

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of December 1

All School

Introducing Our New Uniform Provider

As you know, we have been exploring our uniform options for the 2020–21 school year and have met with several uniform providers in search of the right fit for our St. Francis families. We knew we needed a supplier with a physical storefront to benefit parents, and we also took a serious look at supply chain and forecasting, manufacturing capability, and cost.

After careful consideration, we have selected a new provider with a reputation for excellent quality, value, and customer satisfaction: **DENNIS Uniform**.

We expect the transition to be very easy. As we work through the details, we'll be sending out more information regarding ordering and division-specific offerings (although requirements are not expected to change).

Look for additional updates soon!

Now Delivering Letters to Santa

From now until Christmas, all of our St. Francis families are invited to drop letters to Santa in the special red mailboxes on both campuses. It's the fastest service around, with direct delivery to the North Pole ... guaranteed!

A Note from the Head of School

As the holidays approach, I wanted to provide you with some guidance ahead of any technology purchases you may be considering for your child, especially those families with students currently in grades 5, 6, and 7. As part of our strategic plan, *St. Francis*

2025, we have embarked on a one-to-one technology initiative for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

A one-to-one technology program will not only enhance our students' access to research, but it will also help them build autonomy, independence, and healthy digital habits from an early age.

For the 2020-21 school year, Middle School students in grades 6 and 7 will purchase an Apple Macbook Air Computer. This laptop will include a case along with a 3-year warranty and all school-supported software. Students in grade 8 will have the option to purchase this for the 2020-21 school year as well. Students will keep this computer for use at school and at home, and St. Francis will provide training for proper use. While there will be a fee for this computer, thanks to our relationship and purchase volume with Apple, we are able to pass along some cost savings and the opportunity for families to purchase this package on a school designated "tax-free" day.

We look forward to providing more information in January 2020. Our Technology Office and Middle School Administration will also be available at that time to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your support and for partnering with us in your child's education.

Stephen M. Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

'Donut' Forget to Give to the St. Francis Fund!

Parents were greeted in a recent carpool by St. Francis Fund committee members who handed out a special treat, along with a reminder to give and a thank-you to those who have already made their gift.

- **The grade-level giving participation contest will end on Tuesday, December 31**, so don't miss your chance to help your child's class win! [Give today!](#)
- Click [here](#) to see which grades are leading the way.
- The grade-level winners in Primary and Lower School will receive a visit from an ice cream truck. The grade-level winner in the Middle School will receive a visit from a food truck. And the Upper School has decided to push for 100% parent participation in their division, which will earn them a visit from a food truck.

December Virtue of the Month: Faith

During the month of December, the St. Francis community is focusing on the cornerstone of faith. Our virtue verse is Hebrews 11:1: *"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."* Try to memorize it as a family. You can also watch [this short video](#) to learn ASL for faith.

Table Talk: What is the first image or story that comes to mind when you hear the word “faith”?

Registration for Spring Explore and Extend Classes Opens Tomorrow

Registration for spring Explore and Extend classes will open on Monday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m. Popular favorites will return for the spring semester, with some added STEAM and technology options.

Christmas Wolf Wear Sale—ALL DAY This Friday

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

Volunteers Needed for PA Teacher Appreciation Christmas Party

The Parents Association will host the annual Christmas Cookie Party for our beloved faculty and staff on **Wednesday, December 11**. We need your help to bake or buy lots and lots of cookies! [Click here](#) to get more info and sign up to bake or shop.

Pick Up Your Holiday Poinsettias on December 11

If you ordered poinsettias from Friends of Fine Arts, please **pick them up from the Andrews House (South Campus) on Wednesday, December 11, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. or from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** If you ordered more than 25, we will deliver them to you for free!

Forgot to order poinsettias? No worries! We have a few extras that will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Poinsettias are \$16 each.

We Need Your Used Items (New Items Added to List)

The Lower School and Middle School art teachers are looking for some items that just might be collecting dust at your home. [Click here to see the list.](#) These items are not meant to be purchased! If you have any of the listed items, please drop them off at the Lower or Middle School art rooms on the Main Campus or in the Bio Lab above the Crum Gym on the South Campus. With any questions, please [e-mail Amy Chandler](#), Middle School art teacher.

Primary School

From the Primary II Team (Cont'd)

Last week, we talked about the fact that game-playing brings out lots of big emotions in children, and we explored how educators and parents can help them process those feelings. Today, we want to continue the conversation on how to help children learn to play fairly and win graciously with a look at another component of game-playing: taking turns.

When you see your children are frustrated with one another, assume a “no one is wrong” mindset as you approach the situation in a calm, curious, and collaborative way. The frustrated child that is clenching the toy isn’t wrong. And the other child who wants the toy isn’t in the wrong, either. They’re just not problem-solving appropriately.

Help children learn by explaining, “John has the ball, and it seems like you want to play with that same ball. You are frustrated. Hmmm. You could say, ‘I’d like a turn next!’” Have the child attempt that language in whatever way they can. Then say to the other child, “You can say, ‘Here you go!’ or you could say, ‘Wait a minute, I’m still playing!’”

This is such a complex topic. We should remind our children that when we take turns, it feels frustrating, but it also makes other friends happy so that they will want to play with us again. It’s important to reiterate that a game is only fun when everyone gets a turn. Sometimes we have to wait. Talk about the times in your own life when it’s been hard to wait. This lays a strong foundation for establishing patience in young children.

As a parent, our first inclination while playing games with our children is to make them feel good through winning. However, research has shown that *letting* our children win prevents the development of some skills. Losing can help children find joy in playing the game, whereas they might otherwise focus only on the competitive aspects of it. They build empathy, coping skills, self-confidence, and self-control as they gain the ability to identify with others who are going through loss. It nurtures their ability to show more compassion and empathy to someone who failed in something.

These little losses in family games help your child see that there will be times in life when we encounter challenges and even struggle, but that perseverance through these times makes us stronger. Losing with grace helps children learn that they cannot always win or be the best at everything. These coping skills will help our children become better sports when winning and losing. Allowing your child to experience loss shows them that the goal is not to win, but to have fun with the activity. Putting the importance on the game and spending time as a family should be the main aims of family game time.

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

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

- *FoFA Poinsettia Pickup*: 7:30–8:30 a.m. and 2:30–4:30 p.m. in the Andrews House on the South Campus
 - *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.
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Friday, December 13

- *Pre-Primary Christmas Party (Mrs. Breceovich'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–Monday, January 6

- *Holiday Break: No School*
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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

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family!

Everyone in Lower School had great fun hosting our **grandparents and special friends**. Every year, this day brings back so many fond memories for me, as my boys were blessed to have four grandparents who attended all of their school Grandparents Days. It was such a special time, and their grandparents still display the pictures and treats the boys made for them. I thought you might enjoy reading about what your children did for their special guests, in addition to attending Chapel and the Fall Book Fair together:

- **Kindergarteners** painted wooden picture frames that they finished decorating with their grandparents. The frame has a picture of the student holding a sign that they wrote saying, “I love my Grandma & Grandpa” (or whatever their special names for their grandparents are). Along with decorating the frames, the students performed a short song, wrote a book with their grandparents, completed a “roll and add” interview, did a counting-to-100 activity, took pictures

at the photo booth with props, and read books, if time permitted. They were busy!

- In **first grade**, the kiddos made flower arrangements to share and illustrated a pendant with a special message for their grandparent. They interviewed their grandparents to find out what life was like for them growing up and talked about special memories. Visitors enjoyed playing Work Places math games with their grandchild.
- In **second grade**, students read books from their book bags and shared their written book review. Additionally, they solved logical thinking puzzles and presented their grandparents with a word cloud they made on their iPads. Finally, they shared a heartfelt letter written to their grandparents.
- **Third graders** had a bookmark checklist of activities and completed a mystery activity in humanities. In math, they played Work Places; and in STEAM, they helped their grandparents take a selfie and post it to Seesaw. They presented each grandparent with a special ornament they had made for them.
- In **fourth grade**, the students showed their grandparents a craft they made with sentence starters ("I love when you..."; "You are so..."). Then they interviewed their grandparents and showed them their portfolios. They also took them to the other classrooms, where they showed them their math and STEAM notebooks and played both math Work Places and a game they coded. In humanities, students showed grandparents their reading notebook and completed a Thanksgiving Mad Lib.

You would have been so proud of your children for being gracious hosts and for creating special memories for all!

Have a great week!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

This Tuesday: 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 this **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.

Mark Your Calendar

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

- *FoFA Poinsettia Pickup*: 7:30–8:30 a.m. and 2:30–4:30 p.m. in the Andrews House on the South Campus
 - *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.
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Friday, December 20–Monday, January 6

- *Holiday Break*: No School
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Tuesday, January 7

- *Classes Resume*
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Wednesday, January 8

- *Dress Uniform*
- *Epiphany Eucharist: 8:05 a.m.*

Middle School

From the Division Head

A week of quality time spent with family and friends is the perfect time to “step back” and gain perspective. In my musings about life, love, and work, I thought a great deal about St. Francis and my profound gratitude to be a part of our incredible community. There is much to be thankful for here, but I would like to take this time to share my gratitude for you, our parent community.

In the days leading up to the break, I had the opportunity to sit with a group of parents for our first Middle School Coffee of 2019–20. Both during the gathering and afterward, I felt a strong sense of gratitude for the participation and partnership of our group. It is a blessing to be part of a school where the parent community is engaged and interested in how our school works. We talked about institutional culture, curriculum, scheduling, philosophy, and cognitive science. In our exchange, we asked one another questions, and we both gave and received candid feedback. Put simply, the meeting was awesome and indicative of the strength of our parent community.

I am also grateful for all of the other interactions I have had with parents this year. I appreciate your calls, e-mails, constructive feedback, and messages of support for our teachers.

I hope you will be able to join us for our next MS Coffee in January. Details will be provided in our upcoming *Wolf Watch* newsletters. Thank you for your partnership and dedication to your children and our school!

With gratitude and appreciation,

Chris Bertha, MEd
Head of Middle School

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Head of School

Applications to PSIA Competition Due Friday

Middle Schoolers, applications to the Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) competition are **due Friday, December 6**.

- The PSIA competition covers a wide range of disciplines and provides an exciting opportunity for private school students to engage in academic competition with their peers throughout Texas.
- Applications can be found [here](#), and you can also visit the PSIA website [here](#) for more information.

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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.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 2

- *Monday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Explore and Extend Spring Enrollment Opens Online*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m. in the Chapel*
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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*
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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*
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Friday, December 6

- *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Applications to PSIA Competition Due*
 - *Wolf Wear Sale: 7:45 a.m.–3:45 p.m. in the People Place*
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Sunday, December 8

- *Eighth-Grade Musical Rehearsal: 1:00–5:00 p.m. in the FAC*
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Monday, December 9

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m. in the Chapel*
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Tuesday, December 10

- *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*
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Wednesday, December 11

- *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
 - *FoFA Poinsettia Pickup: 7:30–8:30 a.m.* and *2:30–4:30 p.m.* in the Andrews House on the South Campus
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.* in the Chapel
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Thursday, December 12

- *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
 - *School of Music Voice Students Recital: 5:30–6:30 p.m.* in the FAC
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Friday, December 13

- *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
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Saturday, December 14

- *Eighth-Grade Musical Rehearsal: 1:00–5:00 p.m.* in the FAC
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Sunday, December 15

- *School of Music Fall Semester Recital: 1:30–4:00 p.m.* in the FAC
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Monday, December 16

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.* in the Chapel
 - *Christmas Concert (Grades 1–10): 6:00 p.m.* at Chapelwood Methodist Church
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Tuesday, December 17

- *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
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Wednesday, December 18

- *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
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Thursday, December 19

- *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
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Friday, December 20–Monday, January 6

- *Holiday Break: No School*
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Tuesday, January 7

- *Classes Resume*

Upper School

From the Division Head

I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving break filled with just the right balance of rest and play. While Thanksgiving is the traditional time to express our gratitude to family and friends, research shows that developing a year-round gratitude practice correlates with leading healthier, happier lives. If you have two minutes, I encourage you to watch [this video](#) alongside your teenage child. You might even

consider making time as a family to write and share a letter expressing gratitude to a teacher, friend, or relative who has made a big impact in your life.

Prior to the break, students participated in two weeks of Immersions and Explorations experiences, which concluded with an Upper School version of Grandparents and Grandfriends Day. Please enjoy some photos from these exciting weeks ([photo #1](#), [photo #2](#), [photo #3](#), and [photo #4](#)).

We have a busy week ahead as we officially begin our second trimester in the Upper School.

- We'll be traveling to the Main Campus on Wednesday, December 4, for our MS/US St. Nicholas Eucharist Chapel.
- We're also welcoming back our friends from The Fontaine Center this week. On Thursday, December 5, Liz Prince and Kelly Truesdell will be working with student groups to discuss wellness skills and to complete a self-care activity.
- We hope you'll consider joining Liz and Kelly on Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Andrews House for the US Parent Lunch & Learn discussion on "failing up" and supporting students from a wellness perspective. Please be sure to RSVP to [Cathleen Flaniken](#) by noon on Tuesday, December 3, so that we will have an accurate count for our lunch order.

Happy December! Have a great week!

Cara Henderson, EdD
Head of Upper School

Mark Your Calendar

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 the 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*
 - *The Fontaine Center Parent Assembly: 12:00–1:00 p.m. in the Andrews House*
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym*
 - *Trimester 1 Report Cards Released: 5:00 p.m.*
 - *Swim Meet: 5:30 p.m. at W.W. Emmons Natatorium*
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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*
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Monday, December 9

- *Day 6 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym*
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Tuesday, December 10

- *Day 1 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Swim Practice: 6:45–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club*
 - *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in the Andrews House*
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. Awty: 6:00 p.m. at Awty International School*
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Wednesday, December 11

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*

- *Swim Practice*: 7:00–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
 - *FoFA Poinsettia Pickup*: 7:30–8:30 a.m. and 2:30–4:30 p.m. in the Andrews House
 - *Chapel*: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice*: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Thursday, December 12

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Swim Meet*: 4:30 p.m. at British International School
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. Post Oak HS*: 5:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Friday, December 13

- *Day 4 Schedule/SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice*: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Monday, December 16

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice*: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
 - *Christmas Concert (Grades 1–10)*: 6:00 p.m. at Chapelwood Methodist Church
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Tuesday, December 17

- *Day 6 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel*: 10:20 a.m. in the Andrews House
 - *Swim Meet*: 4:30 p.m. at British International School
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. HCYA*: 6:45 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Wednesday, December 18

- *Day 1 Schedule/Dress Uniform*
- *Swim Practice*: 7:00–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
- *Lessons and Carols*: 9:30 a.m. in the Primary School

- *Boys' Basketball Practice:* 4:15–6:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Thursday, December 19

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
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Friday, December 20–Monday, January 6

- *Holiday Break:* No School
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Tuesday, January 7

- *Classes Resume*

Church

Children's Christmas Party Is Saturday

Please join us for our Children's Christmas Party this **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, Shepherd, or Soldier: 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.

SFSA Basketball Registration Closes Tomorrow

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 tomorrow—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 December 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.