

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of February 24

All School

Tomorrow's the Deadline to Purchase Woolrich Luncheon Tickets

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the 15th Annual Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty Awards Luncheon, which will take place on Tuesday, March 5! Let us know if you're planning to attend by either registering for the luncheon [online](#) or returning the reply card from your mailed invitation by **tomorrow**—Monday, February 25.

At the luncheon, you'll hear extraordinary accounts from our 2017–18 Woolrich Award recipients:

- **Alison Salinas** traveled to Germany to study the collections of the Brothers Grimm.
- **Angela Flowers** traveled behind the former Iron Curtain to study the impact and lasting effects of the Holocaust and World War II.
- **Kimberly Dunn** received training in Krav Maga mixed martial arts and self-defense.
- **Amy Chandler and Julia Traber** traveled to Japan to study art and theater.
- **Melanie Wallace and Lydia Urbanek** traveled to France to study the cultural roots of fiction and fairy tales.
- **Carlo Minotti** received training in welding and fabrication.

We hope you can join us to hear about these educators' summertime adventures—which were made possible by the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty—and how these unique opportunities are helping to bring classroom

learning to life! To learn more about the Woolrich Fund or the Woolrich Luncheon, please [e-mail us](#) or call 713.458.6169.

Less Than Two Weeks To Go! Annual Fund Challenge Still Going Strong

Fun Fact: *We love our teachers! Faculty salaries are supported by the Annual Fund, allowing St. Francis to attract and retain top-notch educators.*

A winner will be announced soon! First grade has held the lead for five consecutive weeks. However, it only takes a few new gifts to affect participation percentages, so if you have not yet given, please take a quick moment to do so [here](#) and help your grade reach the top.

Primary II, third grade, fourth grade, fifth grade, seventh grade, and eighth grade all increased this week—way to go! To date, the Annual Fund has raised 89 percent of our \$800,000 goal. Each gift counts tremendously.

The Participation Challenge ends **Friday, March 8**. The grade with the highest participation in supporting the Annual Fund will be treated to a pizza party with Mr. Lovejoy on **Wednesday, March 20**.

[Make your gift to the St. Francis Annual Fund today!](#)

Please contact Director of Annual and Alumni Giving [Laura Lanigan](#) with any questions. Thank you for your support of this important effort.

Gala Success!

The 2019 Saved by the Bell Gala was a huge success (really—all that and a bag of chips!) and the Gala leadership would like to thank all in our incredible community for doing their part! To those who donated auction items, planned sign-up parties, created class projects, sold raffle tickets, purchased seats, and raised your paddle, we are truly thankful. You're the bomb diggity—no doubt. Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement on how much money was raised for St. Francis.

Enormous gratitude also goes out to the amazing Gala chairs, Becky Livingstone and Jacee Wolf; to the wonderful auction chairs, Lauren Biggs and Megan Vondra; and to the entire Gala committee, whose members poured their hearts into this nostalgic night. Their gifts of time, talent, and treasure exemplify the spirit of being “people for others.”

AUCTION ITEM PICKUP: All auction items can be picked up from the Special Events Office on the Main Campus during school hours. Check in at the front desk for directions. Need to make special arrangements for pickup? Please [e-mail us](#).

Next Wolf Wear Sale Is Friday

The Athletics Booster Club's next Wolf Wear Sale will be held this Friday, March 1. Visit us in the Concessions Stand near the gym on the Main Campus from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m.

Questions? E-mail [Eloise Taussig](#) or [Kara Montgomery](#).

Please Share the Word! Upcoming US Admissions Tours

Our best advertising is word-of-mouth, so please tell your friends and neighbors to come learn more about St. Francis at one of our Upper School Admissions Tours, which are **held most Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.**

Register Today for Summer on the Point

Have you checked out all the neat camps your child can take during Summer on the Point 2019?

- [Click here](#) for camp descriptions and to download the Summer on the Point brochure.
- Registration for students **3 years old through grade 10** is now open and available through "Program Registration" in My BackPack.
- **Summer sessions will run June 3-28 and July 8-August 2.**
- Yearly favorites are returning, and new camps are coming for summer 2019—including baseball, photography, fashion design, speed and agility sessions, field hockey, lacrosse, coding, LEGO design, self-defense, newly redesigned math sessions for Middle and Upper School grades, and many more.

Primary School

From the Assistant Division Head

In February, I can always tell it's time for the rodeo because the weather gets cold and rainy. More than 2,000 trail riders make their way across the state to

downtown Houston, signaling the start of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The Friday before the rodeo starts, the City of Houston celebrates with Go Texan Day.

Go Texan Day always brings up fond childhood memories for me. I remember feeling inconvenienced when square dance practice interrupted our normal P.E. schedule. In the end, though, I always enjoyed the socializing that square dancing encouraged. Go Texan Day was the one day of the school year when everyone united in their Texas pride by wearing western-style clothing. As I've gotten older, I still enjoy this time of year, when I reach to the back of my closet and dust off my boots in honor of the great state where I was born.

This past Friday, Primary School students came prepared to celebrate our division's Go Texan Day tradition—Darla McNay Rodeo Day. Many of our students have well-worn boots, hats, and western clothing that, unlike mine, are obviously worn more than once a year. Our special guest, former Assistant Head of Primary School Darla McNay, was present to lead the parade and participate in the many rodeo-themed activities. Our Primary I and Primary II students rotated through activities planned by our enrichment team (Nicole Fair, Claudia Schoelman, Lyndsay Sweeney, Desiree McConnell, Michael Settle, and Leveil Lander). Students enjoyed tall tales and snacks, a rodeo roundup, a rodeo ranch sombrero toss, and a hoedown dance. These activities encouraged listening, speaking, and the use of gross motor skills.

Thank you for encouraging your child's participation in our Primary School's Darla McNay Rodeo Day celebration. God bless Texas!

Warmly,

Clifton Walker
Assistant Head of Primary School

Join Us! Coffee and Fellowship

Primary School parents, please join us on **Tuesday, March 5, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Primary School Library** for coffee, to mix and mingle with friends, and to connect with other parents who have children around the same age. We hope to see you there!

Primary School Dining Hall Menu

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

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, February 26

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, February 27

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Chapel Dramatization (Blades)*
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Thursday, February 28

- *Mrs. Staller's Class Field Trip to the Main Campus*
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Tuesday, March 5

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *PS Parent Coffee: 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Primary School Library*
 - *Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty 15th Annual Awards Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the FAC on the Main Campus*
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Wednesday, March 6

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Thursday, March 7

- *Primary II Field Trip to Buckingham Senior Community (Blades and Owens)*
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Friday, March 8

- *Primary II Field Trip to Buckingham Senior Community (Staller, Wiener, and Hughes)*
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Monday, March 11-Friday, March 15

- *Spring Break: School closed*
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Tuesday, March 19

- *Primary School Parent Education (“Same Parents—Different Children”): 8:30 a.m. in the Primary School Library*
 - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, March 20

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Friday, March 22

- *Spring Educator's Day in Primary School*
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Tuesday, March 26

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Primary I Sings in Chapel (Capasso and Scriber)*
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Wednesday, March 27

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Primary I Sings in Chapel (Burrow and Porter)*
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Tuesday, April 2

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, April 3

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

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope this finds you enjoying your Sunday!

If you did not get the chance to pop into our STEAM Fair—which featured students from kindergarten through grade 9—know that our Lower School students did an amazing job showcasing what they have learned in STEAM this year. Kindergarteners presented a Magic Milk exhibit; first graders showcased a sound-vibration experiment; second graders modeled spherobots; third graders demonstrated how to use snap circuits; and fourth graders shared information about coding and an experiment about earthquake-structure testing. Watching the students share their expertise with younger and older friends was truly amazing. This is another way the St. Francis program is experiential and unique!

We have another curriculum-enriching day coming up. **On Tuesday, February 26, our Lower School will be celebrating National Fairy Tale Day.** This past year, three of our faculty members received Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty awards to study fairy tales in Europe—and we are so excited to have them celebrate their learning with our students. Ali Salinas, our curriculum and instruction specialist, ventured off to Germany for an in-depth study of the Brothers Grimm, while Melanie Wallace and Lydia Urbanek from our Library faculty spent time in France to study the work of Charles Perrault.

On Tuesday, our students will be immersed in activities to excite their imaginations and facilitate cross-curricular connections. They will not only take part in literacy activities, but also explore various fairy tales through STEAM challenges, art, drama, music, and Spanish. Be sure to ask your children about their day and the fairy tale that their grade level studied.

So, what's the big deal about fairy tales? Melissa Taylor, literacy trainer, mom, and former teacher, wrote a fantastic summary of why fairy tales are essential for childhood on her blog, *Imagination Stop*:

- Fairy tales develop **imagination**. Albert Einstein said, “When I examine myself and my methods, I come to the conclusion that the gift of fantasy has meant more to me than any talent for abstract, positive thinking.” Enough said about that!
- Fairy tales all have significant **problems**. The characters model problem-solving and help us to both connect to our own dreams and anxieties and consider what we would do in someone else's shoes.
- Fairy tales build **resiliency**. Bad things happen to everyone, even in safe environments; no one is protected from challenges. Real-life issues are presented in fantasy where, most often, the hero triumphs.
- Fairy tales cross **cultural boundaries**. What better way to learn about history and culture than through stories!
- Fairy tales teach basic **story structure**—setting, plot, character development, rising action, climax, and resolution, as well as the difference between fiction and non-fiction. The natural inclination for these stories to be engaging promotes comprehension.

To quote Albert Einstein again, “If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.”

Enjoy reading more fairy tales! Whether it's for indirect moral lessons, for improving imagination, or because your child can't put the book down, reading fairy tales should be encouraged. Read them together, help your children invent their own, and make sure they know they can conquer any evil character!

Have a wonderful week,

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Join Us! Coffee and Fellowship

Lower School parents, please join us on **Wednesday, March 6, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the church narthex** for coffee and fellowship, to mix and mingle with friends, and to connect with other parents who have children around the same age. We hope to see you there!

Art Contest Entry Deadline Is March 4

Calling all students who are interested in participating in the [Doodle for Google Art Contest](#)! This year's theme is "When I grow up, I hope . . ." and we can't wait to see the fantastic wishes or practical plans our Lower School students come up with. Anything you dream up is fair game, whether it's sky cities, teleporters, cleaner water, pizza trees, time machines, edible clouds, or Earth-cooling fans.

Artists, here's what to do:

1. Complete the [entry form](#) or pick one up at school from Mrs. Chandler or Mrs. Tennant. (School-year groups are K-3 and 4-5.)
2. Create your Doodle using any materials you want.
3. Write an artist statement that describes the drawing and how it represents something that inspires you. **Be sure to also fill out the rest of the required information and sign the entry form.**
4. **Submit your Doodle to either Mrs. Chandler or Mrs. Tennant by Monday, March 4.**

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 25

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between February 24-March 2 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
 - *Report Cards Online*
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Monday, March 4

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between March 3-16 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Tuesday, March 5

- *Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty 15th Annual Awards Luncheon:* 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the FAC
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Wednesday, March 6

- *Dress Uniform Day*
 - *Ash Wednesday Chapel:* 8:05 a.m.
 - *LS Parent Coffee:* 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the church narthex
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Monday, March 11-Friday, March 15

- *Spring Break:* School closed
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Monday, March 18

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between March 17-23 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Monday, March 25

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between March 24-30 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today

Middle School

From the Division Head

Happy Sunday, Middle School families! I hope this finds you well!

Welcome to Trimester 3! I can't believe how quickly this year is flying by. In the words of Ferris Bueller, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

As I write this, the Middle School has reported 8,163 acts of kindness toward the [Unselfie](#) Challenge. We crushed the February goal of 7,000, so I will reach out soon with my own act of kindness for our students. I look forward to seeing how far we can go—not only through the end of February, but also in the months ahead.

This week, we welcome back Dr. Crystal Collier for her Pathways Program presentation on healthy teen relationships. On Wednesday, we will host parents for an assembly at 1:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room. On Thursday, Dr. Collier will return to present to our students in their designated assemblies.

As we get busier—teachers, students, and parents—it gets easier to get stressed and tougher to manage our emotions. [This piece from Dr. Lisa Damour](#) discusses how we can help our teens weather their emotional storms and how we can model calm behavior in times of crisis—perceived or real.

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

Sincerely,

Connor Cook, EdD
Head of Middle School

Parents, Join Us Wednesday to Learn About Healthy Teen Relationships

Join us to learn about how teens can cultivate healthy relationships, including

healthy boundaries regarding dating, this **Wednesday, February 27, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room**. Led by Dr. Crystal Collier of Pathways, this is the third in a series of 2018-19 parent workshops focused on social and emotional health.

On Thursday, February 28, Dr. Collier will present to our Middle School students on the same topic in grade-level assemblies, which should provide the basis for some meaningful conversations at home.

Join Us! Coffee and Fellowship

Middle School parents, please join us this **Wednesday, February 27, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Crum Library** for coffee and fellowship, to mix and mingle with friends, and to connect with other parents who have children around the same age. We hope to see you there!

Art Contest Entry Deadline Is March 4

Calling all students who are interested in participating in the [Doodle for Google Art Contest](#)! This year's theme is "When I grow up, I hope . . ." and we can't wait to see the fantastic wishes or practical plans our Middle School students come up with. Anything you dream up is fair game, whether it's sky cities, teleporters, cleaner water, pizza trees, time machines, edible clouds, or Earth-cooling fans.

Artists, here's what to do:

1. Complete the [entry form](#) or pick one up at school from Mrs. Chandler or Mrs. Tennant. (School-year groups are 4-5, 6-7, and 8-9.)
2. Create your Doodle using any materials you want.
3. Write an artist statement that describes the drawing and how it represents something that inspires you. **Be sure to also fill out the rest of the required information and sign the entry form.**
4. **Submit your Doodle to either Mrs. Chandler or Mrs. Tennant by Monday, March 4.**

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, February 24

- *MS Spring Musical Rehearsal*: 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the FAC

Monday, February 25

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
- *Trimester 3 Begins*
- *National Dr. Seuss Week (Feb. 25-March 1)*
- *Bible Study for Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth 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.*

Tuesday, February 26

- *Grades 5-7: Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
- *Grade 8: Special Schedule/White Shirt and Jeans*
- *Bible Study for Eighth Graders: 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
- *Grade 8 White Shirt Class Photo: 8:00-9:30 a.m. in the courtyard and on the playground*
- *Advisory: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*

Wednesday, February 27

- *Wednesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
- *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.*
- *WEB Lunch: 12:05-12:45 p.m. in the Dining Hall*
- *MS Pathways Assembly for Parents: 1:30 p.m. in the HBR*
- *MS Parent Coffee: 2:30 p.m. in the Crum Library*

Thursday, February 28

- *Special Schedule for Pathways/Regular Uniform*

- *Trimester 2 Report Cards Online*
 - *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*
 - *Pathways Assembly for Grades 5 and 6: 8:15-9:15 a.m. in the FAC*
 - *Pathways Assembly for Grades 7 and 8: 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the FAC*
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Friday, March 1

- *Friday Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
 - *NJHS Geo Challenge: 7:15-7:50 a.m. in Dr. Bedard's classroom*
 - *Wolf Wear Sale: 7:45-9:00 a.m. in the Concessions Area near the gym*
 - *Fifth-Grade Colonial Day: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on the OAC and in classrooms*
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Saturday, March 2

- *MS PSIA District Meet: 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School*
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Sunday, March 3

- *Spring Musical Rehearsal: 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the FAC*
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Monday, March 4

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
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Tuesday, March 5

- *Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
- *Grade 8 White Shirt Class Photo Makeup Day (If Needed)*

- *Bible Study for Eighth Graders: 7:15-7:45 a.m.* in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty 15th Annual Awards Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.* in the FAC
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Wednesday, March 6

- *Wednesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Study for Seventh Graders: 7:15-7:45 a.m.* in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *Ash Wednesday Chapel: 10:45-11:15 a.m.;* ashes only—no Eucharist; Lent begins
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Thursday, March 7

- *Thursday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *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
 - *MS St. Francis Got Talent Variety Show: 9:15-10:00 a.m.* in the FAC
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Friday, March 8

- *Special Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
 - *NJHS Meeting (Parachute Fun): 7:15-7:50 a.m.* in Dr. Bedard's classroom
 - *Art Car Parade: 1:15-2:00 p.m.* on the carpool route around the school
 - *FoFA Social Concessions: 2:55-3:30 p.m.* on the OAC
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Monday, March 11-Friday, March 15

- *Spring Break: School closed*
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Monday, March 18

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Medieval Feast Setup:* Through March 22 in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - *Chapel:* 10:45-11:15 a.m.
 - *Main Campus Rally Meeting:* 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the HBR
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Tuesday, March 19

- *Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Study for Eighth Graders:* 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *MS Honors/Parent Information Meeting:* 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the HBR
 - *Advisory:* 10:45-11:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, March 20

- *Wednesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *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, March 21

- *Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *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
 - *Class Meeting:* Mercury Chamber Orchestra performs for MS, courtesy of FoFA; 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the FAC
 - *Medieval Feast Preview Party:* 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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Friday, March 22

- *Grades 5, 6, and 8: Friday Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
 - *Grade 7: Special Schedule/Medieval Feast Costumes*
 - *NJHS Geo Challenge/Parent Presentations: 7:15-7:50 a.m. in Dr. Bedard's classroom*
 - *Medieval Feast for Seventh Graders: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall*
 - *Advisory: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
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Sunday, March 24

- *MS Spring Musical Rehearsal: 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the FAC*
- *BBQ for Accepted Families: 2:00-5:00 p.m. on the South Campus*

Upper School

From the Head of Curriculum and Instruction

On February 14, our students and faculty explored “The Value and Purpose of Education,” taking a deep dive into why we do what we do in the St. Francis Upper School. Why do we value collaboration and presentations as a valid form of assessment? Why do we discuss empathy as a skill set to be learned and practiced? Do grades accurately reflect what students have learned, and are they a motivator or a distraction to the learning?

Through short mini-lessons from faculty that explored Mastery Transcript, inquiry-based learning, wellness, mindfulness in the school setting, and the benefits of arts education, our students were given introductions to topics for further study. The afternoon moved from a classroom seminar model to peer collaboration. Students selected topics of interest in order to create inquiry questions, gather research, generate solutions, and create group presentations to share with the Upper School community. They then reflected on their important takeaways from the day.

Here's what two of our founding freshmen said during a follow-up class discussion:

- “I always knew that I loved the arts personally and that it gave me great joy, but I had no idea that there was brain research to prove that it provided discipline and focus in other classes. Who knew?”
- “Across the board, we were able to see the science, data, and reasoning behind stuff the teachers have been telling us about learning for years.”

Time constraints were part of the challenge. Students had to create consensus to formulate topics, divvy up research studies and articles, create a Google Slide presentation, and practice their delivery—all within a few hours.

- “I didn’t think I could do it. But I learned that if you work together, you can get it done.”
- “I guess you wanted us to learn how to do things quickly. I learned more about doing things outside of my comfort zone. We did something we didn’t know we would be able to do.”
- “I see the tangible value of meditation and mindfulness. There is actual research to back it up. This isn’t just about feeling good. I am less stressed, which means I am more focused in school. It actually works.”

What did the faculty see? We proudly watched students taking ownership of their own learning, actively researching with genuine curiosity, and problem-solving with one another—with zero interest in our opinions. It was fantastic! Their presentations were original, creative, data-driven, and polished. Confidence, maturity, and a serious approach to the material were on display. Group presentations ranged from the traditional to a hands-on approach. One group even included a dramatic monologue! It was a pleasure for the faculty to coach while the students led.

Our humanities experiential learning day on February 14 may not have been a traditional “day of love” for our students, but for us, seeing them rise to the challenge was the best Valentine’s Day gift of all.

Sincerely,

Angie Flowers
Head of Curriculum and Instruction

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Please Share the Word! Upcoming US Admissions Tours

Our best advertising is word-of-mouth, so please tell your friends and neighbors to come learn more about St. Francis at one of our Upper School Admissions Tours, which are held most Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 25

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Tennis Practice: 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Briargrove Park Tennis Court (2301 Seagler, 77042)*
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Tuesday, February 26

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House*
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Wednesday, February 27

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Pathways Assembly for Parents: 1:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room on the Main Campus*
 - *MS Parent Coffee: 2:30 p.m. in the Crum Library on the Main Campus*
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Thursday, February 28

- *Day 6 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Student Pathways Assembly: 9:30 a.m. in the FAC on the Main Campus*
 - *Track Meet: 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas High School*
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Friday, March 1

- *Day 1 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
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Monday, March 4

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Tennis Practice: 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Briargrove Park Tennis Court (2301 Seagler, 77042)*
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Tuesday, March 5

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House*
 - *Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty 15th Annual Awards Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the FAC on the Main Campus*
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Wednesday, March 6

- *Day 4 Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Ash Wednesday Chapel: 10:45 a.m. in the Main Campus Chapel*
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Thursday, March 7

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
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Friday, March 8

- *Day 6 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
- *End of Trimester 2*

Church

GLOW Study for Grades 5-8 Starts March 3

A ministry for students in grades 5-8, God Lights Our Way (GLOW) is about to begin a study titled "Feed the Dog: 7 Spiritual Disciplines to Help You Grow in

Your Faith.” Fifth through eighth graders are invited to join us in Room 212 at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, beginning on March 3.

Join Us for New Member Orientation on March 3

If you started attending St. Francis Episcopal Church within the last two years and have not made your membership official yet, we invite you to become a member of our family by attending our New Member Orientation class on **Sunday, March 3, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room.** (Lunch will be served.) Join Father Bates to learn about our church, our mission, and how membership in Christ’s Body at St. Francis can help you deepen your relationship with God.

Please RSVP to Amy Homer via [e-mail](#) or at 832.325.2983.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Party Is March 5

Our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Party is coming up! Join us for some family fun the evening before Ash Wednesday on **Tuesday, March 5, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall** as we feast on gumbo, sausage, pancakes, king cake, and Mardi Gras ice cream. We’ll also enjoy extra special music provided by Rick Keith and St. Francis musicians, and a balloon artist will help make things even more festive. You don't want to miss this!

For further details and to purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

Ash Wednesday Services Are March 6

Begin your Lenten journey that leads to the cross and the joy of the resurrection with the **Imposition of the Ashes** and **Holy Eucharist** on Ash Wednesday, March 6. The first day of Lent is a special day of holy obligation. **Services will be held at 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.** to accommodate your schedule that day.

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

- 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:00 a.m.—Family worship with Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- 11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ and choir
- 5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Discovering Christian Meditation

An opportunity for silent prayer at the church is available:

- Tuesdays, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
- Thursdays, 7:30-8:00 a.m.

These sessions are in the St. Clare Chapel and are led by Father David Price.

We find the roots of Christian meditation in the practice of Jesus recorded in the Gospels and in the content of the Epistles. We see it developed further in the writings of the desert tradition of the early church. Come learn a bit about it, gain a few hints about the practice and, mostly, come and pray.