

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of February 2

All School

Virtue of the Month: Dignity

During the month of February, the St. Francis community is focusing on dignity. Our virtue verse is Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Try to memorize it as a family.

Table Talk: What is the first image or story that comes to mind when you hear the word "dignity"?

Calling All Festival Volunteers!

On April 19, St. Francis will celebrate 50 years of Festival! Help us prepare for this milestone birthday by donating your time and talent. Whether you're manning a booth on Festival Day, helping to set up or take down, or even chairing a section of Festival, we welcome you! To volunteer, please [e-mail the Festival chairs](#), Kim Graeter and Jen McDonald.

Register Now for SFSA Spring Sports

Register by Wednesday, February 19, for the St. Francis Sports Association's 2020 spring season, featuring baseball/softball, T-ball, and fourth- and fifth-grade volleyball. [Click here](#) to register, or [e-mail Ragan Cain](#) with questions.

Get the Scoop at the PA General Meeting on Tuesday

The Parents Association (PA) general meeting will take place this **Tuesday, February 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the Events Conference Room on the Main Campus**. Open to all

parents, this meeting is an opportunity to hear reports from PA committee chairs and to participate in a discussion of matters as they pertain to PA business.

Wolf Wear Sale Is THIS Friday, February 7

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

PA Spring Luncheon: Buy Your Tickets Today!

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 and ticket information.](#)

Primary School

From the Division Head

Tomorrow begins the re-enrollment process for the 2020–21 school year for St. Francis students. Not too many years ago, I was in your shoes. Re-enrollment for a new year was a reflective time for me to think about what first brought me to the Episcopal school my children attended. It wasn't easy to articulate, but there was just something about the pulse of the school that felt different. My children were in a place like St. Francis, where they were known and loved. Their teachers recognized who they were beyond test scores, athletics skills, or artistic talents. Academic achievement was certainly important, but so was challenging my daughter and son to stretch themselves, try new things, fail, try again, and learn from each of those experiences.

The opportunity to be a part of a team through athletics helped them know how it felt to win and lose. There was joy in winning, but also empathy for their opponents when they lost. Showing up for practice, working hard, and being a contributing member of a team aren't skills valued only in sports. And, like your children, mine could not have been more different. Their artistic pursuits—dance, writing, music, and theater—let them shine in their own ways. My adult children are still benefiting from their Episcopal school education.

At St. Francis, we believe that we can't serve the whole child without providing for their spiritual development. I have been in many schools, and I have never seen it done better than here. As you reflect on the growth you've seen this year and look forward to what is ahead, I hope you'll know that your children have abundant opportunities to learn, grow, and contribute to a community that knows and loves them.

If you have any questions about re-enrollment for your child, please let us know. We look forward to working with your family again next year.

All the best,

Amy Whitley, MA
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, February 3

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

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

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Friday, February 7

- *Wolf Wear Sale: 7:30–9:00 a.m. in the Concessions area near the Main Campus Gym*
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Monday, February 10

- *Admissions Tour: 9:00 a.m.*
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Tuesday, February 11

- *No Open Library*
 - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, February 12

- *No Regular Chapel*

- *Grandparents Day (Primary I and 3-Day Pre-Primary)*
 - *Primary School Book Fair*
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Thursday, February 13

- *Grandparents Day (Primary II and 2- and 5-Day Pre-Primary)*
 - *Re-enrollment Contracts Due*
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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*
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Tuesday, February 18

- *Open Library*
 - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, February 19

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Friday, February 21

- *Darla McNay Rodeo Day*
 - *Explore and Extend Parents' Night Out: PII–grade 5 on the Main Campus*
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Monday, February 24

- *Admissions Tour: 9:00 a.m.*
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Tuesday, February 25

- *Open Library*
 - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Summer on the Point Registration Opens Online*
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Wednesday, February 26

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Friday, February 28

- *Go Texan Day*
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Tuesday, March 3

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

Lower School

From the Lower School Spanish Teachers

This week, we thought you might like to learn about the Lower School Spanish program.

In Lower School Spanish, students learn not only about the vocabulary and usage of the Spanish language, but also about Spanish culture. Students are motivated to learn through fun songs, engaging and interactive activities, challenging games, dynamic projects, and oral presentations.

The goals of our Spanish program are to immerse the students in the Spanish language and to provide an environment where they are both motivated to learn and confident in speaking the language.

Students learn the “phrase of the week,” which is a word or phrase that is commonly used in Spanish. They also learn the virtue of the month in Spanish, connecting with Chapel. Students in all grade levels learn the virtue and discuss its meaning, while third- and fourth-grade students also memorize the verse.

Vocabulary is taught at every grade level, so students continue to build their bank of Spanish vocabulary. Classes are taught in Spanish, encouraging students to use the language to the best of their abilities. Kindergarteners and first graders learn orally, giving students opportunities to participate both individually and with a partner or small group. They are slowly introduced to written activities as the year progresses. Beginning in second grade, students combine oral and written use of the language, incorporating projects and presentations (both individually and in groups). By the end of fourth grade, the students’ conceptual, verbal, and written understanding of the Spanish language is rich, and they are ready for the next steps in Middle School.

As Spanish teachers, we believe that exposure to other languages increases appreciation for other cultures in our global world. Our role is to share our passion and provide our students with the tools to broaden their knowledge and interest in the Spanish-speaking world.

¡Que tengan una buena semana!

Appreciativamente,

Mariauxi Capecchi and Mercedes Perli
Lower School Spanish Teachers

Join Us This Week: Third-Grade Share the Music Days

Parents and friends of third graders, join us this week 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, 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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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!*

Wednesday, February 12

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

- *Valentine's Day Parties*
 - *Re-enrollment Contracts Due*
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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*
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Monday, February 24

- *Birthday Chapel: Students with a birthday between February 16–29 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today*
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Wednesday, February 26

- *Dress Uniform Day*
 - *Ash Wednesday Chapel: 8:05 a.m.*
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Friday, February 28

- *Go Texan Day*: Children are encouraged to come to school in Western wear. Please leave guns, spurs, and stick horses at home. If wearing boots, bring tennis shoes for PE and/or recess. Yeehaw!

Middle School

From the Division Head

This week, I have a short, but important, note regarding students' late arrivals and re-entry after traveling off campus. Student safety is our foremost priority, and it is important that both parents and school personnel know students' whereabouts at all times. Thus, **we are updating our practice and asking Middle School parents to accompany their child(ren) into the building to sign in at the front desk**. This is a change from our published *Middle School Handbook* policy that parents *do not* need to physically enter the building to sign a student in. If you have questions about this update, please call the Middle School Office, and we will be happy to discuss our decision.

I also want to offer huge congratulations to two eighth-grade students who are celebrating significant accomplishments:

- Quinn L. took first at state for his grade level in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) American History Essay Contest. This is the fourth year in a row that Quinn's writing has been recognized by DAR, and his second consecutive year winning at the state level. We wish him luck as he heads to the division championship.
- After winning a gold medal at the Houston city championship, eighth grader Nico G. beat out competitors in the 2020 Texas Middle School State Wrestling Championship in Dallas to take home the state title. Read more about it [here](#).

Warm regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

Community Service Hours Forms Due February 11

Tuesday, February 11, is the deadline to submit second-trimester community service hours to the Middle School Office. Service hour forms can be found in the wooden file holder across from the Middle School Office, or you can [click here](#) for a digital version.

Service Hours Opportunity: Help Organize the Lost and Found Closet!

Help is needed periodically to keep the Main Campus lost and found closet in tip-top shape by sorting and hanging items and identifying owners. If your student in grades 6–

8 is interested in earning service hours by helping out, please [e-mail Lost and Found Coordinator Ali Williams](#).

Middle School Families, Please Join Us on February 10

Middle School parents and students are invited to join us for A Taste of Upper School on **Monday, February 10, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Andrews House on the South Campus**. Enjoy light bites, mingle with fellow St. Francis families, and hear directly from our Upper School faculty and students.

We hope you can make it! Let us know your plans by e-mailing [Pamela McSorley](#).

Mark Your Calendar

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 Construction 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 Construction 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*
 - *MS Souper Bowl Construction 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; students only*
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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*
 - *WEB Applications Due*
 - *MS Souper Bowl Construction Ingathering (Last Day): In the FAC*
 - *NJHS Meeting (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: 12:15–2:30 p.m.; off-site; students only*
 - *Fifth-Grade Game Night: 5:00–7:30 p.m. in the FAC; click [here](#) for more information*
 - *MS Winter Dance for Grades 6–8: 7:30–10:00 p.m. in the Gym; students only; click [here](#) for more information*
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Saturday, February 8

- *Spring Musical Sunday Rehearsal: 1:00–5:00 p.m. in the FAC*
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Monday, February 10

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m. in the Chapel*
 - *A Taste of Upper School (Upper School Preview): 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Andrews House on the South Campus*
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Tuesday, February 11

- *Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Trimester 2 Community Service Forms Due*
 - *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 12

- *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
 - *Middle School Parent Book Study: 7:45–8:45 a.m.* in the HBR
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.* in the FAC
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Thursday, February 13

- *Thursday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Study for Fifth and Sixth Graders: 7:15–7:45 a.m.* in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *Class Meeting (Construction): 9:15–10:00 a.m.* in the FAC
 - *Re-enrollment Contracts Due*
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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*
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Tuesday, February 18

- *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, February 19

- *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, February 20

- *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/US Brown Bag Dance Series: 1:30–2:00 p.m. in the People Place*
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Friday, February 21

- *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Trimester 2 Ends*
- *NJHS All-School Read Aloud: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library*

Upper School

From the Division Head

Happy Groundhog Day! February is a busy month for us at St. Francis. Today's message is filled with calendar reminders for the upcoming weeks.

- This **Tuesday, February 4**, please join other ninth- and tenth-grade parents and the Upper School faculty for a sneak peek at the 2020–21 schedule. We'll meet at 5:00 p.m. in Crum Loft. Please consider staying for the final boys' basketball game of the season, which will kick off downstairs in Crum Gym at 5:30 p.m.
- This **Thursday, February 6**, our students will spend the day engaged in service learning. I extend a big thanks to Hannah Otness and Dylan Wilson—two of our student leaders in the Community Service Club who coordinated our visits to Houston Food Bank and BARC Animal Shelter.

- On **Wednesday, February 12**, please join academic coach Evan Weinberger to learn about time management, organization, and impression management. Upper School faculty will have already completed a session with Evan, and we'll be set up to support our students both in developing this important skill and in practicing it on both the home and school fronts. (We'll be sending you an invitation to this event soon.)
- On **Thursday, February 13**, your students will join Reverends Han and Heinemann for our second annual Religion in the City Day. We will visit different places of worship and extend the learning that Reverend Heinemann has facilitated during this trimester's religion courses. Then, students will enjoy a four-day weekend!
- On **Thursday, February 20**, please join us for our second Upper School parent conversation about the *Forward in Faith, Phase II* capital campaign, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in Andrews House.
- On **Friday, February 21**, please join me for a great discussion of Part III of Jessica Lahey's *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed* from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Andrews House. (This is also the last day of Trimester 2.)
- On **Thursday, February 27**, please join Liz Prince and Kelly Truesdell (our friends and colleagues from The Fontaine Center—University of Georgia) for plenty of learning on the topic of healthy relationships. Meet at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast or at noon for lunch—whichever time works best for you. (An invitation to this event will follow.)

I look forward to seeing you on campus throughout the month!

Sincerely,

Cara Henderson, EdD
Head of Upper School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 3

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
- *Re-enrollment Contracts Issued*

Tuesday, February 4

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
- *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in Andrews House*

- *2020–21 Parent Preview: 5:00 p.m. in Crum Loft; parents only*
 - *Boys' Basketball vs. Fort Bend Christian Homeschool: 5:30 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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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

- *Special Schedule: Service for Others Day*
 - *Special Attire: SFES T-shirt, blue jeans, and sneakers*
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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*
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Monday, February 10

- *Day 6 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Spring Athletics Season Begins*
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Tuesday, February 11

- *Day 1 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in Andrews House*
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Wednesday, February 12

- *Day 2 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
- *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in Andrews House*

- *Parent Assembly: "Stay Ahead of the Game" with Evan Weinberger; 5:30 p.m. in Crum Loft*
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Thursday, February 13

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Special Schedule: Religion in the City field trip*
 - *Re-enrollment Contracts Due*
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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*
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Tuesday, February 18

- *Day 3 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Student Assembly: "Stay Ahead of the Game" with Evan Weinberger; 9:50 a.m. in Crum Loft*
 - *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in Andrews House*
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Wednesday, February 19

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in Andrews House*
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Thursday, February 20

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*

- *US Parent Coffee and Conversation: Forward in Faith, Phase II* capital campaign; 8:00–9:00 a.m. in Andrews House
 - *Track and Field Meet*: Time TBD at St. Thomas High School
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Friday, February 21

- *Day 6 Schedule/SFES Spirit Wear*
 - *Trimester 2 Ends*
 - *US Parent Coffee and Book Talk*: 8:30 a.m. in Andrews House
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Saturday, February 22

- *Student Winter Social/Movie Night*

Church

Register Now for SFSA Spring Sports

Register by Wednesday, February 19, for the St. Francis Sports Association's 2020 spring season, featuring baseball/softball, T-ball, and fourth- and fifth-grade volleyball. [Click here](#) to register, or [e-mail Ragan Cain](#) with questions.

Join Us February 23: Adult and Teen Speaker Series

On Sunday, February 23, **Laura Gallier** will speak to teens and parents on the topic of **"Sexual Integrity."** Laura is a seasoned speaker and author who is known for providing insightful presentations and resources on the topic of sex-related values and romantic relationships. With wisdom based on a biblical foundation, Laura empowers parents and teens to have meaningful conversations about God's plan for sex, healthy relationships, and the influence of pornography and media. **Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room.** The presentation will last for one hour, and will be followed by a 30-minute Q&A session.

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.