

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 20

All School

Parents' Night Out Is This Friday

Students in Primary II through grade 5 are welcome to join us for a whole lot of fun at Parents' Night Out this Friday, October 25, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

- Participating students will enjoy a pizza dinner and a rotation of activities to include games and drills with Soccer Shots, a spa to pamper hands and feet, spooky cookie-decorating stations, messy science, and woodworking. We will end the evening with a movie in the Fine Arts Center.
- Please plan to drop off and pick up your students in the Dining Hall.
- Cost is \$45 per child. Reserve your spot by registering online through My Backpack Program Registration or by contacting Margaret Newsom via [e-mail](#) or at 713.458.6467.

Important Info About This Week's Hearing and Vision Screenings

State-certified screeners will be conducting screenings for vision and hearing at St. Francis this **Monday, October 21, through Wednesday, October 23.**

This screening is **required** for certain ages and grade levels, as follows:

- All new students ages 4 and older
- ALL 4-year-olds (as of September 1, 2019)
- All kindergarteners

- All students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 (*Please note that students in these grade levels will also be screened for Type 2 diabetes. This is not a blood test and is completely noninvasive.*)

If your child will be screened, please make sure he or she attends school on the screening dates. [Click here for additional important details.](#)

Have You Made Your Gift to the St. Francis Fund?

Thank you to the many St. Francis families who have already pledged or made a gift to the St. Francis Fund. This year is all about **PARTICIPATION!** Our goal is to increase parent giving participation to 75 percent. A special prize (to be announced next week) will be given to the grade within each division that achieves the highest giving percentage.

If you haven't had a chance to give, please go [online](#) now and make your gift.

Printed Directories Are In

If you purchased a printed directory, it will be sent home tomorrow with your youngest student. There will also be extra copies selling for \$20 at the front desks of the Main Campus, Primary School, and Upper School.

Join Us to Discuss Dr. Staller's New Book on October 28

Join us on **Monday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crum Library on the Main Campus** for light bites and great conversation as we discuss Dr. Staller's new book, [Converging on Cannibals: Terrors of Slaving in Atlantic Africa, 1509–1670.](#)

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

Sporting Clays Classic Is Friday: Get Ready to Have a Blast!

The time has come! Rain or shine, the fifth annual Sporting Clays Classic will be held this Friday, October 25. Who will be the highest scorer of them all? Stay tuned: We'll have that and more in next week's *Wolf Watch!*

- **We still need a couple more sponsors.** [Click here](#) to view available sponsorship options.

- For more information, visit the [Special Events page](#) or [e-mail us](#).
- Questions? Please contact Martha Chavez, parent and event manager, via [e-mail](#) or at 713.458.6169.

October Virtue of the Month: Scholarship

During the month of October, the St. Francis community is focusing on the virtue of scholarship. This week, as a family, play the alphabet game: For each letter, name a subject that you could learn more about. (For example, “a” for “antiques”; “b” for “books”; “c” for “cats”; etc.)

Primary School

From the Assistant Division Head

Last school year, our faculty took on the task of updating our student assessment instrument, the Learning Continuum. Our shared goal was to give parents a complete and accurate picture of how their child is progressing in both the fall and spring. Over the course of eight months, Primary School teachers, administrators, and Lower School Literacy Specialist Ashley Stephenson analyzed and updated three components of the Learning Continuum.

Our Reggio-inspired approach allows children to express themselves in nearly infinite ways, so our first task was to ensure that all skills on the Learning Continuum were developmentally appropriate for our students. Teachers used classroom documentation to identify age-appropriate developmental growth according to current early childhood research.

Once appropriate skills were identified and agreed upon, our next task was to ensure that the skills on the Learning Continuum followed a developmentally appropriate progression from year to year. During the 2018–19 school year, we worked with the kindergarten teachers to align our Primary II social/emotional, math, and literacy skills with kindergarten skills in the same areas.

Our final task was to ensure the Learning Continuum was formatted and written using language that parents understand. The major content areas are the same, but the skills within have been updated. For each skill, a rating is now given to indicate where the student is working on a daily basis. A descriptive paragraph about your child’s social and academic development

and goals is also included. This provides more details about your child as a member of their classroom environment, including their academic and social strengths and opportunities for growth.

We hope that you find the updated Learning Continuum to be an informative reflection of your child's progress, strengths, and goal areas. **Your child's teacher is looking forward to reviewing and discussing your child's Learning Continuum with you at parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, October 31.** Remember, there will be no school on that day so that teachers can meet with every child's parents.

Sincerely,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Assistant Head of Primary School

Sign Up Now: Fall Conferences Are October 31

Primary School Fall Conferences are Thursday, October 31. Please sign up for a conference by clicking the name of your child's teacher:

PRE-PRIMARY

[Mrs. Britton](#)

[Mrs. Breceovich](#)

[Mrs. Oteiza](#)

[Mrs. Meriwether \(2-Day\)](#)

[Mrs. Meriwether \(3-Day\)](#)

PRIMARY I

[Mrs. Capasso](#)

[Mrs. Ferguson](#)

[Ms. Burrow](#)

[Mrs. Scriber](#)

PRIMARY II

[Mr. Dominick](#)

[Mrs. Staller](#)

[Mrs. Hughes](#)

[Mrs. Owens](#)

[Mrs. Wiener](#)

Hearing and Vision Screenings Scheduled for Tuesday

St. Francis will be offering vision and hearing screenings for students who have turned 4 years old by September 1, 2019. **Screenings will be provided on Tuesday, October 22.**

Here's what you need to know:

- State-certified screeners conduct the screenings during school hours.
- A copy of the results is provided for school files. Students who have not passed a screening will receive a referral form for follow-up with a physician or specialist.
- Students who wear glasses should bring them to school.
- We do not refer to the screening as a "test." Please help us by doing the same. The teachers will explain the process to our students, and they will discover that they are playing two games with the screeners.
- Screenings are nondiagnostic and are not intended to be an equal alternative to an in-depth exam by a licensed physician or specialist.

If you have any questions, please contact School Nurse Debbie Toler, RN, via [e-mail](#) or at 713.458.6167.

News From the PS Library

STORYTIME

Join Ms. McConnell, our Primary School librarian, for a fun storytime on October 30. There will be a story, a craft, time to read with your child, and an opportunity to check out books.

- **Who:** Primary I and Primary II students and their parents
- **When:** Wednesday, October 30, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.
- **Where:** Primary School Library

No RSVP is required. We hope to see you there!

OPEN LIBRARY

We are excited to once again offer "open library" hours. Open library time is an opportunity for parents to bring their children to our wonderful Primary School Library. While here, you can sit and read with your child, as well as check out books to take home. **Open library will be offered Tuesday afternoons from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. starting Tuesday, October 22.**

Primary School Dining Hall Menu

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

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, October 22

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Hearing and Vision Screenings*
 - *Open Library: 2:45–3:45 p.m.*
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Wednesday, October 23

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Chapel Dramatization (Owens)*
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Thursday, October 24

- *Mrs. Staller's Class Field Trip*
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Friday, October 25

- *Sporting Clays Classic: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Greater Houston Sports Club*
 - *Explore and Extend Parents' Night Out (Primary II through Grade 5): 5:30 p.m. on the Main Campus*
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Tuesday, October 29

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
- *Open Library: 2:45–3:45 p.m.*

Wednesday, October 30

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Storytime for Primary I and Primary II: 2:45 p.m.*
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Thursday, October 31

- *Parent/Teacher Conferences: Primary School Student Holiday*
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Friday, November 1

- *Student Holiday*
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Tuesday, November 5

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Open Library: 2:45–3:45 p.m.*
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Wednesday, November 6

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Chapel Dramatization (Dominick)*
 - *Primary School Individual Picture Makeup Day*
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Thursday, November 7

- *Primary School Admissions Tour: 9:00 a.m.*
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Friday, November 8

- *Wolf Wear Sale: 7:45–9:00 a.m. in the Concessions Room on the Main Campus*
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Tuesday, November 12

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Primary School Step-up to Lower School: 11:30 a.m.*
 - *Open Library: 2:45–3:45 p.m.*
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Wednesday, November 13

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Chapel Dramatization (Wiener)*
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Tuesday, November 19

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Open Library: 2:45–3:45 p.m.*
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Wednesday, November 20

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Fall Book Fair on the Main Campus*
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Thursday, November 21

- *Fall Book Fair on the Main Campus*
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Friday, November 22

- *Fall Book Fair on the Main Campus*
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Monday, November 25–Friday, November 29

- *Thanksgiving Holiday: No School*

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope you had an Astros-filled weekend! Coming together to celebrate our team is a wonderful way for children to see what “community” truly means. While Houstonians are different in many ways, coming together for a cause allows everyone to put aside differences and enjoy one another.

This week, I wanted to tell you about some of our faculty’s recent professional development activities. Our division goal is to incorporate more opportunities for our students to engage in higher-level thinking skills through creativity, so we have been digging deeply into what this actually looks like in the classroom. In our meetings, we have been reviewing the American Psychological Association video *Creativity in the Classroom*. (Click [here](#) to watch it.)

There are six sections, each with amazing themes, and they have sparked rich discussions as to how these ideas can be used in our instruction and programming. It is so invigorating to hear the teachers sharing, exploring, and learning together. Below are a few takeaways related to developing students’ creativity in the classroom:

- Create a compassionate, accepting environment.
- Be present, and validate the students’ ideas.
- Encourage the process, not products. Have a growth mindset.
- Reword assignments using verbs such as “design,” “imagine,” or “suppose.”
- Protect and promote intrinsic motivation.
- Make it clear that creative thinking requires effort.

As you can see, so many of these ideas go along with our core beliefs surrounding the importance of providing a student-centered, inquiry-based, engaging, and interdisciplinary program full of play, movement, and time for exploration. That said, we know we can always learn and improve our craft based on current research and new pedagogical information.

If you see one of your child's teachers, give them a big thank-you for their deep commitment to being a lifelong learner!

Have a wonderful week!

Carol R. Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Pumpkin Carving Contest Is October 28

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can use their originality and artistry to carve or decorate a pumpkin for the St. Francis Pumpkin Carving Contest on Monday, October 28.

- One entry per student is allowed.
- Kindergartners through eighth graders may carve and/or otherwise decorate their pumpkins. (Please, no parent work on student entries. Use discretion if you need to help carve for safety purposes, and please indicate this on the form.)
- Make sure the pumpkin can stand on its own.
- A "best of" trophy will be awarded in each grade level, along with trophies in the following categories: best in show, best in Lower School, best in Middle School, best family, best faculty, most creative, most original design, most outrageous, funniest, scariest, most detailed, most unique, most adorable, best TV character, silliest, grossest, and spirit award.
- **Drop-off in the People's Place will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, October 28.** An [entry form](#) must be attached for the pumpkin to be judged.
- If you would like to volunteer, please [e-mail Rita Pace](#).

Join Us for Second-Grade Share the Music Days

Parents and friends of second graders, mark your calendars! Join us in

November for Share the Music Days, where you'll attend music class with your child's homeroom to sing, dance, and play.

Each class's event will take place from 2:00 to 2:40 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room, according to the following schedule:

- Monday, November 11—McCormick
- Tuesday, November 12—Quine
- Wednesday, November 13—Pena
- Friday, November 15—Wagner

Come experience the process of developing musicianship skills through interactive, collaborative, highly kinesthetic fun! Hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 21–Thursday, October 24

- *Fourth-Grade ERB Testing:* 8:30–11:30 a.m.
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Monday, October 21

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between October 20–26 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
 - *Hearing and Vision Screenings:* October 21–22 for kindergarten, first grade, third grade, and new students
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Wednesday, October 23

- *FAC Chapel:* 8:05 a.m.
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Friday, October 25

- *Sporting Clays Classic:* 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Greater Houston Sports Club

- *Joyful Sounds Field Trip (Singing at Retirement Homes):* 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 - *Explore and Extend Parents' Night Out (Primary II through Grade 5):* 5:30 p.m. on the Main Campus
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Monday, October 28

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between October 27–November 2 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
 - *Pumpkin Carving Contest:* Drop off entries in the People's Place beginning at 7:30 a.m.
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Monday, October 28–Wednesday, October 30

- *Third-Grade ERB Testing:* 8:30-11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, October 30

- *Dress Uniform Day*
 - *All Saints' Eucharist:* 8:05 a.m.
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Thursday, October 31

- *All Saints' Parties*
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Monday, November 4

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between November 3–9 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Tuesday, November 5

- *Individual Picture Makeup Day*
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Thursday, November 7

- *Kindergarten Words Their Way Parent Training: 8:15 a.m. in the HBR*
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Monday, November 11

- *Birthday Chapel: Students with a birthday between November 10–16 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today*
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Wednesday, November 13

- *FAC Chapel: 8:05 a.m.*

Middle School

From the Division Head

Dr. Crystal Collier was on campus last week to talk with parents and students about emerging understandings related to vape products and the effects of vaping. Her presentation was educational, engaging, and relevant to student and adult learners. Dr. Collier challenged audience members to think critically about the marketing strategies of e-cigarette companies; she shared insights about the effects of vaporized oils, like propylene glycol, on lung tissue; and she offered strategies for how adults can engage with kids about vaping. We appreciate Dr. Collier's partnership in the education of our students and thank her for sharing her time and expertise.

In case you missed the event, you can [click here to view Dr. Collier's complete presentation](#). I hope you learn something new as you watch. And, if you have the opportunity, I encourage you to join me in offering a special

“thank-you” to our counseling and student support duo, Dr. Laurie Curtis and Mr. Ted Lakoski, for their efforts in organizing these presentations.

On behalf of the Middle School faculty and staff, thank you for your partnership with us. We value and appreciate the ability to work with you and your kids. Best wishes for a great week ahead!

Best regards,

Chris Bertha, MEd
Head of Middle School

Fall Dance Photos Available Online

If you would like to view and/or purchase photos from the Middle School's Hawaiian Luau Fall Dance, please [click here](#).

Grade 7 Parents: Medieval Feast Meeting Is Tuesday

This school year's Medieval Feast is scheduled for March 27, 2020, and we need ALL seventh-grade parents involved to make this event a success!

- Please plan to attend a seventh-grade parent meeting this **Tuesday, October 22, at 7:30 a.m. in the Crum Library**.
- Dr. Staller will explain what Medieval Feast entails, and we will show a video from last year.
- We will have opportunities for everyone to sign up to assist with decorations, costumes, food, photography, etc.

Pumpkin Carving Contest Is October 28

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can use their originality and artistry to carve or decorate a pumpkin for the St. Francis Pumpkin Carving Contest on Monday, October 28.

- One entry per student is allowed.
- Kindergartners through eighth graders may carve and/or otherwise decorate their pumpkins. (Please, no parent work on student entries. Use discretion if you need to help carve for safety purposes, and please indicate this on the form.)
- Make sure the pumpkin can stand on its own.

- A “best of” trophy will be awarded in each grade level, along with trophies in the following categories: best in show, best in Lower School, best in Middle School, best family, best faculty, most creative, most original design, most outrageous, funniest, scariest, most detailed, most unique, most adorable, best TV character, silliest, grossest, and spirit award.
- **Drop-off in the People's Place will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, October 28.** An [entry form](#) must be attached for the pumpkin to be judged.
- If you would like to volunteer, please [e-mail Rita Pace](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 21

- *Monday Schedule/Full Dress Uniform*
 - *Grade-Level Group Photos Taken During Electives*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.*
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Tuesday, October 22

- *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*
 - *Medieval Feast Parent Meeting: 7:30 a.m. in Crum Library*
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Wednesday, October 23

- *Grade 5: Wednesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8: Wednesday Block 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. in the Chapel*
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Thursday, October 24

- *Grade 5: Thursday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grades 6 and 7: Thursday Block Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grade 8: 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*
 - *MS Student Step-up Day (Grades 5, 6, and 7): 9:15–10:00 a.m. in classrooms*
 - *MS Student Step-up Day (Grade 8): 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the Upper School*
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Friday, October 25

- *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Eighth-Grade Field Trip to NASA: 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.*
 - *Sporting Clays Classic: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Greater Houston Sports Club*
 - *Faculty vs. Eighth-Grade Volleyball Team: 2:35 p.m. in the Main Campus gym*
 - *Explore and Extend Parents' Night Out (Primary II through Grade 5): 5:30 p.m.*
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Monday, October 28

- *Monday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Pumpkin Carving Contest: Drop off entries in the People's Place beginning at 7:30 a.m*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:45 a.m.*
 - *Winter Season Athletics/PE Begins: 3:00–4:30 p.m.; Main Campus; in the gym and on the fields*
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Tuesday, October 29

- *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*

- *Trimester 1 Community Service Hours Due to the MS Office*
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Wednesday, October 30

- *Eucharist Special Schedule/Full Dress 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*
 - *Eucharist Chapel (All Saints'): 11:05–11:55 a.m. in the Chapel*
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Thursday, October 31

- *Grade 5: Thursday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8: Honor the Wolves 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*
 - *Honor the Wolves (Student Only): 1:50–2:35 p.m. in the FAC*
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Friday, November 1

- *All Saints' Day*
 - *Student Holiday/Teacher Inservice*
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Monday, November 4

- *Grade 5: ERB Special Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8: Monday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *ERB Testing for Fifth Grade: 7:50–11:00 a.m.*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.*
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Tuesday, November 5

- *Grade 5:* ERB Special Schedule/Regular Uniform
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8:* Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform
 - *ERB Testing for Fifth Grade:* 7:50–11:00 a.m.
 - *Bible Study for Eighth Graders:* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *Middle School Individual Picture Makeups:* 8:30–10:30 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - *Eighth-Grade Parent Step-up Day:* 8:30–10:30 a.m. on the South Campus
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Wednesday, November 6

- *Grade 5:* ERB Special Schedule/Regular Uniform
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8:* Wednesday Block Schedule/Regular Uniform
 - *ERB Testing for Fifth Grade:* 7:50–11:00 a.m.
 - *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, November 7

- *Grade 5:* Thursday Schedule/Regular Uniform
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8:* Thursday Block 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
 - *Grade 5:* ERB Makeup Testing
 - *Washington, DC, Trip Meeting (Parents Only):* 9:15–10:00 a.m. in the HBR
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Friday, November 8

- *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire:* Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms
- *First Trimester Ends*
- *Grade 5:* ERB Makeup Testing (TBD)

Upper School

From the Division Head

Last week, our girls' volleyball and coed cross-country teams celebrated the end of a very successful fall athletics season. When you have the opportunity, please join me in congratulating Loure Dews-Gray, Krystal Polk, Jamie Platt, and Brooke Dawson. Our students, families, and faculty are so fortunate to work with such thoughtful, dedicated, and inspiring coaches. Thank you, coaches!

On the academic front, students and parents received narrative comments from all faculty on Thursday evening. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to take a few minutes to discuss common themes across course comments. What are some accomplishments to celebrate and what are some areas in need of more attention or a different approach? You might talk with your child about setting a specific, achievable goal for the upcoming week (such as attending a particular teacher's tutorial session, completing homework assignments far away from the distracting temptation of the cell phone, or getting an extra hour of sleep).

Please remember to encourage your children to schedule a meeting with their teachers when they have questions or need additional assistance with anything from organizational and study strategies to guided practice.

The week ahead will be simultaneously exhausting and exhilarating with dress rehearsals and a performance weekend. Please pace yourselves, take deep breaths, and remember to ask for help when you need it. Finally, enjoy the experience—you've all (students and parents) earned it! Please also note that **Monday, October 28, is a 10:00 a.m. late start for the Upper School.** I will be here for any students who need to arrive at the regular time.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Cara Henderson, EdD
Head of Upper School

Wolves Close Out Fall Sports Season With Wins, New Records

Congratulations to the Upper School cross-country and volleyball teams for their successful fall seasons, which ended on October 16. [Read the recap here!](#)

Drivers' Education for SFES Students Starts October 29

St. Francis is pleased to offer drivers' education for students aged 15 and older.

- **What:** SFES Drivers' Ed 2019
- **Who:** SFES students ages 15+
- **When:** 16 classes, as follows:
 - Tuesday, October 29–Thursday, October 31
 - Monday, November 4–Friday, November 8
 - Monday, November 11–Thursday, November 15
 - Monday, November 18–Thursday, November 21
 - Each class is held from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m.
- **Where:** FAB 105 (South Campus)
- **How Much:** \$625 for the classroom portion of the course

Registration will be available October 21–24 via My Backpack Program Registration, or you may call 713.458.6467. Students may also sign up (in pairs) for behind-the-wheel driving practice. This must be arranged directly with Houston Area Driving Schools. Students will be picked up and dropped off at Andrews House on the South Campus.

A Note From the Upper School Clinic

St. Francis will offer vision and hearing screenings for our new students on Tuesday, October 22. Here's what you need to know:

- Students who wear glasses should bring them to school.
- State-certified screeners conduct the screenings during school hours.
- A copy of the results will be provided for school files. Students who have not passed a screening will receive a referral form for follow-up with a physician or specialist.
- Screenings are nondiagnostic and are not intended to be an equal alternative to an in-depth exam by a licensed physician or specialist.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Nurse Debbie Toler](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 21

- *Day 1 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Clue Rehearsal (Tech Day 5): TBD*
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Tuesday, October 22

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in Crum Loft*
 - *Clue Rehearsal (Tech Day 6): TBD*
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Wednesday, October 23

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in Crum Loft*
 - *Clue Performance for Invited Audience*
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Thursday, October 24

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Clue Performance for Invited Audience*
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Friday, October 25

- *Day 5 Schedule/SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *Sporting Clays Classic: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Greater Houston Sports Club*
 - *Clue Performance: 7:30 p.m.*
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Saturday, October 26

- *Clue Performance: 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.*
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Sunday, October 27

- *Clue Performance: 3:00 p.m.*
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Monday, October 28

- **LATE START: 10:00 a.m.**
 - *Special Schedule/Experiential Learning Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear*
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Tuesday, October 29

- *Day 6 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in Andrews House*
 - *Drivers' Ed: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus*
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Wednesday, October 30

- *Special Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Eucharist Chapel: 11:00 a.m. in the Main Campus Chapel*
 - *Drivers' Ed: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus*
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Thursday, October 31

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Drivers' Ed: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus*
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Friday, November 1

- *Student Holiday: Faculty Inservice*
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Monday, November 4

- *Special Schedule/Field Trip*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *Drivers' Ed: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus*
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Tuesday, November 5

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in Andrews House*
 - *Drivers' Ed: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus*
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Wednesday, November 6

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform (Dress Uniform if Taking Makeup Portrait)*
 - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House*
 - *Makeup Student Portraits (Dress Uniform)*
 - *Drivers' Ed: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus*
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Thursday, November 7

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Drivers' Ed: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus*
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Friday, November 8

- *Day 6 Schedule/SFES Spirit Wear*

- *Trimester 1 Ends*
- *Drivers' Ed:* 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus
- *Boys' Basketball Game vs. John Cooper School:* 5:30 p.m. in Crum Gym

Church

Join Us for 'Habits of a Healthy Marriage'

In the four-lesson seminar "Habits of a Healthy Marriage," pastor, counselor, and best-selling author Dr. Paul David Tripp will show you how to improve your marriage by implementing healthy habits and eliminating toxic habits.

In this brand-new series, Dr. Tripp will show you how to:

1. Develop good habits;
2. Pull weeds and plant seeds;
3. Deal with your differences; and
4. Protect your marriage with prayer.

The series will run November 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room.

With questions, contact Allison Devlin via [e-mail](#) or at 832.325.2988.

Bible Studies for Moms on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Moms, give yourself the gift of studying God's Word with other St. Francis moms! Seeking God first puts everything in perspective.

Join us Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. in the Andrews House on the South Campus.

Come whenever you can—in workout or work wear! We are studying the book of **Ephesians**.

Register Today for SFSA Sports

Registration is now open for basketball, T-ball, softball, and volleyball through the St. Francis Sports Association. [Click here](#) to register, and please note:

- We are happy to announce that, this year, we are offering Primary II basketball.
- For more information or with questions about registration, please [e-mail Ragan Cain](mailto:Ragan.Cain).

Sundays at St. Francis Episcopal Church

- **Service Times:**
 - **8:00 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist, Rite I (casual and contemplative service)
 - **9:00 a.m.:** Family worship with Holy Eucharist (kid-friendly; updated music; all ages welcome)
 - **11:00 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist with organ and choir (traditional worship with beautiful music)
 - **5:00 p.m.:** Holy Eucharist, Rite I (casual and reflective service)
- **Let It Shine! Children's Bible Breakout:** After the children's message during the 9:00 a.m. service, all children in pre-K through middle school are invited to follow the cross to participate in the Let it Shine! Children's Bible Breakout. Children will learn lessons from the Bible, act out Bible stories, memorize key verses from Scripture, and pray together. They will return to the service during the announcements.
- **LightHouse Expressions in Art:** During the 10 o'clock hour, children in pre-K to middle school are invited to meet in the Guild Room to create an art project reinforcing the Bible lesson and key verse discussed during Let it Shine! High school youth are invited to serve as leaders and helpers during this time.
- **God Lights Our Way (GLOW):** Students in grades 5 to 8, join us at 10:00 a.m. in CE 212 for *Moments 'til Midnight* to explore some of the more important ideas and events of Paul's life.
- **Breakfast Bites and Fellowship:** Please join us in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall for coffee, donuts, and light bites after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.