

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of November 17

All School

Important Dates of the 2020–21 School Year

I hope you are ready for the upcoming holiday! We have five more school days before Thanksgiving break, and while I can't believe I'm saying it, 2020 will be here before we know it! For those of you who love to plan ahead (including vacation time!), we wanted to share some key dates from next year's academic calendar (2020–21).

IMPORTANT DATES: 2020–21 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- *First Day of School:* Wednesday, August 19, 2020
- *Labor Day Break:* Friday, September 4–Monday, September 7, 2020
- *Thanksgiving Break:* Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27, 2020
- *Winter Holiday Break:* Friday, December 18, 2020–Monday, January 4, 2021 (January 4 is a staff inservice day.)
- *Spring Break:* Monday, March 15–Friday, March 19, 2021
- *Last Day of School for Middle and Upper Divisions:* Thursday, May 27, 2021
- *Last Day of School for Lower and Primary Divisions:* Friday, May 28, 2021

The full one-page calendar will be finalized soon. Please stay tuned for more information.

Best regards,

Stephen M. Lovejoy
Head of School

Dads' Club Social: Watch Thursday Night Football at El Patio

Dads, please join the St. Francis Dads' Club this **Thursday, November 21, from 7:00**

to 10:00 p.m. at El Patio for good food, cold beverages, great fellowship . . . and the Colts vs. Texans Thursday night football game on the BIG SCREEN.

- We have reserved the large room in the back of the main restaurant for our party.
- Dads' Club will be providing food; drinks will be available via a cash bar.
- An e-mail including an RSVP link was sent out Friday.

This event is always one of the highlights for Dads' Club each semester, so don't miss out!

Christmas Wolf Wear Sale Is December 6

Mark your calendars for the Booster Club Christmas Wolf Wear Sale on **Friday, December 6, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the People Place.**

Delight a Teacher: Donate to the PA Christmas Collection

Soon, all families will receive a letter in the mail regarding the Parents Association Christmas Collection.

- Make your contribution via credit card or PayPal in the PA app or online [here](#).
- You may also pay by check, made payable to the St. Francis Parents Association. (Write "Christmas Gift" in the memo section of the check.) Please mail your check or leave it in the PA box in the school office.
- **All contributions must be received by Tuesday, December 10.** Late contributions will be held over for the spring collection.

Volunteers Needed This Week at Grandparents/Grandfriends Days

This Thursday and Friday, we will welcome our Lower, Middle, and Upper School grandparents and grandfriends to both campuses!

- We have several **volunteer opportunities available on both campuses** and would love to have you join us on this special day. Please click [here](#) for more information and to sign up for a shift.
- View [the invitation](#) for scheduling information.

November Virtue of the Month: Courage

During the month of November, the St. Francis community is focusing on the virtue of courage. Our virtue verse is Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Try to memorize it as a family.

Table Talk: Virtue sightings—where do you see examples of courage in books, films, and life?

Calling All Siblings! Admissions Applications Due December 16

Don't be late for a very important date! Applications for all of our future Wolves are due **Monday, December 16**. Click [here](#) to apply. Re-enrollment for current students will take place in early February.

Register Today for SFSA Basketball

Registration is now open for St. Francis Sports Association basketball.

- **Registration closes Monday, December 2.** To register, please [click here](#).
- If you have questions or need assistance, please [e-mail Ragan Cain](#).

Athletics Booster Club: The Wolf Is Back

St. Francis yard signs are now in stock. [Buy yours today](#), and support your St. Francis Wolves!

Primary School

From the Primary II Team

Game-playing brings out lots of big emotions in children (and adults, too)! It is our job as educators and parents to facilitate conversations acknowledging that when children lose in a game, they might be upset. Talking about a child's feelings helps them process these big emotions. Teaching children who are winning or losing to verbalize in a kind way about how they are feeling is helpful:

"I am sad that I lost, but happy you won."

"Congratulations!"

"Oh well, I can try again next time."

"I had fun even though I lost."

"Good try."

The Primary II Bridges Mathematics curriculum includes Workplaces, which are mathematics games played with a partner. These Workplaces are a wonderful opportunity to teach our students how to be "good sports." Being a good sport means

several things: playing fair, being a polite winner, accepting defeat with dignity, and being friendly regardless of the outcome.

Teachers and parents can assist in this process by modeling good sportsmanship in the classroom and at home. We know that developing these skills takes practice and patience. By helping children process and accept emotions related to game-playing, we are helping them build resilience and understand that they can cope with losing. We are fostering the development of empathetic and kind children who play fairly and win graciously.

Next week we will talk about taking turns, so be sure to tune back in.

Sincerely,

Brian Dominick, Emily Hughes, and Janene Owens
Primary II Faculty

Primary School Dining Hall Menu

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

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, November 19

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *No Open Library*
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Wednesday, November 20

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Fall Book Fair: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the FAC on the Main Campus*
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Thursday, November 21

- *Fall Book Fair: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the FAC on the Main Campus*
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Friday, November 22

- *Fall Book Fair: 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the FAC on the Main Campus*
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Monday, November 25–Friday, November 29

- *Thanksgiving Holiday: No School*
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Monday, December 2

- *Registration Opens for Spring Explore and Extend Classes: 10:00 a.m.*
 - *SFSA Basketball Registration Closes Today*
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Tuesday, December 3

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Open Library: 2:45–3:45 p.m.*
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Wednesday, December 4

- *St. Nicholas Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Friday, December 6

- *Primary School Admissions Tour: 9:00–11:00 a.m.*
 - *Wolf Wear Christmas Sale: 7:45 a.m.–3:45 p.m. in the People Place on the Main Campus*
 - *Explore and Extend Parents' Night Out: For students in Primary II through grade 5*
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Tuesday, December 10

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, December 11

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Friday, December 13

- *Pre-Primary Christmas Party (Mrs. Brecevich's Class Only): 1:30 p.m.*
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Monday, December 16

- *Primary I Christmas Parties: 1:30 p.m.*
 - *Christmas Concert (Grades 1–10): 6:00 p.m. at Chapelwood Methodist Church*
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Tuesday, December 17

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Pre-Primary Christmas Parties (Meriwether 2-Day and Oteiza): 1:30 p.m.*
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Wednesday, December 18

- *No Chapel*
 - *Pre-Primary Christmas Party (Meriwether 3-Day and Britton): 1:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, December 19

- *Primary II Pageants and Parties*
 - *Staller—Pageant at 9:00 a.m./Party at 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Owens—Pageant at 9:40 a.m./Party at 10:10 a.m.*
 - *Dominick—Pageant at 10:20 a.m./Party at 10:50 a.m.*
 - *Hughes—Pageant at 11:00 a.m./Party at 11:30 a.m.*
 - *Wiener—Pageant at 11:40 a.m./Party at 12:20 a.m.*
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Friday, December 20

- *No School*
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Monday, December 23–Monday, January 6

- *Student Holiday*
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Tuesday, January 7

- *Classes Resume*
 - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, January 8

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Thursday, January 9

- *Primary School Admissions Tour: 9:00–11:00 a.m.*

Lower School

From the Division Head

Last week was busy with ERBs, Veterans Day, second-grade music sharing, and our regular engaging classroom happenings. We hope you enjoyed your child's portfolio; they love sharing their progress and goals with you!

I wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to you for helping with our Veterans Day "Wall of Honor." [Click here](#) to see it. So many pictures were sent in, and everyone has enjoyed going by and reading the descriptions your children wrote.

Veterans Day isn't necessarily child-friendly. The day stems from solemn and emotional roots. It can be abstract. ("What's a hero?") It can be philosophical. ("Why do people fight wars?") It can be geographical. ("Where's France?")

Children can't, and shouldn't, fully grasp military conflicts and the concept of needing military personnel to protect our country; these are often difficult conversations to have. But if we want the next generation to understand the importance of November 11, we have a duty to teach our children about this important holiday.

We can liken military service work to our police officers and firemen. They help others in times of need by providing a safe, secure neighborhood or city in which to live. You can read children's books discussing Veterans Day and even [send troops care packages](#). All of these things teach gratitude, which is a very important virtue to have—on Veterans Day and beyond.

Having all of the pictures has helped to bring this abstract concept to life for our young learners, and we are so happy to honor your family members who did or do so much for our country.

I hope you have a wonderful week!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Learn How Technology Affects Our Students

Technology is shaping how our children's brains develop—with positive and negative effects. More children and teens are suffering from depression and anxiety now than at any other time in our history due to too much screen time.

Join us on **Tuesday, December 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the HBR** when Dr. Crystal Collier will present to parents in a one-hour program that elucidates how screen exposure affects mood, learning, memory, sleep, and relationships. In addition, St. Francis Head of Technology Steve Eisenberg will be on hand to give parents step-by-step instructions on how to set up screen limits on iPhones and iPads.

St. Nicholas Toy Ingathering: December 2–6

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the St. Nicholas Toy Ingathering, which will be held the week after Thanksgiving—from Monday, December 2, through Friday, December 6—and make the season a little more joyful for others in the Houston community. Donations benefit Toys for Tots. Students will keep donated toys in their classrooms until the toys are picked up by Santa and the Village Fire Department on December 6.

Fall Book Fair Is This Week

On the Main Campus only, we'll open our doors to the Fall Book Fair this **Wednesday–Friday, November 20–22**, when our grandparents and grandfriends visit St. Francis.

Be sure to stop by this Thursday, November 21, when **Terri Havens**, owner of the Cal-a-Vie Health Spa near San Diego will be signing Cal-a-Vie's newest cookbook from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. This makes a great gift for the holidays!

Fall Book Fair hours are as follows:

- Wednesday and Thursday: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 18

- *Birthdays Chapel*: Students with a birthday between November 17–30 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Wednesday, November 20

- *No Chapel*
 - *Fall Book Fair*: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the FAC
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Thursday, November 21

- *Fall Book Fair*: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the FAC
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Friday, November 22

- *Grandparents/Grandfriends Day and Book Fair*
 - Kindergarten: 8:00–10:30 a.m.
 - First and Third: 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 - Second and Fourth: 12:00–2:30 p.m.
 - *Fall Book Fair*: 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the FAC
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Monday, November 25–Friday, November 29

- *Thanksgiving Holiday*: No school

Monday, December 2

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between December 1–7 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
 - *Registration Opens for Spring Explore and Extend Classes:* 10:00 a.m.
 - *SFSA Basketball Registration Closes Today*
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Tuesday, December 3

- *Pathways Assembly for Parents: ("How Technology Affects Our Students"):* 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the HBR
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Wednesday, December 4

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *St. Nicholas Eucharist:* 8:05 a.m.
 - *ERB Parent Meeting for Grades 4–8:* 8:45 a.m. in the Crum Library
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Friday, December 6

- *ERB Parent Meeting for Grade 3:* 8:15 a.m. in the HBR
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Monday, December 9

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between December 8–14 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Wednesday, December 11

- *Kindergarten Christmas Concert:* 9:00 a.m. in the FAC
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Monday, December 16

- *Birthday Chapel*: Students with a birthday between December 15–31 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
 - *Christmas Concert (Grades 1–10)*: 6:00 p.m. at Chapelwood Methodist Church
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Wednesday, December 18

- *NO Chapel*
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Thursday, December 19

- *Dress Uniform Day*
- *Christmas Parties and Polar Express Day*: Students may bring a robe and slippers to wear at school
- *Lessons and Carols (Students Only)*: 9:00 a.m.
- *Sing-a-Long (Students Only)*: 2:00 p.m.

Middle School

From the Division Head

I hope you have had the chance to view your child's report card this weekend. Over the last few years, I have wrestled with my own conscience on the "best way" to provide quality feedback on student performance. Report cards are a piece of that feedback, but there are several other markers of progress that can be a bit more elusive to pin down.

For example, have you noticed progress in how your child interacts with peers? Have you seen or heard them adjusting personal habits in response to changes? Have you seen improvements (even slight ones) in their ability to extend grace or compassion? Have you had the opportunity to talk with them about how their beliefs and faith are evolving? And have you seen them improve their strength, quickness, or skill in a particular physical pursuit? I share these questions in hopes that you will include topics like faith, personal growth, relationships, and athletics in your discussions about report cards and the first trimester.

I am also excited to invite you to our first **MS Parent Coffee** of this school year. I hope you are able to join us at **7:45 a.m. in the HBR this Wednesday, November 20**, for dialogue and discussion about this school year. If you can't make it, please don't worry. We plan to begin hosting these events at regular intervals for the remainder of the school year.

Best regards,

Chris Bertha, MEd
Head of Middle School

Learn How Technology Affects Our Students

Technology is shaping how our children's brains develop—with positive and negative effects. More children and teens are suffering from depression and anxiety now than at any other time in our history due to too much screen time.

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Please Note: Handbook Reminders

OUTERWEAR

Now that the weather has turned cooler, hoodies and jackets have become a part of daily wear. Please remember that the students are to wear St. Francis hoodies and jackets while inside during the school day. When outside of the school, students may wear heavier jackets, and those do not have to be St. Francis wear.

ELECTRONICS

Wearable electronics, Apple Watches, and any other wearable device that acts as a phone are not allowed on campus. If a student is seen wearing one, it will be confiscated and returned to the student at a later time. Phones are not to be used during school hours, even at the lockers. If a student is found using his or her phone during school hours, it will be confiscated and returned to the student at a later time.

Baseball Workshop for Grades 6–8 Is December 14

Students in grades 6–8 are invited to join us **Saturday, December 14**, for a Baseball Showcase Workshop with Coaches Mike August and Koby Clemens. The workshop will take place from **9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** and costs \$60.

- Players will participate in a pro-style workout and will receive guided instruction in hitting, position play, pitching, catching, and baserunning. The workshop will wrap up with a controlled scrimmage and a review of program philosophies.
- To register, [e-mail Margaret Newsom](#) or go to Program Registration in My Backpack and sign in to select Baseball Showcase.

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Fall Book Fair hours are as follows:

- Wednesday and Thursday: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline for Greece/Italy Trip Is December 1

Register by **Sunday, December 1**, for our summer trip to Greece and Italy. The trip is scheduled for June 9–17, 2020, and students in grades 6 through 10 are eligible to attend. Click [here](#) for more information. [Financial aid](#) may be available to assist families in need.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 18

- *Monday Schedule/Full Dress Uniform*
 - **MS Group Photos: Rescheduled during electives**
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.*
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Tuesday, November 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
 - *Brown Bag Dance Series: 1:30–2:00 p.m.* in the People Place
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Wednesday, November 20

- *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
 - *Fall Book Fair: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.* in the FAC
 - *MS Coffee and Conversation: 7:45–8:45 a.m.* in the HBR
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Thursday, November 21

- *Special Schedule/Dress 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
 - *Fall Book Fair: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.* in the FAC
 - *Grandparents/Grandfriends Days for Grades 5 and 6: 8:00–10:30 a.m.*
 - *Grandparents/Grandfriends Days for Grades 7 and 8: 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Friday, November 22

- *Grades 5 and 6: Special Schedule*
 - *Grades 7 and 8: Friday Schedule*
 - *Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Deadline for Spring 2020 PE/Athletics Registration (Online)*
 - *Fall Book Fair: 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.* in the FAC
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Monday, November 25–Friday, November 29

- *Thanksgiving Holiday: No school*
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Sunday, December 1

- *Registration Deadline for Summer Trip to Greece and Italy (Grades 6–10)*
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Monday, December 2

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
- *Explore and Extend Spring Enrollment Opens Online*
- *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.* in the Chapel

Tuesday, December 3

- *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
- *Pathways Assembly for Parents: ("How Technology Affects Our Students"):* 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the HBR

Wednesday, December 4

- *Eucharist Schedule/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
- *ERB Parent Meeting for Grades 4–8: 8:45–9:45 a.m.* in the Crum Library
- *MS Christmas Card Reveal (FoFA): 9:30–10:40 a.m.* in the MS Art Room
- *St. Nicholas Day Eucharist: 11:05–11:55 a.m.* in the Chapel

Thursday, December 5

- *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
- *MS Pathways Assemblies for Grades 5 and 6: 8:10–9:10 a.m.* in the FAC
- *MS Pathways Assemblies for Grades 7 and 8: 9:30–10:30 a.m.* in the FAC

Friday, December 6

- *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Wolf Wear Sale: 7:45 a.m.–3:45 p.m.* in the People Place

Upper School

From the Upper School Office Manager/Registrar

The conclusion of trimester one brings us to my favorite time of year: Immersions and

Explorations. An inherent energy takes over the Upper School during this two-week period. The excitement is palpable for students and faculty alike.

Coach Riley and Sra. Allub have created a phenomenal behind-the-scenes look at the business side of sports with Money Ball. Their daily excursions and exposure to the workings of this industry is an opportunity to learn from those who do it best!

Mrs. Matzen and Mr. Scales have worked with Mrs. Staller in the Primary School to develop Kid2Kid. The Upper School mentors are working with four and five year olds on the exercise of storytelling. Over the next two weeks, they will develop a story and bring it to life via iMovie.

Have you ever gone swimming with sharks? The students participating in Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Internships will soon . . . an Upper School version of *Shark Tank*, that is! Over the next two weeks, students working with Drs. Jones and Henderson will experience innovation and design thinking in real time, and will then put those skills to work by pitching an Upper School program idea to the SFES Shark Tank.

Finally, it's time for lights and sirens. The art car fan-balance build is under way. Hearing our seasoned sophomores describe the art car build and parade experience to those not here last year was priceless. To say they are in for a ride is an understatement.

When I think of the collective Immersions and Explorations experience, the phrase "Beyond Z" resonates. Dr. Seuss' book *On Beyond Zebra* encourages forward thinking. Never will this amazing faculty and student body settle for the ordinary, expected, or routine—that's not enough. We are OBZ . . . On Beyond Zebra!

Sincerely,

Cathleen Flaniken
Upper School Office Manager/Registrar

Registration Deadline for Greece/Italy Trip Is December 1

Register by **Sunday, December 1**, for our summer trip to Greece and Italy. The trip is scheduled for June 9–17, 2020, and students in grades 6 through 10 are eligible to attend. Click [here](#) for more information. [Financial aid](#) may be available to assist families in need.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 18

- *Immersions and Explorations*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice*: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
 - *Drivers' Ed*: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus
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Tuesday, November 19

- *Immersions and Explorations*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *Swim Practice*: 6:45–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. St. Thomas*: 5:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym
 - *Drivers' Ed*: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus
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Wednesday, November 20

- *Immersions and Explorations*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *Swim Practice*: 7:00–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
 - *Fall Book Fair*: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the FAC on the Main Campus
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. Houston Christian*: 5:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym
 - *Drivers' Ed*: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus
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Thursday, November 21

- *Immersions and Explorations*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *Swim Practice*: 6:45–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
 - *Fall Book Fair*: 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the FAC on the Main Campus
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice*: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
 - *Drivers' Ed*: 4:15–6:15 p.m. in FAB 105 on the South Campus
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Friday, November 22

- *Immersions and Explorations*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Fall Book Fair*: 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the FAC on the Main Campus

- *Grandparents/Grandfriends Days Celebration:* 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. in the Andrews House
 - **Early Release:** 2:30 p.m.
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Monday, November 25–Friday, November 29

- *Thanksgiving Holiday:* School closed
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Monday, December 2

- *Day 1 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice:* 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Tuesday, December 3

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Swim Practice:* 6:45–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
 - *Chapel:* 10:20 a.m. in Andrews House
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. Kinkaid:* 6:45 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Wednesday, December 4

- *Special Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Swim Practice:* 7:00–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
 - *Eucharist Chapel:* 11:00 a.m. on the Main Campus Chapel
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice:* 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Thursday, December 5

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Trimester 1 Report Cards Released:* 5:00 p.m.
 - *Swim Meet:* 5:30 p.m. at W.W. Emmons Natatorium
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice:* 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Friday, December 6

- *Day 5 Schedule/SFES Spirit Wear*
- *Boys' Basketball Practice: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym*

Church

Children's Christmas Party Is December 7

Please join us for our Children's Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** for Santa, SNOW, crafts, snacks, and fun!

Contact Allison Devlin via [e-mail](#) or at 832.325.2988 with any questions.

Be an Angel: Christmas Eve Pageant Needs Participants!

Join us on Christmas Eve at either the 2:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. service for the annual St. Francis Christmas Pageant. Come be an angel, shepherd, or soldier as Father Wismer narrates the Christmas story!

For more information, contact Allison Devlin via [e-mail](#) or at 832.325.2988.

Register Today for SFSA Basketball

You don't want to miss out on another great season of St. Francis Sports Association basketball!

- This year, we will kick off our first season of Primary II basketball.
- We will also be offering our SFSA basketball families some amazing opportunities to join us for clinics. These will be hosted by SFE coaches, and the cost is covered by the registration fee.
- **Registration closes Monday, December 2.**
- To register, please [click here](#).
- If you have questions or need assistance, please [e-mail Ragan Cain](#).

Habits of a Healthy Marriage Continues Next Week

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

You'll learn 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 sessions will be held on **Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on November 24 and December 1, 8, 15, and 22**. All sessions will take place in the **Hogan Board Room**.

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

Bible Study for Moms on 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**.

Please contact Allison Devlin via [e-mail](#) or at 832.325.2988 with any questions.

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.
- **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.