

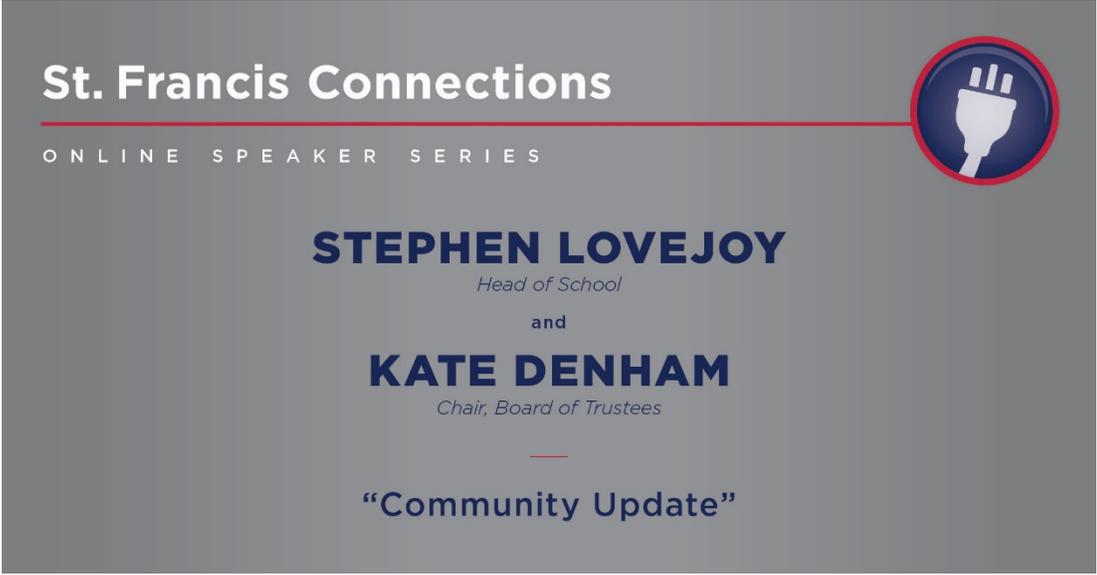
# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of May 10

### All School

### Join Us Tuesday for a Community Update



St. Francis Connections

ONLINE SPEAKER SERIES



**STEPHEN LOVEJOY**  
*Head of School*

and

**KATE DENHAM**  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

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“Community Update”

Please join Board Chair Kate Denham and Head of School Stephen Lovejoy on **Tuesday, May 12, at 5:00 p.m.** to learn more about St. Francis's work behind the scenes, planning over the summer, construction updates, and much more.

[Click here to access the session when it starts.](#)

**Please Note:** If you will be watching from a mobile phone, we strongly recommend that you download the Microsoft Teams app for the best viewing experience.

## **CATCH THE REPLAYS**

A big thank-you to everyone who has tuned in for our previous sessions. You can watch the replays using the links below.

- View the recording of our third session, with Evan Weinberger, [here](#).
- View the recording of our second session, with Dr. Suzanne Mouton-Odum, [here](#).
- View the recording of our first session, with Dr. Crystal Collier, [here](#).

## **Note About SOTP Refunds**

Refunds from on-campus Summer on the Point sessions are continuing to be processed by our Business Office, and **anyone who has not yet received their refund can expect to see it returned to credit card or e-check accounts by Friday, May 15.**

## **Register Today for Online SOTP Camps**

Summer on the Point is now online! [Click here](#) for descriptions and registration information.

Not all classes have supply packets; however, **any camps with supply packets will have them included in student-belonging pickups at the end of the month.** Anyone registering after Sunday, May 24, will have packets delivered to porches.

### **New sessions added include the following:**

- Speaking for Success for Middle School and Upper School;
- Voice-Over Acting for Middle School and Upper School;
- Jump Into Primary School;
- Let's Pretend drama class for Lower School;
- Creative Writing; and
- Several STEAM classes for students in Lower School and Middle School.

## **Join Us for Live Digital Chapels**

Chapels have gone live! Each division is now having one live grade-level Chapel each week, with each grade level participating in one live Chapel by May 18. Live Chapels will be recorded and made available later in the day. Prerecorded Chapels will still be made available on Wednesdays.

This week, we will be holding live Chapels for the following:

- **Seventh Grade:** Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.
- **Primary II:** Monday, May 11, at 12:00 p.m.

- **Third Grade:** Monday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m.
- **Eighth Grade:** Tuesday, May 12 at 11:00 a.m.
- **Upper School:** Wednesday, May 13, at 12:15 p.m.

Zoom links can be found in grade-level communications. All things Chapel can be found [here](#).

## Apply Today for 2020–21 AALC Docent Positions

Art à la Carte (AALC) is now accepting applications for AALC Docents, a group of volunteers who present an established art curriculum in the classroom and on field trips. Parents of rising kindergarteners through eleventh graders are invited to **apply by Friday, May 15**, at midnight. Limited spots are available. For more information, please [e-mail Kelsey Berumen](#), AALC chair.

## Virtue of the Month: Excellence

During the month of May, the St. Francis community is focusing on excellence. Our virtue verse is Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Try to memorize it as a family. You can watch [this short video](#) to learn the ASL for “excellent.”

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

## PA Reimbursement Requests Due June 1

Please be sure to turn in all check requests for any reimbursement related to the Parents Association no later than June 1, 2020. You can [e-mail Karen Rash](#) with the [request form](#) and receipts. Then, please mail a hard copy with original receipts to:

Karen Rash  
5481 Lynbrook Dr.  
Houston, TX 77056

Thanks, St. Francis parents, for helping the PA provide programs to our school community.

## Summertime Notes From the Chaplains

Fr. Wismer and Rev. Heinemann want to stay in touch with the Wolves this summer. If you would like your child to receive a note from a Chaplain, please complete [this form](#).

## **Primary School**

### **From the Division Head**

When my children were young and we had gone on a vacation, the trip home seemed to take forever. Trips were fun, but we were all weary from being away from what was comfortable and routine, and ready for re-entry to our life as we knew it. Getting back to work and school, eating normal meals at the same time each day, getting consistent hours of sleep, and having less togetherness was part of that normal routine for us.

That last hour before we reached home was the hardest. One of the expressions we used as we got closer to home was, "it's like the horse seeing the barn." That came from experiences of horseback riding on a farm. The horse may not have been enthusiastic, but near the end of the ride, he became focused and picked up his pace as soon as he got sight of the barn. He was headed home. Our long car trips were exhausting, but like the horse, we were able to find a burst of energy at the end of the trip when we knew we were close to the finish line.

I think our time at home for the last six weeks has been a little like being away from home on a trip. Some may not feel like it's been much of a vacation, but eating, sleeping, working, playing, going to school, and pretty much everything else has been out of rhythm for us.

With only a couple of weeks left in our school year, I hope you can see the barn, and have a little energy stored up for the last few miles of the trip. We know it hasn't been easy.

This past week, the nation celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the work our teachers have done throughout the year. The passion they have for your children and their work is genuine. Count yourself among the teachers we appreciate. We celebrate our partnership with you. We are so proud of the growth we see in your children, and know that without you, that would not have been possible.

Please let us know how we can help support you in these final weeks.

Take good care,

Amy Whitley, MA  
Head of Primary School

### **Primary II: Live Digital Chapel Is Tomorrow**

This week, we will be holding **live Chapel for Primary II on Monday, May 11, at 12:00**

p.m. Live Chapels will be recorded and made available later in the day. Prerecorded Chapels will still be made available on Wednesdays.

Zoom links can be found in grade-level communications. All things Chapel can be found [here](#).

## Looking Forward: Life in Lower School

Primary II parents, please join us via Zoom meeting this **Thursday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m.** to learn about various organizations and volunteer opportunities in Lower School.

- **Topic:** Life in Lower School
- **Time:** May 14, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. CT
- **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85218337393?pwd=R25QdFRpOVhocnpSZCtrSmJwSUNvZz09>
- **Meeting ID:** 852 1833 7393
- **Password:** 3PHS1g

## Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, May 11–Friday, May 22**

- *Distance Learning: Campus closed*
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**Friday, May 22**

- *Last Day of School for PS*

## Lower School

### From the Division Head

Happy Sunday, and Happy Mother's Day! I hope all moms are getting some extra love today. There is not a more challenging and important job!

Our students are continuing to take ownership of their learning by staying organized, managing their time, and persevering when faced with challenges; your kids are learning amazing lifelong lessons about resiliency. We all are amazed at how engaged the children are and how motivated they are to continue the learning process. Kids can master big challenges when we set that expectation and hold them accountable. The

teachers are continuing to follow their curriculum scope and sequence plans, and we are all so pleased with the progress that our students continue to make. When we all work together, the impossible becomes possible.

As you know, this past week was Teacher Appreciation Week. I know we all were sad that we couldn't celebrate our teachers in person. So, thank you so much for helping us make videos of the kiddos for their teachers. Everyone was so surprised and delighted to see their smiling faces, and there were many tears shed. This is just further evidence of how important our community is to everyone.

Just as you are grateful for your child's teachers, they are equally grateful for you. Here are some of their thoughts:

- "I am grateful for all the community support given by our parents."
- "I am thankful for the feeling of partnership and trust between the parents and the teachers."
- "I am grateful for the parents who take the time to share positive feedback."
- "I am grateful for the parents who have been appreciative and forgiving!"
- "I am grateful for parents who value a faith-based education and help guide their children to follow Christ and become people for others."
- "I appreciate the patience parents have shown us throughout this remote-learning experience and how they continue to help their children stay on schedule, despite all the things they are juggling at home."
- "I am grateful that the parents are flexible and patient with the digital-learning process."
- "I am grateful for parents who help spark curiosity and creativity in their children while quarantining at home!"
- "I am grateful for words of encouragement and support from so many parents during this difficult time."
- "I am thankful for the way parents have partnered with me in kind and supportive ways despite all of their other responsibilities."

Hang in there. There are just two weeks left until you can have a bit of a break. We still have very important work to accomplish in these weeks, and we will be extremely intentional about how we use every minute we have left with your children. In the following weeks, I will be providing some guidelines and ideas for preventing the summer slide, but in the meantime—stay engaged, keep encouraging your children, and keep calm. This, too, shall pass, with a tremendous amount of learning and growth for all as the result.

As always, we are here for you if you need anything. Just ask.

Cheers!

Carol Christ, MEd  
Head of Lower School

## LS Materials Exchange Is May 26

Save the date! On **Tuesday, May 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, we will be holding our Lower School materials drop-off and pickup according to the following schedule:

- **Kindergarten:** 9:00 a.m.
- **Grade 1:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Grade 2:** 11:00 a.m.
- **Grade 3:** 12:00 p.m.
- **Grade 4:** 1:00 p.m.

We will ask parents to drive through the carpool lane (afternoon direction) to bring us iPads, chargers, books, and any other school property, and we will give you your child's portfolios and any of their possessions we have at school.

More information to come in next week's *Wolf Watch!*

## Third Grade: Live Digital Chapel Is Tomorrow

Lower School will have one live grade-level Chapel each week, with each grade level participating in one live Chapel by May 18. Live Chapels will be recorded and made available later in the day. Prerecorded Chapels will still be made available on Wednesdays.

This week, we will be holding **live Chapel for third grade on Monday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m.**

Zoom links can be found in grade-level communications. All things Chapel can be found [here](#).

## Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, May 11–Friday, May 22**

- *Distance Learning:* Campus closed

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**Friday, May 22**

- *Virtual Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony: 9:00 a.m.*
- *Last Day of School for LS*

## **Middle School**

### **From the Division Head**

Believe it or not, the end of the 2019–20 school year is less than two weeks away. At the risk of repeating myself, I cannot overstate our gratitude for your partnership over the last two months. The support and feedback you've shared have been essential to our efforts to stay connected with your children. Thanks to your adjustments at home, your kids have been fantastic in their responses to our remote format. Our faculty and staff know that this would not have been possible without you, and we appreciate your support and encouragement.

While we will not have the opportunity to celebrate the end of the year in person, we are preparing a video for our 2019–20 Middle School Awards Ceremony. We plan to share this video with the community on Tuesday, May 19. Though we are not able to give all students an award, we will use this venue to recognize several community accomplishments, and we hope you will tune in and watch!

Finally, please [click here](#) to read an important announcement about our Honors Program in the 2020–21 school year.

Take care, be well, and best wishes for a great week!

Sincerely,

Chris Bertha, MA  
Head of Middle School

### **Seventh and Eighth Grades: Live Digital Chapel Is This Week**

Middle School will have at least one live grade-level Chapel each week, with each grade level participating in one live Chapel by May 18. Live Chapels will be recorded and made available later in the day. Prerecorded Chapels will still be made available on Wednesdays.

This week, we will be holding **live Chapel for seventh and eighth grades:**

- **Grade 7: Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Grade 8: Tuesday, May 12, at 11:00 a.m.**

Zoom links can be found in grade-level communications. All things Chapel can be found [here](#).

## **Breaking News: *Wolf Weekly News* Is LIVE!**

Hello, Wolf Nation! Make sure you [check out the newest version of \*Wolf Weekly News\*](#) for the latest and greatest in laughs, fun, and happiness in the virtual MS world! Please share with your students and encourage them to [e-mail submissions to Mr. Lakoski](#), and we will do our best to get them into a future edition! Go Wolves!

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Monday, May 11–Thursday, May 21**

- *Distance Learning: Campus closed*
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### **Tuesday, May 19**

- *Middle School and Community Service Awards (Virtual Ceremony)*
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### **Thursday, May 21**

- *Last Day of School for MS*
- *Eighth-Grade Graduation (Virtual Ceremony)*

## **Upper School**

### **From the Division Head**

I hope you are enjoying a fun-filled weekend! We just celebrated both Teacher Appreciation Week and National School Nurse Day, and many of our Upper School students contributed to two short videos in honor of our amazing teachers—Sra. Allub, Floyd Brown, Amy Chandler, Loure Dews-Gray, Justin Doran, Steve Eisenberg, Kathy Elder, Wendy Heinemann, Matt Jones, John Madden, Cara Matzen, Krissy Richmond, Julia Traber, and Father Wismer—and our school nurse, Debbie Toler. If you have a few minutes, I hope you'll watch the two videos linked below:

- [SFES Teacher Appreciation](#)
- [SFES School Nurse Appreciation](#)

We are about to begin the final nine days of the 2019–20 school year! Looking ahead to our final week, please **save the date of Wednesday, May 20, and make plans now to drive through South Campus sometime between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.** Coach Riley, Mr. Hicks, and I will be there to load your trunk with your child’s locker and cubby contents in exchange for any and all SFES athletics wear you need to return. Stay tuned for more information in next week’s *Wolf Watch* message.

In addition, please find the Week 8 Distance Learning Schedule below:

**WEEK 8 (May 11-15) of Distance Learning in the Upper School at SFES:**

	Time	May 11 (ODD)	May 12 (EVEN)	May 13 (ODD)	May 14 (EVEN)	May 15 (ODD)
<b>Block times =</b> synchronous online sessions	8:30- 9:00	Block 1	Block 2	Block 1	Block 2	Block 1
	9:15-9:45	Block 3	Block 4	Block 3	Block 4	Block 3
	10:00-10:30	Block 5	Block 6	Block 5	Block 6	Block 5
<b>Tutorial times =</b> practice & teacher consults (by appointment, students join online call as needed and/or requested by teacher)	10:45-11:15	Block 7	Block 8	Block 7	Block 8	Block 7
	11:30-12:00	Councils	Arts Electives	Clubs	Advisory	Advisory
	12:00-1:00 (LUNCH)	12-1pm LUNCH (students)	US Faculty Mtg. (12:15- 12:45)	12-1pm LUNCH (students)	US Faculty Mtg. (12:15- 12:45)	12-1pm LUNCH (students)
	1:00- 4:00	ODD Block Tutorials (by appointment)	EVEN Block Tutorials (by appointment)	ODD Block Tutorials (by appointment)	EVEN Block Tutorials (by appointment)	ODD Block Tutorials (by appointment)
	4:00- 4:30		PE			

**\*Middle & Upper School Chapels accessible via link on Wednesdays.**

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Here’s to a great week!

Sincerely,

Cara Henderson, EdD  
Head of Upper School

## **Mrs. Ellis + St. Francis = 😊**

Please join us in welcoming Angie Ellis to the St. Francis Upper School this fall. Mrs. Ellis will be teaching sections of Math III and IV. While earning her master's degree in math at the University of Oklahoma, she focused on inquiry-based learning and helping students understand math's relevance in their world. Mrs. Ellis's teaching background includes experience at the high school and college levels, and she comes to us most recently from Lone Star College, where she has been teaching courses in pre-calculus and trigonometry.

## **Upper School: Live Digital Chapel Is Wednesday**

Upper School will have live digital Chapel **this Wednesday, May 13, at 12:15 p.m.** Live Chapels will be recorded and made available later in the day. Pre-recorded Chapels will still be made available on Wednesdays.

Zoom links can be found in grade-level communications. All things Chapel can be found [here](#).

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Monday, May 11–Wednesday, May 20**

- *Distance Learning:* Campus closed
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### **Thursday, May 21**

- *Distance Learning:* Last Day of School for US

## **Church**

### **Fair Haven Food Pantry Collection Continues Tomorrow**

We will continue our food drive for Fair Haven Food Pantry tomorrow and Tuesday (May 11–12) from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will be collecting items in the parking lot in front of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity to those who are struggling.

Fair Haven Food Pantry could use additional volunteers for the sorting and distribution of the food items received. If you are able to help, please click this link:

[Food Pantry SignUp Genius](#). Where there are still slots to be filled and you find a time where you can serve, click the **Sign Up** button at the bottom of the time slot. When you have chosen one or more slots, click the **Submit & Sign Up** button at the bottom of the page. You will then need to put in your name and e-mail, and click the **Sign Up Now** button to finalize your time slot.

## **Moms: New Bible Study Begins May 20**

On Wednesday, May 20, we will begin a new study on the parables of Jesus that will extend through the summer. Join us Wednesdays from **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** via Zoom. Please [e-mail Allison Devlin](#) for details.

## **Join Us Online for Services**

Visit the [church website](#) for more information on our Sunday streaming services. Fr. Wismer will give a children's homily, and Mrs. Devlin will offer the Let It Shine lesson. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please join us!

## **Reading of Narnia With Fr. Wismer**

Join Fr. Wismer on Mondays through Fridays at 4:00 p.m. on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church Facebook page](#) as he reads from *The Chronicles of Narnia* on Facebook Live! (He has received special permission from the estate of C.S. Lewis to do this, but it cannot be recorded or rebroadcast—just the live version!) **He began on Monday, May 4, and will go through the end of the month.**

## **Connect With Fr. Wismer on Facebook Live**

Fr. Wismer is live on Facebook on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church Facebook page](#)! These sessions are geared mainly toward children who are of Primary and Lower School age. Join Fr. Wismer for a couple of songs, a story, a prayer, and a check-in. (And watch for the occasional special guest!)

## **Join Fr. Price for Contemplative Café**

Join Fr. David Price via Zoom for a 50-minute learning spot on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings called **Contemplative Café**.

Come experience a new kind of prayer practice. This is a chance to learn a few classic and creative practices of prayer rooted in the historic Christian tradition and widely rediscovered today. Using them will greatly benefit the believer and devotee. Examples include the following:

- **Anglican Prayer Beads**—Like the rosary, but with a Celtic twist
- **Lectio Divina**—Using Bible verses as a deep focus for prayer
- **Holy Listening**—A way to form a small group for spiritual companionship and support

Join Fr. Price:

- **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**, or
- **Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.**

Use this information to access the Zoom meetings:

- **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081?pwd=dTdiSVFIQ2xrRS9kMEhpWDJ6NUlwQT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 744 3239 1081
- **Password:** 043097

## **Join Us Online for Morning and Evening Prayer**

Join us mornings at 9:00 a.m. and evenings at 5:00 p.m. for 20- to 25-minute prayer sessions from the Book of Common Prayer, comprising a flow of Psalms and other Scriptures, plus both traditional and extemporaneous prayer.

### **MORNING PRAYER (DAILY AT 9:00 A.M.)**

- **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74430393620?pwd=N2xoNnl4L1pUQndVZzB0UTHOWkdtdz09>
- **Meeting ID:** 744 3039 3620
- **Password:** 046258

### **EVENING PRAYER (DAILY AT 5:00 P.M.)**

- **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/986428707?pwd=M0ZaMTJzcVpldGswTE1kU3NmOEx3Zz09>
- **Meeting ID:** 986 428 707
- **Password:** 002711

## **Christian Meditation: Online on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

Join us Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings for 30-minute sessions designed to help you cultivate the practice of praying with silence, stillness, and simplicity.

Experience how this quiet prayer of the heart creates a much-needed space of peace—an experience of the Christ within—in the midst of a noisy and busy world.

### **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS (4:00 P.M.)**

- **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/203726298?pwd=VHJTDDVYem8zMWVJakprZzFqUjBLUT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
- **Password:** 057417

### **THURSDAY MORNINGS (7:30 A.M.)**

- **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/286636365?pwd=ekhsLzIMT25ibUVOVDNKcCtodGYzUT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 286 636 365
- **Password:** 070054