

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of January 19

All School

January 28: Hearing and Vision Screening Makeup Day

If your student in grades K–10 did not attend the hearing and vision screening day this past October, please ensure that he or she is present for the makeup day on Tuesday, January 28. With questions, please call Nurse Toler at 713.458.6167 (for South Campus screenings) or Nurse Newell at 713.458.6128 (for Main Campus screenings).

Next Wolf Wear Sale Is Friday, February 7

The Athletics Booster Club will host its next Wolf Wear sale on Friday, February 7, from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m. in the Concessions area near the Main Campus Gym.

Parents' Night Out Is January 24

Our next Parents' Night Out is on Friday, January 24, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. [Click here for details](#), including registration information and the dates of upcoming Parents' Night Out events.

Online Re-enrollment Opens February 3

Save the date for online re-enrollment, which opens on **Monday, February 3**. We'll send you an e-mail with details and specific instructions on how to re-enroll at the end of January.

SOTP Registration Opens February 25

Registration for Summer on the Point 2020 will open on **Tuesday, February 25, at 10:00 a.m.** Look for links to course descriptions and camp schedules later this month, and [click here](#) for additional details.

Woolrich Luncheon Is Tuesday, March 10

Please mark your calendars for this year's Woolrich Luncheon on Tuesday, March 10, when we will be honoring our 2018–19 award recipients. [Click here for details.](#)

PA Spring Luncheon Is April 1

Don't miss hearing *New York Times*-bestselling author Julie Lythcott-Haims at the PA Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, April 1! [Click here for details.](#)

Art Teachers Need Your Used Items!

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.](#)

Virtue of the Month: Loyalty

During the month of January, the St. Francis community is focusing on loyalty. Our virtue verse is Proverbs 17:17: "A friend loves at all times." Try to memorize it as a family.

***Table Talk:** Play "pass the story," in which one family member starts a story and each family member adds a new part. See how many examples of loyalty you can add to the story. For an extra challenge, use the following words: "faith," "movie," and "winter."*

Primary School

From the Assistant Head of Primary School

Being people for others is a core value at St. Francis. Through community service projects like our annual Barker's Pajamarama, students experience the joy of helping others while also having fun. **This Tuesday, January 21, through Friday, January 24, Primary School students are encouraged to donate one new pair of children's pajamas and one new children's book in the zipper-lock bag sent home with your child last week.** Upper School students will also be a part of this community service project, donating personal items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, hairbrushes, and combs.

On Friday, January 24, Primary School students are invited to wear their pajamas to school to celebrate a successful book and pajama collection. If students choose not to wear pajamas, they may wear their regular uniform or any SFES spirit shirt and jeans. This community service project is named in honor of former Head of Primary School Diane Barker, who started the tradition of wearing pajamas to school one day a year in conjunction with collecting books for donation. All donations will benefit Arms Wide Adoption Services, an organization that supports Houston-area foster children and matches them with new families.

When you and your child pick out these items to donate, I encourage you to talk with your child about why it is kind to give to others in need and how rewarding charity work can be.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the great work happening at Arms Wide Adoption Services.

Sincerely,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Assistant Head of Primary School

Primary School Grandparents/Grandfriends Days: February 12–13

On Wednesday, February 12, and Thursday, February 13, we will welcome our Primary School grandparents and grandfriends to the South Campus to enjoy Chapel, classroom visits, and a visit to the Book Fair!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- **M/W/F 3-Day Pre-Primary classes; all Primary I classes**
- 8:30–10:45 a.m.
- Check-in locations:
 - Grandparents of children in Pre-Primary who DO NOT have grandchildren in Primary I: Primary School Office
 - Grandparents of children in Primary I: Crum Athletics Center
 - Grandparents of children in Pre-Primary AND Primary I: Crum Athletics Center (You will see Primary I students sing during Chapel.)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- **T/Th and 5-Day Pre-Primary classes; all Primary II classes**
- 8:30–10:45 a.m.
- Check-in locations:
 - Grandparents of children in Pre-Primary who DO NOT have Primary II grandchildren: Primary School Office
 - Grandparents of children in Primary II: Crum Athletics Center
 - Grandparents of children in Pre-Primary AND Primary II: Crum Athletics Center (You will see Primary II students sing during Chapel.)

If you have not updated your child's grandparent information or with questions about the event, please contact Anne Chisholm at 713.458.6141 or [via e-mail](#).

Primary School Dining Hall Menu

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

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 20

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School*
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Tuesday, January 21

- *Pajamarama Ingathering*
 - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, January 22

- *Pajamarama Ingathering*
 - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Thursday, January 23

- *Pajamarama Ingathering*
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Friday, January 24

- *Pajamarama Day: PS students wear pajamas to school*
 - *Explore & Extend Parents' Night Out (PII–Grade 5): 6:00–10:00 p.m. on the Main Campus*
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Tuesday, January 28

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, January 29

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

- *Pre-Primary Fathers and Friends Breakfast (Meriwether 2-Day, Brecevich, and Oteiza): 8:15 a.m.*
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Friday, January 31

- *Pre-Primary Fathers and Friends Breakfast (Meriwether 3-Day and Britton): 8:15 a.m.*
 - *Primary School Admissions Tour: 9:00–11:00 a.m.*
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Monday, February 3

- *Re-enrollment Contracts Issued*
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Tuesday, February 4

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, February 5

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

Lower School

From the Math and Technology Specialist

In our modern, computerized world, where we have myriad “smart” devices with calculators at our fingertips, why do students still need to learn math facts? Isn’t that something that should have been eliminated with the advent of the Digital Age? Why do we still need to spend so much time on fact fluency?

Students achieve math fact fluency through [automaticity](#), or the ability to deliver a correct answer immediately from memory without relying on calculation. Fluency, on the other hand, requires students both to be quick and accurate and to utilize flexible thinking when solving basic math facts. When students achieve automaticity of math facts, they have achieved a level of mastery that enables them to retrieve the facts from long-term memory without conscious effort or attention. Fact fluency, like language fluency, means students can flexibly apply what they already know.

Math facts form the building blocks of higher-level math concepts. As students move on to higher-level mathematics concepts, there are more complicated computations to complete. If students do not have their math facts committed to memory, they will spend a disproportionate amount of time dealing with the calculations, and they are more likely to be confused and to get lost in the mathematical processes. If a child has to struggle to solve $7 + 5$, they have no mental stamina left to grapple with more advanced problems that will increase their capacity as a mathematician. Accurate and efficient retrieval of basic math facts is critical to a student's success in mathematics. Through automaticity, students free up their working memory and can devote it to learning new concepts and skills as well as to problem-solving, which is the ultimate goal.

[Research](#) has connected fluency and automaticity in math facts to success in learning higher-level mathematical concepts. This is compelling, as studies find that if a student begins to fall behind in learning math facts at the elementary level, they often continue this pattern into secondary-level mathematics. Being able to quickly and easily recall the answers to basic facts is the precursor to being able to efficiently solve challenging multistep problems. We live in a digital world with great access to smart devices equipped with calculators; however, the popularity of and dependence on the calculator could be a contributing factor toward why many students have difficulty achieving automaticity. Students who have access to a calculator may become dependent on it and lack motivation to retain and commit math facts to memory. So put away the electronic devices and start playing games with your child. Their mathematics future depends on it!

To learn more about the fluency approach, the process of becoming fluent, and strategies for becoming fluent, [click here](#). Don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions!

Best regards,

Holly Plost, MA
Lower School Math and Technology Specialist

Join Us for Third-Grade Share the Music Days

Parents and friends of third graders, mark your calendars! Join us in February for Share the Music Days, where you'll attend music class with your child's homeroom to sing,

dance, and play. (Due to the nature of the activities and limited classroom space, we ask that only invited adult guest(s) accompany the student. Thank you!)

Each class's event will take place from **11:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the Music Room**, according to the following schedule:

- **Monday, February 3—Cowen**
- **Tuesday, February 4—Womack**
- **Wednesday, February 5—Gonzales**
- **Friday, February 7—Joyce**

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

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 20

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School*
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Friday, January 24

- *Explore & Extend Parents' Night Out (PII–Grade 5): 6:00–10:00 p.m. on the Main Campus*
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Monday, January 27

- *Birthday Chapel: Students with a birthday between January 19–February 1 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today*
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Tuesday, January 28

- *Hearing and Vision Screening Makeup Day*
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Monday, February 3

- *Birthday Chapel*: Students with a birthday between February 2–8 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
 - *Re-enrollment Contracts Issued*
 - *Third-Grade Share the Music Days (Cowen)*: 11:15 a.m.–12:10 p.m. in the Music Room
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Tuesday, February 4

- *Third-Grade Share the Music Days (Womack)*: 11:15 a.m.–12:10 p.m. in the Music Room
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Wednesday, February 5

- *Third-Grade Share the Music Days (Gonzales)*: 11:15 a.m.–12:10 p.m. in the Music Room
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Thursday, February 6

- *Service for Others Day*
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Friday, February 7

- *Third-Grade Share the Music Days (Joyce)*: 11:15 a.m.–12:10 p.m. in the Music Room
 - *Wolf Wear Sale*: 7:45–9:00 a.m. in the Concessions area near the Gym
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Monday, February 10

- *Birthday Chapel*: Students with a birthday between February 9–15 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Tuesday, February 11

- *100th Day of School!*
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Wednesday, February 12

- *FAC Chapel: 8:05 a.m.*
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Thursday, February 13

- *Valentine's Day Parties*
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Friday, February 14

- *Student Holiday: No school due to faculty inservice day*
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Monday, February 17

- *Presidents' Day: No School*

Middle School

From the Division Head

This was a big week. We started at 7:45 a.m. on Monday with a packed parent meeting, published progress reports on Tuesday, and held conferences on Wednesday. I have appreciated the feedback I've received about each of these significant events, and I hope to hear from others who have thoughts, questions, or observations to share. I would also like to acknowledge the constructive criticism I have received about event planning on Monday. It has come to my attention that we ran out of parking spaces on Monday morning due to my significantly inaccurate projections related to attendance numbers. I have learned from this and will endeavor to improve logistical planning for future events.

If you were unable to attend the meeting on Monday, see below for a few abbreviated takeaways. Please reach out to us with questions about any of the items below.

- Beginning in 2020–21, the St. Francis Middle School will cease the active support of applications to other high schools. Eighth-grade students applying to other schools will receive the same recommendation and documentation support offered to students in other Middle School grade levels.
- Steve Eisenberg and the IT Department have prepared an FAQ document for the 2020–21 laptop program. [Click here to see a copy of the document.](#)
- The St. Francis Middle School will have a new schedule next year. Here are a few highlights of the revised schedule:
 - There will be two distinct schedule days, “A” and “B.”
 - Classes will be 65 minutes in length and meet every other day.
 - All Middle School students will have daily recess.
 - Chapel and advisory will occur every other day.
 - Students will enroll in two elective courses per trimester.
 - We will introduce FLEX Block and Skill Block. These features are geared toward a combination of study halls, skills acquisition, and meetings for student organizations.

On a different note, I would also like to remind you that Mondays are dress uniform days unless otherwise noted in *Wolf Watch*. If you ever have dress code questions, please reach out to your student’s advisor or to [Marion Tolon](#) (Coach T).

Thank you again for your participation in a very busy week. Your engagement and partnership are highly appreciated!

Best,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 20

- ***Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School***

Tuesday, January 21

- *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*

Wednesday, January 22

- *Wednesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Study for Seventh Graders: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m. in the Chapel*
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Thursday, January 23

- *Thursday Schedule*
 - ***Wolf Wear or SFES Spirit Gear With Blue Jeans or Uniform Bottoms***
 - *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*
 - *Winter Pep Rally (Students Only): 2:35–3:05 p.m. in the Gym*
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Friday, January 24

- ***No Pajamarama for MS***
 - *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Explore & Extend Parents' Night Out (PII–Grade 5): 6:00–10:00 p.m. on the Main Campus*
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Saturday, January 25

- *Eighth-Grade Musical Rehearsal: 1:00–5:00 p.m. in the FAC*
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Monday, January 27

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m. in the Chapel*
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Tuesday, January 28

- *Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*

- *Hearing and Vision Screening Makeup Day*
 - *Bible Study for Eighth Graders: 7:15–7:45 a.m.* in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *MS Colonial Day Parent Meeting: 8:00–8:45 a.m.* in the HBR
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Wednesday, January 29

- *Wednesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Study for Seventh Graders: 7:15–7:45 a.m.* in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.* in the Chapel
 - *Parents Association Education Luncheon: 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.* in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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Thursday, January 30

- *Thursday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Study for Fifth and Sixth Graders: 7:15–7:45 a.m.* in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *MS Parent Book Study: 7:45–8:45 a.m.* in the HBR
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Friday, January 31

- *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *NJHS Meeting (LS Read Aloud): 7:15–7:50 a.m.* in the Crum Library
 - *Faculty vs. Eighth-Grade Boys' Basketball Team: 2:40–3:30 p.m.* in the Gym
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Monday, February 3

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *MS Souper Bowl Construction Ingathering: Through February 7* in the FAC
 - *Spring Season Athletics/MSPE Begin*
 - *Re-enrollment Contracts Issued*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.* in the Chapel
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Tuesday, February 4

- *Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *MS Souper Bowl Canstruction Ingathering:* Through February 7 in the FAC
 - *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, February 5

- *Wednesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *MS Souper Bowl Canstruction Ingathering:* Through February 7 in the FAC
 - *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, February 6

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Grade 5: Thursday Schedule*
 - **Grades 6–8: Honor the Wolves Special Schedule**
 - *WEB Applications Due*
 - *MS Souper Bowl Canstruction Ingathering:* Through February 7 in the FAC
 - *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: 1:50–2:35 p.m.* in the FAC
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Friday, February 7

- *Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Grades 5–7: Friday Schedule*
- *Grade 8: Special Schedule*
- *MS Souper Bowl Canstruction Ingathering (Last Day):* In the FAC
- *NJHS Meeting (LS Read Aloud): 7:15–7:50 a.m.* in Dr. Bedard's Classroom
- *Wolf Wear Sale: 7:45–9:00 a.m.* in the Concessions area near the Gym
- *Eighth-Grade Top Golf Outing (Students Only): 12:15–2:30 p.m.,* off-site
- *Fifth-Grade Game Night: 5:00–7:30 p.m.* in the FAC
- *MS Winter Dance for Grades 6–8 (Students Only): 7:30–10:00 p.m.* in the Gym

Upper School

From the Science Department Chair

This past Wednesday, the Upper School held our student-led teacher/parent conferences. As with all such conferences, the idea is for everyone involved in the educational program (parents, teachers, AND students) to come together, become aware of the current status in both the academic and non-academic areas, and develop plans for moving forward in a successful manner.

The Upper School conference process recognizes student ownership as a critical component of academic improvement. Therefore, the students actually run their own conferences, with guidelines and guidance provided by their advisors. Students provide a general overview of how they are doing in each of their academic classes, discuss areas where they are particularly successful or engaged, and also identify areas for growth where they need additional help or resources. THEY are the ones evaluating what is going well and what needs to improve—and how they are going to address that need for improvement.

This term, we are particularly interested in students' evaluations and feedback from their Immersions & Explorations experiences. As you may remember, these programs ran for a two-week period prior to the Thanksgiving break, with a morning and afternoon option (Art Car or Moneyball in the mornings, and Kid-2-Kid or Innovation & Entrepreneurship in the afternoons). Input from our ninth and tenth graders is critically necessary in order to continue to successfully develop this very interdisciplinary experience.

The last, but still extremely important, component of the student-led conference is when the student (in consultation with their advisor) sets one or two S.M.A.R.T. goals for the rest of the year—something that is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-focused, and Timebound.

Thank you all for your participation in these conferences. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in supporting our students' (your children's) ongoing growth and learning. We're also very proud of our students and their ownership of their respective learning journeys!

Sincerely,

John Madden, MEd
Science Department Chair

Spring Sports Season Begins February 10

The Upper School spring sports season is almost here. We are excited to offer track and field, tennis, and golf this spring for both boys and girls. **The official start to the spring season will be Monday, February 10, and the season will conclude by Wednesday, April 15.** Students have already signed up for their sport of interest, and

parents will receive sport-specific information via e-mail very soon. With any sports-related questions, please [e-mail T Riley](#).

Cozy Up: Pajamarama Is Friday

This Friday, January 24, St. Francis will celebrate our annual Barker's Pajamarama Day Ingathering. On this day, students in Primary and Upper School are invited to wear their pajamas to school to celebrate the weeklong ingathering of pajamas, books, and other items. Named after Dianne Barker, head of Primary School from 1992–2008, Pajamarama continues the tradition she introduced of wearing pajamas to school one day a year in conjunction with collecting books for donation.

All donations will benefit Arms Wide Adoption Services, an organization that supports foster children awaiting permanent homes. As in the past, the focus of the ingathering for Primary School is pajamas and books. However, Arms Wide has asked for a variety of other items that will allow them to serve the children in their care more comprehensively. The Upper School will be tasked with donating these new items.

As usual, Pajamarama Day promises to be a lot of fun, and your support in helping our children become people for others is truly appreciated. A few guidelines to remember:

- **What should you donate?**
 - Primary School: One pair of new pajamas and one new book in the zipper-lock bag sent home with your child
 - Upper School: Travel-size or regular personal items, including brushes and combs, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, underwear, baby wipes, pull-ups, and diapers
- **Where should you donate?**
 - Primary School: Boxes in the pods
 - Upper School: Boxes in Andrews House
- **When can you bring your donation?**
 - Tuesday, January 21–Friday, January 24

All Primary and Upper School students may wear appropriate pajamas to school on Pajamarama Day, Friday, January 24. If students choose not to wear pajamas, they may wear their regular SFES spirit wear.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 20

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School*
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Tuesday, January 21

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Pajamarama Collection:* Drop off items at Andrews House
 - *Swim Practice:* 6:45–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
 - *Chapel:* 10:20 a.m. in Andrews House
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. School of the Woods:* 5:00 p.m. at School of the Woods
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Wednesday, January 22

- *Day 6 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Pajamarama Collection:* Drop off items at Andrews House
 - *Swim Practice:* 7:00–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
 - *Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in Andrews House
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice:* 4:15–6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym
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Thursday, January 23

- *Day 1 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Pajamarama Collection:* Drop off items at Andrews House
 - *Swim Practice:* 6:45–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. HHA:* 5:30 p.m. in Crum Gym
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Friday, January 24

- *Day 2 Schedule/Pajamas or SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *Pajamarama Collection:* Drop off items at Andrews House
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice:* 4:15–6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym
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Saturday, January 25

- *HAPPI Meet:* 8:30 a.m. in the University of Houston Natatorium
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Monday, January 27

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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Tuesday, January 28

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Hearing and Vision Screening Makeup Day*
 - *Swim Practice: 6:45–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club*
 - *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in Andrews House*
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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Wednesday, January 29

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Swim Practice: 7:00–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club*
 - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in Andrews House*
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. Post Oak HS: 5:00 p.m. at Post Oak HS*
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Thursday, January 30

- *Day 6 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Swim Practice: 6:45–8:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club*
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. School of the Woods: 6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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Friday, January 31

- *Day 1 Schedule/SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *US Parent Coffee and Book Talk: 8:30 a.m. in Andrews House*
 - *Boys' Basketball Practice: 4:15–6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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Monday, February 3

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*

- *Spring Athletics Season Begins*
 - *Re-enrollment Contracts Issued*
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Tuesday, February 4

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in Andrews House*
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. Fort Bend Christian Homeschool: 5:30 p.m. in Crum Gym*
 - *2020–21 Parent Preview: Parents only; time and locations TBD*
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Wednesday, February 5

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in Andrews House*
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Thursday, February 6

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Special Schedule: Service for Others Day*
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Friday, February 7

- *Day 5 Schedule/SFES Spirit Wear*
- *Wolf Wear Sale: 7:45–9:00 a.m. in the Concessions area near the Gym*

Church

Spring First Communion Classes Begin Sunday

First Communion classes begin this Sunday, January 26.

- **There will be a total of nine meetings—six morning classes, two parent meetings, and a Family Saturday Session.**
- All sessions are held on Sunday mornings, except the Family Saturday Session on March 28.
- Session dates are as follows: January 26 (Children's Class #1), February 2 (Children's Class #2), February 9 (Parent Meeting), February 23 (Parent

Meeting), March 1 (Children's Class #3), March 8 (Children's Class #4), March 22 (Children's Class #5), March 28 (Family Saturday Session), **March 29 (First Communion Sunday!)**

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

- January 26, February 2, March 1, March 8, and March 22
- For all Sunday First Communion classes, children will meet in room **CE 207**, located upstairs above the church office.
- Classes will take place immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service. Children can grab a snack in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall after the service and proceed to their classroom.
- Please walk your child to their classroom on the first day.
- While class is in session, you may enjoy fellowship in the Parish Hall or attend one of our adult Christian education classes. Please remain on campus. Children will meet you in the Parish Hall once class has been dismissed at 10:45 a.m.
- For the second through final classes, children are encouraged to meet with their teachers in the Chapel at 8:55 a.m. to discuss which part of the service to pay extra close attention to, as they will be learning about the reasons for and significance of the rituals performed during each part of the worship service.

PARENT MEETINGS

- February 9 and 23
- We have two scheduled meetings for parents of children taking First Communion classes. Parents will meet in CE 206 (next to the First Communion classroom) while their child is in class for these meetings.

FAMILY SATURDAY SESSION

- March 28 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
- This is for both children and parents. Parents will meet with Father Bates while the children take part in a final lesson. Children will join their parents in the church during the second part of this session.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

- March 29 at the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service
- **Please share this date with family and close friends. This is a very special Sunday, so make sure this is on your calendar now. Thank you!**

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 *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer.

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.