottles, and miscellaneous items.

- Any items that haven't been claimed by **Friday, May 31**, will be donated to either Uniform Resale or the local community.
- View just some of the items currently in Lost and Found in the photos [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).
- With questions, please [e-mail Ali Williams](#), lost and found coordinator.

Changes to Summer on the Point

Registration for Summer on the Point continues online. There have been a handful of changes to our summer 2019 schedule, and we've listed them below. For newly added camps, registration is available through "Program Registration" in My BackPack.

CANCELLATION

The June 3-6 section of our SOTP volleyball camp is cancelled, due to construction on the Crum Athletics Center gym floor. The July 29-August 2 section will continue as planned.

ADDITIONS

- **Edible Art (June 10-14; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)**—In this fun camp with Maria Cruzalegui-Reardon, students will look at food as art. They'll decorate cakes and cupcakes, work with dough, and cut fruits and vegetables to create edible works of art, while also developing fine motor skills, practicing measurements, and gaining hands-on understanding of some kitchen chemistry.
- **Additional STEAM Camps With Kara Cooney-Galli (July 22-26)**

- **Super Hero Training Academy (1:00-2:30 p.m.; grades K-3)**—Join us as we test our X-ray vision, create some delicious kryptonite to use against the bad guys, eat some super-power cupcakes, and test our web-shooting skills at the end of the week. Each child will take home a Lego superhero figure!
- **Think Fun, Ignite the Mind (2:30-4:00 p.m.; grades K-3)**—The greatest logic camp ever is ready to take off—and ignite campers' problem-solving skills! The mission is to use science and logic to challenge the mind, encouraging creative thinking and problem-solving through some really fun games—including out-of-this-world challenges! This fun camp combines critical thinking, logic, and problem-solving to give little scientists a boost of 21st century thinking.
- Special combination pricing is available for those who would like to participate in both camps.
- **BACK BY STUDENT REQUEST! Pokémon World Building (July 29-August 2; 1:00-4:00 p.m.; grades K-3)**—One of the elements of storytelling is world building. The ability to create characters, environments, and a set of societal rules is a part of the storytelling process, and this begins through adapting pop-cultural worlds and dissecting them through play. Students will use the popular Pokémon games and movies as a jumping-off point to create their own characters through both dramatic play and art projects. Engaging in favorite games such as capture the flag and dodgeball through the lens of becoming characters like Pikachu, Squirtle, and Charmander, campers will adopt elements or characteristics of their chosen character and look at how activities are changed when using those elements. Through fun scavenger hunts, craft projects, and science experiments, a created world will come to life.

Virtue of the Month: Perseverance

During the month of May, the St. Francis community is focusing on the virtue of perseverance. A good definition for perseverance is staying focused on a goal until you achieve it. Our virtue verse is Romans 5:3-4: “Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” As a family, you can memorize this verse together.

Table Talk: Play the alphabet game. For each letter, name something that might require perseverance for you to succeed. (For example, A is Algebra; B is Ballet; C is Cleaning your room; etc.)

Summer Camp Notes From a Chaplain

Father Wismer and Reverend Heinemann would love to send your children a note at summer camp. It's a great way to shower them with love while they are away. If you would like them to receive a note from a Chaplain, please complete [this form](#). (If you have more than one child, please submit a form for each child.)

Primary School

From the Assistant Division Head

I would like to take a moment to brag about a big Primary School student accomplishment. Since the beginning of the school year, students have been working to earn coins to contribute to their classroom Eye Care for Kids jar. Eye Care for Kids is a Houston-area nonprofit organization founded by Dr. Irv Wishnow. This organization provides free vision exams and glasses to low-income children whose parents would not otherwise be able to afford them.

Our Primary School students seized this opportunity with a joyful heart and excitement to be people for others. This entire experience has been a “win-win” for all involved. Hopefully, you also gained help from your child, who worked hard to earn coins to donate to their classroom Eye Care for Kids jar. An added benefit is that children learned to be a contributing member of the family by doing chores around the house.

Our hardworking Primary School students earned and donated a total of:

- 5 one dollar bills
- 1 half dollar
- 1,815 quarters
- 1,234 dimes
- 836 nickels
- 3,503 pennies

The grand total collected from classroom jars and coins dropped into the church bank during birthday chapel celebrations is \$581. This donation will be presented to Eye Care for Kids during Chapel on Tuesday, May 14. Dr. Wishnow is scheduled to attend Chapel and accept this gift for the foundation he began.

I applaud our Primary School students for #ChallengingWhatsPossible to earn money to help others in need. As it is written in Hebrews 6:10, “For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for His sake in serving the saints, as you do.” (NRSV)

To learn more about Eye Care for Kids, I encourage you to watch [this video](#) and visit the organization’s [website](#).

Thank you for your help in supporting this Primary School people for others project.

Clifton Walker
Assistant Head of Primary School

Primary School Dining Hall Menu

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

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, May 14

- *Strategic Plan 2025*: 8:30 a.m. in the Primary School Crum Library
- *Chapel (Dr. Wishnow Visits)*: 9:30 a.m.
- *Chapel Dramatization (Hughes)*
- *Open Library Time*: 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Crum Library
- *Strategic Plan 2025*: 6:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room on the Main Campus

Wednesday, May 15

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 16

- *Splash Day (3- and 5-Day Pre-Primary and Primary II)*

Friday, May 17

- *Splash Day (3-Day Pre-Primary and Primary I)*
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Monday, May 20

- *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party (Britton and Ferguson): 1:30 p.m.*
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Tuesday, May 21

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party (5-Day and Ferguson T/Th): 1:30 p.m.*
 - *Open Library Time: 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Crum Library*
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Wednesday, May 22

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Primary I End-of-Year Party: 1:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, May 23

- *Primary II End-of-Year Party: 1:00 p.m.*
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Friday, May 24

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

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope you are having a wonderful Mother's Day! We had a parent information meeting this past week about helping your child over the summer. Thanks to those who attended, as we love to partner with you in every way we can! At the meeting, we provided some handouts with helpful tips and links. [Click here](#) to view the handout.

I have also asked our learning specialists to provide you with some pertinent information on this topic in case you could not make the meeting or you want to learn more. Please see their letter below.

Have a great week!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

From the Learning Specialists

One of the questions that we are asked most is how parents can continue to support their child's learning at home—especially over summer break.

Throughout the year, all of our students work tirelessly—both at school and at home—to grow academically. It is always so exciting to see how much growth each of our Lower School students has made throughout the course of the school year. By the end of May, everyone (parents and teachers included) is tired of daily school routines and ready for a break.

However, taking some time each day throughout summer break to engage in reading and authentic writing and math is essential for maintaining the academic progress from the year. Each fall, many students return to school and tell us they did not read or write at all during the summer break, which becomes evident when we assess the students and find that they have lost ground—sometimes one or more reading levels! This backslide causes students to lose confidence, feel stress, and lose precious instructional minutes at the beginning of the school year.

While we don't recommend trying to replicate the school routine at home, as this would not be pleasant for anyone, we have compiled some research and

suggestions for fun ways to encourage summer reading, writing, and math for your child. Just a bit of work each day helps them maintain progress, promotes a lifelong habit of reading and writing, and demonstrates our everyday use of math. In fact, a recent [study](#) from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development links parent support of academic skills at home to the development of lifelong habits that foster success.

READING

Our summer reading BINGO activities for grades 1-4 promote reading a variety of genres and authors and allow for student choice. Have a conversation with your child to make a plan for choosing their books. Share a favorite book from your childhood or explore a new interest together. These interactions foster excitement and engagement and can be the start of rich conversations with your child.

Whether your child is an emergent or a fluent reader, it can be quite impactful to read aloud to your child. You can read books above their reading level which promote vocabulary development, critical thinking, listening skills, extended attention, and a deeper understanding of the text. For more information and helpful ideas for reading aloud, click [here](#).

WRITING

Summer break also provides countless opportunities for authentic writing. Kids love to help write grocery lists, make plans for summer vacations, keep scrapbooks or journals, and send letters or postcards to family and friends. Providing your child with a variety of papers and writing utensils makes writing even more fun.

MATH

Don't forget about the many real-life opportunities to incorporate and practice math with your child. The kitchen and grocery store are both great places to practice measurement, money, estimation, and calculations. Consider giving your child an allowance to offer more experience with coins and bills. Your child can also learn the value of saving to purchase a much-desired item. Or, have your child help plan a budget for a summer party or vacation. Invest in a few analog clocks that your child can use to practice telling time at home. Use the clocks when you need to know what time it is and talk your child through how you are reading the clock. Plan out your calendar and daily activities by practicing elapsed time, and keep up the problem-solving and fact practice with fun and interactive apps, websites, and board games. For more information, click [here](#).

We wish you and your family a safe and enriching summer. Feel free to reach out to any of us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Ali Salinas, curriculum and instruction specialist; Ashley Stephenson, literacy specialist; and Holly Plost, math and technology specialist

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 13

- *Birthday Chapel*: Students with a birthday between May 12-18 and in the month of June will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Tuesday, May 14

- *Strategic Plan 2025*: 8:30 a.m. in the Primary School Crum Library
 - *Strategic Plan 2025*: 6:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room on the Main Campus
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Wednesday, May 15

- *Dress Uniform Day*
 - *Ascension Eucharist*: 8:05 a.m.
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Friday, May 17

- *Field Day for Grades 3 and 4*: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
 - *Field Day for Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2*: 1:00-2:30 p.m.
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Monday, May 20

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between May 19-31 and in the month of July will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Thursday, May 23

- *End-of-Year Class Parties*
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Friday, May 24

- *Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony:* 10:00 a.m. in the FAC
- *Early Dismissal:* Kindergarten and first grade at 11:00 a.m.; grades 2-4 at 11:15 a.m.

Middle School

From the Division Head

Hello, Middle School families! I hope this finds you well!

I'm writing you all from beautiful Boston, MA, where we are currently spending time walking the Freedom Trail, throwing tea into the Boston Harbor, playing in Boston Commons, and soaking up all the history the city has to offer. Most importantly, I'm watching the eighth grade grow closer, which is priceless.

Thanks to the seventh-grade students and faculty for their special work with Generation One this past week. If you don't know about this cause, then please take a look at [this link](#) to better understand the incredible work this organization performs for the kids who need it most in our Greater Houston community.

This week, we have a ton of events happening, and the culmination is Friday at the eighth-grade graduation dinner and the MS dance. The end of the year is quickly arriving, so please keep times and dates in front of you, and don't hesitate to reach out to the MS Office with any questions.

I wanted to include [this article](#) about Coach Angie Kensinger, who recently passed away tragically. She was such a special person and role model to everyone in coaching and education—frankly, to anyone at all. Hopefully, we as educators can take a page out of her book to write our own success story about helping kids to succeed in our world.

I wish you all a wonderful week! It's a beautiful day, and we are Wolves!

Sincerely,

Connor Cook, EdD
Head of Middle School

Final Brown Bag of the School Year Is Tuesday

Join us for our last Brown Bag Performance of the school year, featuring seventh-grade dance, this **Tuesday, May 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the People Place.**

Important Note About Thursday's Powder Puff Game

The annual Powder Puff game will be held this Thursday, May 16, in the afternoon. This is a student-only event. Please send single dollar bills with your Middle School students so they can purchase concessions.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 13

- *Special Schedule/Dress Uniform*
- *No Chapel*
- *Recognition and Awards Ceremony: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the FAC*
- *Yearbook Staff Distribution Party: 3:00-6:00 p.m.*
- *Stock Market Game Awards Ceremony: 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the FAC*

Tuesday, May 14

- *Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*

- *Strategic Plan 2025*: 8:30 a.m. in the Primary School Crum Library
 - *Yearbooks Distributed in Advisory*: 10:45-11:15 a.m. in classrooms
 - *Brown Bag Lunch Performance*: 1:30-1:40 p.m. in the People Place; lunch for grades 7 and 8
 - *Strategic Plan 2025*: 6:00 p.m. in the HBR
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Wednesday, May 15

- *Eucharist Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Grade 8 Eucharist Celebration (Parents of Eighth Graders Only Invited)*: 11:05-11:55 a.m. in the Chapel
 - *Spikefest Student/Parent Volleyball Tournament*: 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Main Campus gym and on the OAC
 - *Main Campus Rally Meeting*: 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the HBR
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Thursday, May 16

- *Grades 5-7*: Special schedule; SFES spirit dress with athletic bottoms
 - *Grade 8*: Special schedule; students wear eighth-grade T-shirts and uniform bottoms
 - *Art Crawl Field Trip for Grade 8*: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; off campus
 - *Field Day for Grades 5-7*: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Main Campus gym, on the field, and on the OAC
 - *MS Wolf Tube Videos Available Online*: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - *Graduation Rehearsal*: 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the FAC
 - *Girls Powder Puff Game (Grade 7 vs. Grade 8)*: 3:00-3:30 p.m. on the Main Campus field
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Friday, May 17

- *Friday Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
- *NJHS Year in Review Celebration*: 7:15-7:50 a.m.
- *Grade 8*:
 - *Early Dismissal*: 12:00 p.m.
 - *Graduation Dinner*: 6:30 p.m. in the FAC

- *Parents Champagne Toast*: 6:30 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - *Class Video Presentation (Eighth Graders and Parents Only)*: 7:15 p.m.
 - *Graduation Dance for Grades 6-8*: 7:30-10:00 p.m. in the gym; "Hollywood ... A Night on the St. Francis Red Carpet"; admission is \$10
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Monday, May 20

- *Monday Schedule*
 - *Grades 5-7*: Regular Uniform
 - *Grade 8*: Casual Dress
 - *Grade 8 Exams*: May 20–22 in classrooms
 - *Grade 8 English Exam*: Then, rotate through remaining classes for review; no electives
 - *Grade 8 Extended-Time English*: 8:15-10:30 a.m. in the HBR
 - *Chapel*: 10:45-11:15 a.m.
 - *Graduation Rehearsal*: 3:05-3:45 p.m. in the FAC and Chapel
 - *End of Fall Preview*
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Tuesday, May 21

- *Grades 5-7*: Regular Uniform
- *Grade 8*: Casual Dress
- *Grade 8 Extended-Time Math*: 7:30-9:45 a.m. in the HBR
- *Students Report to Assigned Testing Rooms*: 8:00 a.m.
- *Chapel*: 8:05-8:25 a.m.
- *English Exam/Assessment for Grades 5-7*: 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- *Math Exam for Grade 8*: 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- *Grade 6 Extended-Time English*: 8:30-10:45 a.m. in the CE room
- *Grade 7 Extended-Time English*: 8:30-10:45 a.m. in the MS art room
- *Break*: 10:00-10:10 a.m.
- *Grade 8 Extended-Time Spanish*: 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the HBR
- *Review Classes for Grades 5-7*: 10:15-11:45 a.m.
- *Spanish Exam for Grade 8*: 10:15-11:45 a.m.
- *Study Hall and Locker Clean-out*: 11:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
- *Carpool/Dining Hall*: 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22

- *Grades 5-7: Regular Uniform*
- *Grade 8: Casual Dress*
- *Grade 6 Extended-Time Math: 7:30-9:45 a.m. in the CE room*
- *Grade 7 Extended-Time Math: 7:30-9:45 a.m. in the MS art room*
- *Grade 8 Extended-Time Science: 7:30-9:45 a.m. in the HBR*
- *Students Report to Assigned Testing Rooms: 8:00 a.m.*
- *Review for Exams Independently: 8:00-8:25 a.m.*
- *Science Exam for Grade 8: 8:30-10:00 a.m.*
- *Math Exam/Assessment for Grades 5-7: 8:30-10:00 a.m.*
- *Break: 10:00-10:10 a.m.*
- *Grade 7 Extended-Time Spanish: 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the MS art room*
- *Grade 8 Extended-Time History: 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the HBR*
- *History Exam for Grade 8: 10:15-11:45 a.m.*
- *Spanish Exam/Assessment for Grades 5-7: 10:15-11:45 a.m.*
- *Study Hall and Locker Clean-out: 11:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m.*
- *Carpool/Dining Hall: 12:15 p.m.*

Thursday, May 23

- *Last Day for Middle School Students*
- *Grades 5-7: Regular uniform*
- *Grade 8: Athletic attire for field day*
- *Grade 7 Extended-Time Science: 7:30-9:45 a.m. in the MS art room*
- *Students Report to Assigned Testing Rooms: 8:00 a.m.*
- *Grades 5-7 Review for Exams: 8:00-8:25 a.m.*
- *Science Exam/Assessment for Grades 5-7: 8:30-10:00 a.m.*
- *Grade 8 Field Day: 9:00-11:00 a.m.*
- *Break: 10:00-10:10 a.m.*
- *Grade 7 Extended-Time History: 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the MS art room*
- *History Exam/Assessment for Grades 5-7: 10:15-11:45 a.m.*
- *Grade 8 Graduation Rehearsal: 11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m. in the FAC*
- *Locker Clean-out: 11:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m.*
- *Carpool/Dining Hall: 12:15 p.m.*

- *Graduation: 6:30 p.m.*
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Tuesday, June 4

- *Trimester 3 Report Cards Posted Online: 8:00 a.m.*

Upper School

From the Fine Arts Chair

A Midsummer Night's Dream was everything we had hoped it would be and more. It exemplifies what we can do as a team when we all pull in the same direction. There is a LONG list of thank-yous that need to be made, and as I encounter you on campus, I hope I have the opportunity to look you in the eye so you can see my sincere gratitude. There are some “flashbulb moments” that stick out in my mind. Can you believe our cast was a group of 4 year olds and high school freshmen doing a script from the early 1600s? Daily, I saw the South Campus come together in a way that exemplified our core values.

A Midsummer Night's Dream was everyone’s project, and we all should be immensely proud. There were integrated projects across all disciplines in the Upper School, with touch points in science, math, Spanish, humanities, and engineering. This has been an exceptional year in the arts, and we did it together. I feel like we all made just as grand an entrance to the community this year as Puck did coming down the zip line.

Nothing encapsulates this ephemeral experience more than what I saw after the play was over. The evening of strike held magic. We all stayed and took the set apart together, and the next day it was as if nothing was ever there. It was truly a “you had to be there” experience. Out of all the photos taken during rehearsals, ISAS, and the South Campus show, there is one photo that was snapped at the end of strike, when everyone was exhausted, that tells the story the best. I have linked that picture [here](#).

Take pains, be perfect, at the Duke’s Oak we meet.

Adieu.

Justin Doran
Fine Arts Chair

P.S. I will take a moment to announce our season in this e-mail as an “Easter egg” for all those who read to the end. We are incredibly excited to start the year with a truly unique theatrical experience. Over Halloween weekend, Andrews House will transform into Boddy Manor as we present *Clue: The Musical* (based on the game by Parker Brothers). We will have multiple showings over the weekend of October 26, 27, and 28, and we encourage audience members to come in costume and participate in the action. We are excited to approach this murder mystery musical with a fresh, interactive staging concept unique to St. Francis Upper School. Audition information for the project will be announced shortly for returning and new incoming students. Auditions will take place before the end of this academic year.

Then, next spring offers us another opportunity to build off of our successful collaboration with the Primary School by launching the Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA). We will mount the live version of *The Cat in the Hat* as a tour that will play on the South Campus, Main Campus, and off campus. Auditions for *The Cat in the Hat* will be in the fall after the musical. We are so excited to continue to create, inspire, and imagine with our 2019-20 performing arts season in the Upper School!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 13

- *Day 2 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
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Tuesday, May 14

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House*
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Wednesday, May 15

- *Day 4 Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Eucharist Chapel: 10:45 a.m. in the Main Campus Chapel*
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Thursday, May 16

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
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Friday, May 17

- *Day 6 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
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Monday, May 20

- *Day 1 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
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Tuesday, May 21

- *Day 2 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
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Wednesday, May 22

- *Day 3 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
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Thursday, May 23

- *Last Day of School for US Students: Off-site celebration*
- *Trimester 3 Ends*
- *Day 4 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*

Church

Now Hiring: Nursery Supervisor

We are currently seeking a church nursery supervisor who is available to work with the nursery staff and children on Sunday mornings. If you know anyone who might be a good fit, please refer them to Allison Devlin at adevlin@sfch.org. To view the job posting, [click here](#).

Baptisms on Pentecost Sunday

A principal feast day celebrating the birth of the church, the day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 9, is especially appropriate for the sacrament of baptism. To schedule a baptism on Pentecost Sunday, please contact Amy Homer [via e-mail](#) or at 832.325.2983.

Week of Wonder VBS Is July 29-August 2

A weeklong faith experience for children ages 4 years old through rising fourth graders, Week of Wonder (WOW) is five fun-packed days of themed music, crafts, science projects, outdoor play, and Bible stories.

Date: July 29–August 2

Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Theme: Salt Water Gospel

Ages: Children from 4 years old to those entering fourth grade (must turn 4 by July 29, 2019)

Registration Fee: \$50 per child

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All children are welcome (you don't have to be a church member to attend), but we recommend registering early as space is limited to 15 children per age group. Once registration is full for an age group, you will be placed on a waiting list. [Register online here.](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WOW is a rewarding volunteer opportunity for adults, high schoolers, and middle schoolers! We need lots of teachers, decorators, crafters, snack distributors, and behind-the-scenes helpers to make this a great week for the kids. Please consider joining the fun! [Register to volunteer here.](#)

Fall First Communion Classes Start September 8

First Communion classes begin Sunday, September 8. This is an 8-week course designed for second-grade students preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Contact Allison Devlin [via e-mail](#) for information or to sign up.

St. Francis in the Woods Is October 25-27

Save the date! St. Francis in the Woods—a family-friendly retreat held at Camp Allen—is scheduled for **October 25-27, 2019**. Parishioners and friends of St. Francis gather for a weekend of fun, fellowship, worship, crafts, s'mores, and outdoor adventures.

For more details or to sign up to attend, contact Cindy Huteson [via e-mail](#) to be added to St. Francis in the Woods communications.

Sunday Programs at St. Francis Episcopal Church

- **Breakfast Bites and Fellowship:** Meet in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall for coffee, donuts, and light bites after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.
- **Lighthouse Expressions in Art:** Children in pre-K through middle school meet in the Guild Room to create an art project reinforcing the Bible lesson and key verse discussed during Let it Shine!
- **Adult Bible Study:** Meet in the People Place to develop a closer relationship with God through reading and reflecting on Scripture.
- **Adult Series:** Father Bates is currently leading the series *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Meet in the Hogan Board Room.
- **God Lights Our Way (GLOW):** Middle and high school students meet upstairs in CE 212 for lessons and activities.

Sunday Worship Services

St. Francis Episcopal Church holds four services on Sundays, as follows:

8:00 A.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

This is a contemplative service that includes a traditional sermon, communion, and time for prayer and reflection. Held in the St. Clare Chapel (accessed

through the main church entrance), this service is ideal for those who like to get an early start to their Sunday.

9:00 A.M.—FAMILY WORSHIP WITH HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

This is a family-friendly service with a blend of updated music, a children's message, Rite II liturgy, and full communion.

- Held in the sanctuary, you'll see youth ages 3 and older participating in parts of the service. Everyone is welcome, from newborns to centenarians. You don't need to have children to enjoy this service!
- After the children's message, students in pre-K through middle school are invited to Let It Shine! with Allison Devlin in the Robert Gay Foyer for a group lesson and project. High school youth are invited to join and help the younger students during this time. All children will return to the service during the announcements.
- After the service, please join us for breakfast bites and fellowship in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall, followed by [Sunday School](#) activities for all ages.

11:00 A.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II, WITH ORGAN AND CHOIR

Appropriate for adults and families, this is a beautiful service with traditional liturgy and hymns, communion, sermon, full choir, and professional musical accompaniment. After the service, please join us for breakfast bites and fellowship in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall.

5:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

This reflective service in the St. Clare Chapel includes an adult message and communion and is appropriate for adults and teenage children. Casual dress is welcome.

CHILDCARE

Please note that childcare and playtime in the church nursery are available on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to allow parents time for church and adult Sunday School.