

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of March 24

### All School

#### **Join the SFE Spring BeKIND (Bingo) Challenge**

To foster our community's commitment to being "people for others," our chaplains have created the BeKIND Challenge for the Lenten season. The game card has 25 acts of kindness that encourage students to be a source of light in their family and community. As a family, complete five acts of kindness in a row (vertically, horizontally, or diagonally) on the game card to win. Each child will win a special prize. Any family that completes the entire game card will receive a bonus prize!

Return completed game cards to Rev. Heinemann by **April 26**, the Friday after Easter. [Click here](#) to get the game card.

#### **Save the Date! MS and US Theater Productions**

Save the date—the St. Francis Theater Department's spring productions are just around the corner!

- Our Upper School students will present William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on **Friday, April 26**, and **Saturday, April 27**, at 7:30 p.m. on the South Campus.
- Our Middle School students will perform *The Wizard of Oz* on **Friday, May 3**, and **Saturday, May 4**, at 7:00 p.m. on our Main Campus.

A box office link will be available through *Wolf Watch* in the coming weeks.

## **Teacher Appreciation Spring Luncheon—Volunteers Needed This Tuesday!**

Calling all cooks, bakers, and shoppers! We are honoring our fabulous Lower School and Middle School faculty and staff at the Main Campus with a "picnic" luncheon on **Tuesday, March 26**—and we need your help! If you are interested in assisting, please [click here](#).

Our teachers really appreciate these events, and we couldn't host them without you! Thank you!

## **Donate to the Book Drive by Thursday**

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy is hosting its annual book drive! If you have gently used children's books you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Crum Library by this **Thursday, March 28**.

## **Annual Fund Update: First-Grade Fun**

To thank the record number of first-grade families who gave to the Annual Fund during our participation challenge, first graders and their parents enjoyed a pizza party with Mr. Lovejoy last week. First grade, you sure know how to party! Highlights included the photo booth, candy bar favors, dance party, and more.

- [Click here](#) to view photos.
- The fundraising fun is not over; we still have to reach 100% parent participation and \$800,000. If you are unsure if you have given this year, please [e-mail Laura Lanigan](#), director of annual and alumni giving.
- To give online, [click here](#).

Thank you for your support!

## **WhoDat Going to Sponsor a Booth?! Festival 2019: A Bayou Bash!**

Laissez les bons temps rouler! Don't miss out on an opportunity to let the good times roll at Festival 2019: A Bayou Bash! And it just wouldn't be a

bash without you, so here are some important details to get you in the Festival spirit:

- St. Francis Festival Day is set for **Sunday, April 28, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**
- **Branded items available:**
  - We are looking for T-shirt sponsors. For \$1,000, your family name or company logo will be placed on the back of the event shirt—worn by the masses on Festival week and beyond.
  - The ticket sponsorship is also available for \$1,000. Your logo will be printed on EVERY ticket used at Festival.
  - Don't miss the boat on our underwriting opportunities—get your paperwork in as soon as possible!
- **Booth sponsorship opportunities:** There is always big fun down on the bayou . . . whether it is food, fun, or games, we need every booth sponsored so the kids (and the kids at heart) will have a festive time at Festival.
- **[Click here](#)** to visit the event website and complete your “online packet.” For the printable version, **[click here](#)**. **The deadline to turn in completed forms is Friday, April 5.**
- Each spring since 1969, the St. Francis Episcopal Church and School communities have joined together to organize and celebrate Festival Day. This family event features games, food, and fellowship. Proceeds benefit the One Community Fund, which underwrites facility enhancements, landscape and infrastructure improvements, and joint efforts for both church and school.

### **PA Annual Spring Luncheon Is April 3**

The Parents Association invites you to attend its annual Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, April 3, at the Houston Country Club. The featured speaker is Alysha Roll, MSW, LCSW, who will be speaking on “The Science of a Healthy Relationship.”

Ms. Roll is a Certified Gottman Couples Therapist as well as a master trainer and consultant for The Gottman Institute. Don't miss this opportunity to learn scientifically based ways to deepen your relationship with your significant other and to avoid relationship pitfalls.

- Tickets are \$75 each or \$750 per table. [Click here to purchase your tickets.](#)
- Find more information on The Gottman Institute online [here](#).

### **Next Wolf Wear Sale Is April 5**

The Athletics Booster Club's next Wolf Wear sale will be held Friday, April 5. Visit us in the Concessions Stand near the gym on the Main Campus from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m.

### **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 Division Head**

*“The day you plant the seed is not the day you eat the fruit.”* –Fabienne Fredrickson

Earlier this year I came across a Netflix series called *Tidying Up With Marie Kondo*. If you’re not familiar with the show, it features Marie Kondo and her KonMari Method of organizing one’s belongings. Kondo is a professional who helps people declutter their lives by evaluating the personal connection one has with clothes or other things, and making decisions about what is really important. She believes that you should only keep those items that “spark joy.”

Since viewing that first episode, I’ve continued to notice references to the KonMari Method. Sometimes people use “Kondo” as a verb. “Kondo your closet” and “Kondo your kitchen” are ways of saying, “organize your closet and kitchen.”

This time of year, it’s common to take on spring cleaning as a fresh start to the season and a way of bringing order to our lives. It’s a process that should involve children, too. When children help with the organization of their space, they gain confidence and feel accomplished. Knowing where things belong and being able to find them when needed, having self-help skills, and knowing how to take care of their rooms at home and school is very beneficial to children in many ways.

Parents are sometimes surprised by what their children do independently at school. We begin in Pre-Primary with children following daily routines that prepare them to be responsible members of a community. Each year, we expect more from our students, because they are ready to take on more. Children in the Primary School sign in when they enter the classroom each morning; unpack their bags and put their water bottles and snacks in the appropriate baskets; help serve their lunch and take care of their dishes; roll up their rest mats and put them in their cubbies; park tricycles and pick up sand toys at the end of recess; sweep up materials spilled from the sensory table; sort and organize blocks and construction materials; share duties in their classroom through class jobs like line leader and chapel helper; and pack up their materials and listen for their carpool numbers at the end of the day.

Involving your children in meaningful work will serve them well for years to come. While it may be quicker to do things for them yourself, taking time to let them work on new skills will be time well-invested. Let them button their own shirts, rinse their dishes after meals, feed the dog, and hang up their towels. Their work may not be perfect, but what they learn from folding a washcloth or setting the table will build confidence and important self-help skills.

When we teach students to take responsibility for their personal belongings and their class and school materials, it establishes an expectation of respect for others and a framework for how we work together as members of a community. One of the guiding principles of Reggio-inspired schools is the belief that children are capable, strong, and resilient problem-solvers.

Spring cleaning isn't the only thing that happens this time of year. For us, it's also a time to reflect on the visible signs of growth that are evident in our children and to celebrate their successes. There's a lot to celebrate!

If you'd like to know more about the KonMari Method, check out [this website](#). And if you're tidying up—include your kids!

All the best,

Amy Whitley, MA  
Head of Primary School

### **Join Us! Coffee and Fellowship**

Primary School parents, please join us on **Wednesday, April 10, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Primary School Crum 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 Crum Library News**

#### **CHANGE TO OPEN LIBRARY TIMES**

Thank you for taking advantage of our Open Library times! We have noticed that Tuesdays from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. has proven to be the most popular time for visitation, so we will continue this arrangement so that parents and children may continue to enjoy and check out books together. Going

forward, we will not continue the Thursday Open Library time, as we have not had interest in that day.

### **STORY TIME WITH MS. MCCONNELL**

The next scheduled **Story Time With Ms. McConnell** will be on **Thursday, April 4, at 3:00 p.m.** We hope you'll join us for this time when parents and children participate together in storytelling with Ms. McConnell, our Primary School librarian. These scheduled story times have been very popular. You won't want to miss it!

### **PARENTING LIBRARY REMINDER**

Don't forget that we have a collection of parenting resources available for you to check out in our Primary School Crum Library. We have ordered favorites based on faculty recommendations, as well as other parent-tested references. Tuesday afternoon during Open Library is a great time to check out our collection.

### **Primary School Dining Hall Menu**

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

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Tuesday, March 26**

- *Primary I Sings in Chapel (Capasso and Scriber)*
  - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
  - *Open Library Time: 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Crum Library*
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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.
  - *Open Library Time*: 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Crum Library
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## Wednesday, April 3

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.
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## Thursday, April 4

- *Looking Forward to Lower School*: 8:20-9:20 a.m. in the Primary School Crum Library
  - *Story Time With Ms. McConnell*: 3:00 p.m. in the Primary School Crum Library
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## Tuesday, April 9

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.
  - *Open Library Time*: 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Crum Library
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## Wednesday, April 10

- *Primary / Fathers and Friends*: 8:15 a.m.
- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.
- *Coffee and Fellowship*: 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Primary School Crum Library

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**Thursday, April 11**

- *Primary II Drama Performances*

9:00 a.m.—Blades

9:40 a.m.—Staller

10:20 a.m.—Wiener

11:00 a.m.—Owens

11:40 a.m.—Hughes

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**Tuesday, April 16**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
  - *Open Library Time: 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Crum Library*
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**Wednesday, April 17**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
  - *Easter Egg Hunt (5-Day Pre-Primary)*
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**Thursday, April 18**

- *Easter Egg Hunt (Ferguson T/Th Pre-Primary)*
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**Friday, April 19**

- *Good Friday Holiday: No school*
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## Monday, April 22

- *Easter Monday Holiday: No school*
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## Tuesday, April 23

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
  - *Open Library Time: 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Crum Library*
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## Wednesday, April 24

- *Primary School Parent/Teacher Conferences: Student holiday*
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## Thursday, April 25

- *Primary II Field Trip*
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## Friday, April 26

- *Primary School Pep Rally*
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## Sunday, April 28

- *Festival 2019: A Bayou Bash: 12:00-4:00 p.m.*
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## Monday, April 29

- *Late Start: Primary School begins at 9:00 a.m.*

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## Tuesday, April 30

- *Pre-Primary Mothers and Others*: Ferguson T/Th, Oteiza, and Meriwether
- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.
- *Open Library Time*: 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Crum Library

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## Wednesday, May 1

- *Pre-Primary Mothers and Others*: Ferguson M/W/F and Britton
- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.

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## Thursday, May 2

- *Primary II Mothers and Others*: 1:30 p.m.

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## Friday, May 3

- *Primary II Step-up to Kindergarten Field Trip*: 11:30 a.m.
- *Primary I Mothers and Others*: 1:30 p.m.

## Lower School

### **From the Division Head**

We had a wonderful week, full of fun and learning!

I am always amazed at the level of collaboration I see everywhere around me at St. Francis. I really wanted to focus on that topic today and share how important this concept is to us.

**Our leadership team** is just one example of collaboration: we work together in all we do for this school. An advancement event is not just that—everyone is involved in making sure it is a huge success. The admissions process is also certainly everyone’s job—from faculty and administration to marketing, technology, parents, and even students. This team approach to running the school is truly one reason (of many) why I love coming to work every day.

I also see collaboration everywhere in Lower School, especially **among our students**. As you know, a major component of our SEAL approach is to promote collaboration. This is a part of all we do: buddy reading, peer conferring, STEAM work groups, math workplaces, group projects, playing at recess and PE, and determining seats at lunch. The list could go on and on. Collaboration skills need to be directly taught, and using the Responsive Classroom approach gives us a wonderful framework from which to work.

I am so grateful to say that this collaboration is also very evident in our **school/teacher and parent relationships**. We look to you to collaborate with us on every aspect of your child’s educational journey. You know what makes your child tick, the daily events that shape your child’s attitude and emotions, and how they interpret happenings from school. All of this information is extremely important to teachers in knowing how to reach our students best. We also value your collaboration in AALC, guest reading, hosting parties, and celebrating birthdays. On the flip side, we work hard at communicating with you about how your child is doing in both the academic and emotional aspects of school.

As I have shared before, **our teachers** collaborate as they hone their craft with one another. We are continuing our Learning Walks, where groups of teachers observe three to four other teachers, with a focus on specific topics. This week, we are looking at alignment of grade-level routines and curriculum, so our educators are visiting the grade level above or below. We then all sit together and debrief on what we have learned from our peers. Having such a knowledgeable and engaging faculty in Lower School makes activities like Learning Walks very productive!

We are proud to say that we collaborate with **other schools**, as well. We regularly welcome teams of teachers from schools in Houston and other

cities, and they observe our research-informed curriculum approaches as best practices. A team of four came last Thursday, and we have seven teachers and administrators from an independent school in Tyler coming tomorrow (Monday). We open our doors to teachers who are excited to learn and grow in their craft. This says a great deal about our highly trained, dedicated faculty and specialists. All of our specialists are our in-house trainers in their respective fields; this, coupled with our intentional commitment to sending teachers to top-notch professional development across the country, is why we can be a model school for others. Watching master, expert teachers at work—followed up by rich discussions with specialists—is simply the best professional development teachers can have. This is how you spark interest in change and growth.

We view assisting other teachers and schools as an outreach opportunity: we want to help ensure that every child is exposed to what we know to be the most effective practices in the world of pedagogy. Sharing your life's work and passion with others is extremely rewarding for those providing the learning opportunities for teachers and administrators. That in itself is professional development for us!

In closing, collaboration is alive and well here, and we welcome even more. This level of collaboration is why St. Francis is a special place for all constituents. Thank you for contributing to our school community and for collaborating with us on your child's educational journey!

Cheers!

Carol Christ, MEd  
Head of Lower School

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Monday, March 25**

- *Birthday Chapel*: Students with a birthday between March 24-30 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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## Monday, April 1

- *Birthday Chapel*: Students with a birthday between March 31-April 6 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
  - *Fourth-Grade Musical (Armintor)*: 12:15 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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## Tuesday, April 2

- *Fourth-Grade Musical (Springmann)*: 12:15 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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## Wednesday, April 3

- *Fourth-Grade Musical (Tamlyn)*: 2:00 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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## Thursday, April 4

- *Fourth-Grade Musical (Lockhart)*: 12:15 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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## Monday, April 8

- *Birthday Chapel*: Students with a birthday between April 7-13 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
  - *Joyful Sounds and Middle School/Upper School Choir Spring Concert*: 6:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center
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**Wednesday, April 10**

- *FAC Chapel: 8:05 a.m.*
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**Monday, April 15**

- *Birthday Chapel: Students with a birthday between April 14-20 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today*
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**Wednesday, April 17**

- *NO Chapel*
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**Thursday, April 18**

- *Dress Uniform Day*
  - *Eucharist (Maundy Thursday): 8:05 a.m.*
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**Friday, April 19**

- *Good Friday Holiday: No school*
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**Monday, April 22**

- *Easter Monday Holiday: No school*

## **Middle School**

### **From the Division Head**

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

Thanks to Dr. Staller and the seventh-grade team—as well as to our army of seventh-grade parents, chaired by Carmen Gomez, Huntley Kubitz, and Maureen Perea—who helped organize, produce, and direct the 2019 Medieval Feast. The Wheatcroft Parish Hall looked amazing, and the students performed wonderfully. It took a village, and the village answered. Our culminating grade-level history projects are always so well done, and we're looking forward to the upcoming Greek Fest next.

As I write this, the Middle School has performed 10,030 acts of kindness as part of our Unselfie Challenge. We're aiming for a total of 15,000 or more for March, so I'm looking forward to an empathy-filled, kindness-infused week to end the month.

Here are some recent education articles that I thought you might find as interesting as I did:

1. ["Dintersmith: Trust Teachers—They're the Experts"](#)
2. ["Playing to Learn: How a Pedagogy of Play Can Enliven the Classroom, for Students of All Ages"](#)
3. ["Experiences of Nature Boost Children's Learning: Critical Review Finds Cause-and-Effect Relationship"](#)

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

Sincerely,

Connor Cook, EdD  
Head of Middle School

### **Pathways Assembly for Parents: Technology Boundaries**

Join us to learn how parents can set healthy technology boundaries for their children (and themselves!) on **Wednesday, April 10, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room**. Led by Dr. Crystal Collier of Pathways, this is the

fourth in a series of 2018-19 parent workshops focused on social and emotional health.

On Thursday, April 11, Dr. Collier will present to our Middle and Upper 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 on **Wednesday, April 10, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room** 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!

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Sunday, March 24**

- *MS Spring Musical Rehearsal*
  - *BBQ for Accepted Families: 2:00-5:00 p.m. on the South Campus*
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#### **Monday, March 25**

- *Monday Schedule/Casual Dress*
  - *MS Honors Intent Letters Distributed*
  - *Chapel: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
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#### **Tuesday, March 26**

- *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*

- *Parent Meeting for Eighth-Grade Trip: 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the FAC*
  - *Advisory: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
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### **Wednesday, March 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*
  - *New Family Ambassador Training: 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the HBR*
  - *Upper School Shadow Day for Interested Eighth Graders: 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the South Campus*
  - *Chapel: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
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### **Thursday, March 28**

- *Regular Uniform*
  - *Grades 5-7: Thursday Schedule*
  - *Grade 8: Special Schedule*
  - *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*
  - *Councils: 9:15-10:00 a.m. in classrooms*
  - *Grade 8 Field Trip to Memorial Park: 12:00-2:20 p.m.*
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### **Friday, March 29**

- *SFES Spirit Dress*
  - *Grades 5, 6, and 8: Friday Schedule*
  - *Grade 7: Special Schedule*
  - *Grade 7: Field Trip to Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*
  - *WEB Decisions E-mailed and Posted Online*
  - *2019-20 Trimester 1 Elective Sign-ups: In classrooms*
  - *Advisory: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
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### **Saturday, March 30**

- *MS Spring Musical Rehearsal: 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the FAC*
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### **Sunday, March 31**

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

- *Grades 5-7: Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
  - *Grade 8: Special Schedule/Casual Dress*
  - *Grade 8: Service Day at Panther Creek*
  - *Festival Packets Due*
  - *Chapel: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
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## Tuesday, April 2

- *Regular Uniform*
  - *Grade 5: Special Schedule*
  - *Grades 6-8: Tuesday Schedule*
  - *Grade 5: AALC Field Trip to Bayou Bend*
  - *Bible Study for Eighth Graders: 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
  - *Advisories: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
  - *WEB Leadership Training (Grade 8 WEB Leaders):10:45-11:15 a.m. in Mr. Duran's classroom*
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## Wednesday, April 3

- *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*
  - *New Student Enrollment Contracts Due*
  - *H AIS Common Reply Deadline*
  - *Chapel: 10:45-11:15 a.m.*
  - *Parents Association Spring Luncheon: Houston Country Club*
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## Thursday, April 4

- *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*
  - *Class Meeting: 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the FAC; Student Council elections info goes out*
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### **Friday, April 5**

- *SFES Spirit Dress*
  - *Grade 5, 7, and 8: Friday Schedule*
  - *Grade 6: Special Schedule*
  - *MS Athletics/MSPE Registrations Due for 2019-20 (Online)*
  - *MS Honors Intent Letters Due to English and Math Teachers*
  - *NJHS Meeting (Grade 7 and Officers Only): 7:15-7:50 a.m. in Dr. Bedard's classroom*
  - *Wolf Wear Sale: 7:45-8:45 a.m. in the concessions area near the gym*
  - *Grade 6 Greek Festival: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.*
  - *NJHS Cultural Experience to the Downtown Aquarium (NHS Members Only): 6:00-9:30 p.m.; cost for sack lunch, admission, and rides is \$15*
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### **Sunday, April 7**

- *MS Spring Musical Rehearsal: 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the FAC*
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### **Monday, April 8**

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*

- *Joyful Sounds and MS/US Choir Concert Rehearsal:*7:00-10:00 a.m.
  - *MS Honors Testing—Math, Part 1:* During math class
  - *Chapel:* 10:45-11:15 a.m.
  - *Joyful Sounds and MS/US Choir Spring Concert Rehearsal:* 1:00-3:00 p.m.
  - *Joyful Sounds and MS/US Choir Spring Concert:* 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the FAC
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## **Tuesday, April 9**

- *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
  - *WEB Activity (Grade 5):* 10:45-11:15 a.m. in classrooms
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## **Wednesday, April 10**

- *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 (Holy Week Reflection):* 10:45-11:15 a.m. in the FAC
- *Pathways Assembly for Parents:* 1:30 p.m. in the HBR
- *Coffee and Fellowship:* 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the HBR
- *Spring Training for Grade 7 WEB Leaders:* 12:00-2:30 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall

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## Thursday, April 11

- *Pathways Special 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*
  - *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, April 12

- *SFES Spirit Dress*
  - *Grades 5, 7, and 8: Friday Schedule*
  - *Grade 6: Special Schedule*
  - *NJHS Meeting (Officer Elections): 7:15-7:50 a.m. in Dr. Bedard's classroom*
  - *Grade 6 AALC Field Trip to Houston Museum of Natural Science: 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*
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## Saturday, April 13

- *MS Spring Musical Rehearsal: 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the FAC*
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## Sunday, April 14

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

## Upper School

### **From Coach McMillian**

Our week back after spring break started with a W.O.W!

In the Upper School, we teach our students that wellness is the intentional pursuit of good health while making active and wholesome lifestyle decisions. When creating activities, we aim to show students that the pursuit of wellness can be engaging and fun, while encouraging them to achieve the best overall health they can.

During our past Wolves on Wellness (W.O.W.) events, we have touched on various aspects of wellness, engaging in activities that explore and embrace its physical, mental, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual components. From a Zumba party and collaboration stations to an earnest game of mat ball, we have certainly challenged our cardiovascular system while laughing and moving with passion.

This past Monday, our theme centered on “hunting for wellness.” A scavenger hunt sent us barreling through the various houses on the South Campus and completing activities that maximized our intellectual and social capacities while keeping our heart rates elevated. I might add that while we were winded at times, our competitive spirits would not allow us to slow down. The emotional roller coaster was exhilarating as we searched for clues and challenged other teams toward the end line.

Please take a look at these two photos ([here](#) and [here](#)), which showcase our students’ investment in personal health and in the health of others as they dashed across the fields and parking lots in hopes of being the first team to the finish line.

Sincerely,

Coach Cydryce McMillian

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On Thursday, April 11, Dr. Collier will present to our Middle and Upper 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**

Upper School parents, please join us on **Wednesday, April 10, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room** 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!

### **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, March 25**

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
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**Tuesday, March 26**

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
  - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House*
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**Wednesday, March 27**

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
  - *Track and Field Practice: 6:45-8:00 a.m. at the Kinkaid track*
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#### **Thursday, March 28**

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
  - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House*
  - *Track and Field Meet: 4:00 p.m. at the John Cooper School*
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#### **Friday, March 29**

- *Day 6 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*
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#### **Monday, April 1**

- *Day 1 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
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#### **Tuesday, April 2**

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
  - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House*
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#### **Wednesday, April 3**

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
- *Track and Field Practice: 6:45-8:00 a.m. on the Kinkaid track*

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## Thursday, April 4

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
  - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House*
  - *Track Meet: 4:00 p.m. at St. John's School*
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## Friday, April 5

- *Day 5 Schedule/SFES Spirit Dress*

## Church

### **Join Us for the *St. Matthew Passion* on April 10**

Join us on Wednesday, April 10, for a moving performance of the *St. Matthew Passion* by J.S. Bach. The 7:00 p.m. concert will be held in St. Francis Episcopal Church, and will be preceded by dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. (If you are planning to attend the dinner, please RSVP to Lynn Lloyd via [e-mail](#) or at 832.325.2987.)

*St. Matthew Passion* is one of the most beautiful works depicting the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The Assisi Choir, joined by a chamber orchestra, will present the "Crucifixion and Burial" portion of the Passion story. Dr. Jason Oby will sing the part of the evangelist; Leon Turner will sing the part of Jesus; Ben Hall, Jawan Jenkins, and Imani James will sing the parts of commentary set to Arias; and John Werner will sing additional musical portions.

### **Calling Young Dancers for the Resurrection Dance**

Calling all dancers! Children in pre-K, kindergarten, and first grade are invited to participate in the first annual Resurrection Dance on **Sunday, April 28, during the 9:00 a.m. family worship service.**

- Dancers will perform a praise dance choreographed by Miranda Tadlock to the music of *Remember* by Lauren Daigle.
- Rehearsals are Saturday, April 13, AND Saturday, April 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Dancers will wear a leotard and tights with a tutu of their choosing.
- To participate, please [e-mail Allison Devlin](#).

### **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.](#)

### **Forgiveness Workshop Scheduled for April 13**

Father Bates will lead a forgiveness workshop on Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This will be a time during Lent to consider whom you need to forgive, and to work through a process of learning to release others and yourself.

“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.” –C.S. Lewis

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

### **Join Us for New Member Orientation on May 5**

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, May 5, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Guild Room of the Wheatcroft Parish Hall.** (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.

### **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 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.