

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 6

All School

Support Wolves Football at the Homecoming Game on Thursday!

Come out and support your Middle School Grade 7/8 football team as **the Wolves take on the Southwest Football League Shamrocks this Thursday, October 10, at 5:30 p.m. on the South Campus!** Please bring money to purchase concessions and drinks, including sliders from Tailgate Sliderz Food Truck. The Athletics Booster Club will be selling a limited selection of Wolf Wear, as well.

To see the full athletics schedule during Homecoming, [click here](#).

Sporting Clays Classic: Team and Sponsorship Spots Still Available

Be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail this week!

- [Click here](#) to view available sponsorship options. **The deadline to be included in event signage is Monday, October 14.**
- There's still time to build a team! Register yours soon via the [event website](#) or [Team and Sponsorship Commitment Form](#).
- For more information, visit the [Special Events page](#) or [e-mail us](#).

October Virtue of the Month: Scholarship

During the month of October, the St. Francis community will be focusing on the virtue of scholarship. This week, students will learn American Sign Language for the word "honor." Ask them to show you, or watch [this video](#) together!

Admissions Is on the Hunt for New Wolves

The Admissions Office is accepting new student [applications](#) for the 2020–21 school year. Please spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers about our upcoming admissions events!

SHOWCASE SUNDAY—OCTOBER 20

- **Primary School Stay and Play:** 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- **Lower School Stay and Play:** 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- **Middle School Showcase:** 1:00–3:00 p.m.

To learn more about our group tours and to register, please [click here](#).

Primary School

From the Primary I Lead Teachers

“What children learn does not follow as an automatic result from what is taught; rather, it is in large part due to the children’s own doing, as a consequence of their activities and our resources.”

—Loris Malaguzzi, *The Hundred Languages of Children*

It all began with a case of mistaken identity. A student thought he found a ladybug on the playground, and as he delightedly showed all of his classmates his green spotted beetle that resembled a ladybug (except for the obvious difference in color), he garnered much attention and inquiry from fellow classmates. After some student-led investigation and teacher support, it was discovered that this beetle was no ladybug at all, but a cucumber beetle and a garden pest.

At St. Francis, this is how many projects are born within a classroom. Project-approach learning is an important part of our Reggio Emilia–inspired approach to learning. Projects begin with student interest and can last from weeks to several months. With students driving a lot of their own learning, what is the role of the teacher? Teachers facilitate learning, support and guide students toward finding answers to their questions, and serve as co-researchers. We are learning, too. Projects integrate all content, from language arts and social studies to science and math.

St. Francis’s unique project approach to learning is one of the signature programs that sets us apart from other schools. By encouraging the children to explore, take risks, and ask questions, our approach to learning promotes curiosity, motivates children to creatively solve problems,

and ultimately instills confidence within them. Children understand that they are capable and that their voices, thoughts, and opinions are valued.

A project last year began with making applesauce. Students noticed the aroma of what they would soon discover were cloves and cinnamon. Observing and exploring these new spices revealed that they were both parts of plants. The children were fascinated to learn that cinnamon was derived from the bark of trees, and cloves were simply dried flower buds. They also discovered that the tiny dark ovals inside the apples were seeds.

It was from these observations that a yearlong project was born. With just a tiny bit of exposure and lots of curiosity, the children became eager to learn more about how such tiny, hard seeds become lush plants for eating, delicious herbs for seasoning, and beautiful flowers for picking and sharing with their friends. Students sprouted seeds; researched which plants would grow well in Houston; learned the parts of the plants; and read books on plants, fruits, vegetables, and composting.

The class learned that plants make food for themselves and rely on nutrients from the earth. This led to a study of composting. The students even had their own composter and watched as fruit and vegetable scraps decomposed into nutritious soil for the gardens. Each day, the crops were tended and the plants were measured to record growth. Insects that used the plants as both a food source and a home were observed. The crops were harvested and cooked.

Large leaves from kale, broccoli, lettuce, and cauliflower were pressed into clay and fired into serving plates for the culminating feast with families. As the parents dined on homegrown delicacies, the children performed an adaptation of Ruth Krauss's book *The Carrot Seed*.

Because children's interests are the driving force behind classroom projects, no two classrooms look alike. Each project relies heavily on interdisciplinary relationships and allows children to take ownership of and pride in their work.

As we begin October, new projects are emerging. It's an exciting time to see where children will lead us with their passion for learning. We learn alongside students, and hope you will enjoy the journey, too!

Sincerely,

Leah Burrow, Marissa Capasso, Annie Ferguson, and Andrea Scriber
Primary I Lead Teachers

Show Your Wolf Spirit for Homecoming Week

In celebration of Homecoming this week, Primary School has some fun events scheduled:

- **MONDAY:** Regular Uniform
- **TUESDAY:** Crazy Sock Day—Wear your craziest socks with the regular uniform.
- **WEDNESDAY:** Texas Pride Day—Show your pride in our great state with all things Texas. Wear the following options with blue jeans or uniform bottoms:
 - Western attire (no spurs, please)
 - Something honoring your favorite Texas team
- **THURSDAY:** School Spirit Day—Wear your favorite St. Francis gear (sports jerseys, Wolf Wear, event T-shirts, etc.) with uniform bottoms, and show your school pride!
- **FRIDAY:** Wear your favorite Wolf Wear, and be ready to cheer with the Upper School students.

Participation is optional. Uniforms may be worn if preferred.

Primary School Dining Hall Menu

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

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 7–Friday, October 11

- *Homecoming Week*
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Tuesday, October 8

- *Individual and Group Pictures (2-Day and 5-Day Pre-Primary and Primary II)*
 - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, October 9

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Thursday, October 10

- *Primary II Field Trip*

Monday, October 14

- *Columbus Day Holiday: No School*
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Tuesday, October 15

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Primary II Sings in Chapel (Owens, Staller, Hughes)*
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Wednesday, October 16

- *Chapel*
 - *Primary II Sings in Chapel (Dominick, Wiener)*
 - *Parents Association Lunch and Learn: 11:00 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall on the Main Campus*
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Thursday, October 17

- *Dads' Club Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room on the Main Campus*
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Sunday, October 20

- *Showcase Sunday Admissions Event: 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; Primary School Stay and Play for prospective families*
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Tuesday, October 22

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, October 23

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Friday, October 25

- *Sporting Clays Classic*
 - *Explore and Extend Parents' Night Out (Primary II through Grade 5): 5:30 p.m. on the Main Campus*
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Tuesday, October 30

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, October 31

- *Parent/Teacher Conferences: Primary School Student Holiday*

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope you are enjoying your Sunday afternoon!

We are looking forward to our **Homecoming Week** in Lower School! Please note the dress/uniform changes for this exciting week. The students will also be decorating the doors, and we encourage everyone to attend the many athletics events this week to support our Wolves.

Lower School students are invited to attend the girls' volleyball game in Crum Gym at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10. They will make a tunnel for the players, and special treats will be provided for our kiddos. **A Middle School football game will begin at 5:30 p.m.** There will be lots of goodies at the concessions stand, and a food truck will add an extra bit of fun to the evening. Come and join us!

In Lower School, we believe that teaching social and emotional skills is as important as teaching academic content. I'm sure you noticed in the summer reading offerings that there were books related to kindness. Picture books and novels are authentic ways to bring up discussions and to discover what being kind looks like. Each teacher received a "kindness library" for their classroom libraries, so the teachers and children have access to these books every day.

While morning meetings and closing meetings are great times for direct instruction and discussions focusing on social-emotional topics such as kindness, every moment of the day can turn into a teachable moment.

In order for you to partner with us in this endeavor, I encourage you to click [here](#) for a great article highlighting 10 parenting books that discuss how to promote children's emotional intelligence, empathy, and respect for others.

Have a wonderful week!

Carol R. Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Join Us for Second-Grade Share the Music Days

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

Each class's event will take place from 2:00 to 2:40 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room, according to the following schedule:

- Monday, November 11—McCormick
- Tuesday, November 12—Quine
- Wednesday, November 13—Pena
- Friday, November 15—Wagner

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

Show Your St. Francis Spirit During Homecoming Week

To celebrate Homecoming, Lower School will be decorating doors and has scheduled several fun dress days this coming week to show community and school pride:

- **MONDAY:** Regular Uniform
- **TUESDAY:** Crazy Sock Day—Show us your craziest socks with the regular uniform!

- **WEDNESDAY:** Texas Pride Day—Show your pride in our great state with all things Texas. Wear the following options with blue jeans or uniform bottoms:
 - Western attire (no spurs, please)
 - Something with the Texas flag on it
 - Something honoring your favorite Texas team (college or professional)
- **THURSDAY:** School Spirit Day—Wear your favorite St. Francis gear (sports jerseys, Wolf Wear, event T-shirts, etc.) with uniform bottoms, and show your school pride!
- **FRIDAY:** Free Dress—Please note the following guidelines, per the *Lower School Handbook*:
 - Skirts same length as uniform skirts
 - Shorts same length as uniform shorts
 - Solid navy or white socks in any length
 - Athletic shoes in any color
 - No inappropriate logos or advertising
 - No tank tops or spaghetti straps
 - No yoga pants or leggings

LOWER SCHOOL NIGHT IS OCTOBER 10

Join us on Thursday, October 10, in Crum Gym for our second annual Lower School Night!

- 4:45 p.m.—Arrival Time
- 5:00 p.m.—Upper School Volleyball Match

Lower School students will line up for the pregame tunnel, stand with the team for the national anthem, and receive a giveaway.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 7–Friday, October 11

- *Homecoming Week*
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Monday, October 7

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between October 6–12 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
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Thursday, October 10

- *Lower School Night:* 4:45 p.m. in Crum Gym on the South Campus
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Monday, October 14

- *Columbus Day Holiday:* No School
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Wednesday, October 16

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between October 13–19 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
 - *Parents Association Lunch and Learn:* 11:00 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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Thursday, October 17

- *Dads' Club Breakfast:* 7:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
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Sunday, October 20

- *Showcase Sunday Admissions Event:* 1:00–3:00 p.m.; Lower School Stay and Play for prospective families
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Monday, October 21–Thursday, October 24

- *Fourth-Grade ERB Testing:* 8:30–11:30 a.m.
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Monday, October 21

- *Birthday Chapel:* Students with a birthday between October 20–26 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today
- *Hearing and Vision Screenings:* October 21–23 for kindergarten, first grade, third grade, and new students

Wednesday, October 23

- *FAC Chapel: 8:05 a.m.*
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Friday, October 25

- *Sporting Clays Classic*
 - *Joyful Sounds Field Trip (Singing at Retirement Homes): 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
 - *Explore and Extend Parents' Night Out (Primary II through Grade 5): 5:30 p.m. on the Main Campus*
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Monday, October 28

- *Birthday Chapel: Students with a birthday between October 27–November 2 will receive a birthday pencil in Chapel today*
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Monday, October 28–Wednesday, October 30

- *Third-Grade ERB Testing: 8:30-11:00 a.m.*
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Wednesday, October 30

- *Dress Uniform Day*
 - *All Saints' Eucharist: 8:05 a.m.*
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Thursday, October 31

- *All Saints' Parties*

Middle School

From the Division Head

History buffs will appreciate that there is some heated debate about where and when the first homecoming occurred, but the traditions associated with homecomings date back to the 19th century. St. Francis's Homecoming has several familiar features, and it also provides an opportunity to celebrate our community and the wonderful things happening on our campuses. During SFES Homecoming 2019, adults and young people will show school pride through events centered on the arts, athletics, and our community.

We hope to see you at an upcoming performance or game, or rocking your best spirit wear when you are on campus! Go Wolves!

Best regards,

Chris Bertha, MEd
Head of Middle School

Coming Soon! New Girls' Bible Studies

Now is the perfect time to join a Bible study! Each grade level is about to begin its own Middle School girls' study, as follows:

- Tuesday, October 15, the **Eighth Grade** will begin a study called *Can You Relate? How to Handle Parents, Friends, Boys, and More*. This study by [Vicki Courtney](#) promises some great conversations as girls prepare to transition to high school. The book is available [here](#) and [here](#).
- Wednesday, October 16, the **Seventh Grade** will begin a study called *10 Ultimate Truths Girls Should Know*. This study by Kari Kampakis focuses on the 10 truths listed in [this blog post](#). The book is available [here](#).
- Thursday, October 17, the **Sixth Grade** will begin a DVD-based study called *Defined: Who God Says You Are*. This study by Priscilla Schirer helps girls find their true identity in God. The book is available [here](#).
- Thursday, October 17, the **Fifth Grade** will begin a study called *Trading Up for a King's Daughter: A-Z Secrets for Living Regally in Reality*. This study by a mother-daughter combo promises 26 thought-provoking lessons about being the daughter of a king (Jesus). This study has a guide for student reflection, a colorful book, and an optional watercolor book for the budding artist. The books are available [here](#).

All Bible studies meet before school from 7:15 to 7:50 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway. Donuts are provided by the girls on a rotating basis. We hope you will join us! For more information, e-mail [Wendy Heinemann](#).

Grade 7 Parents: Medieval Feast Meeting Is October 22

This school year's Medieval Feast is scheduled for March 27, 2020, and we need ALL seventh-grade parents involved to make this event a success!

- Please plan to attend a seventh-grade parent meeting on **Tuesday, October 22, at 7:30 a.m. in the Crum Library.**
- Dr. Staller will explain what Medieval Feast entails, and we will show a video from last year.
- We will have opportunities for everyone to sign up to assist with decorations, costumes, food, photography, etc.

Homecoming Spirit Week Starts Tomorrow

Middle School will celebrate Homecoming Spirit Week with activities on campus. We will have several fun dress days to show community and school pride. See details below for a schedule of the fun we have planned:

- **MONDAY:** Dress Uniform
- **TUESDAY:** Crazy Sock Day—Show us your craziest socks!
- **WEDNESDAY:** Texas Pride Day—Show your pride in our great state with all things Texas. Wear the following options with blue jeans or uniform bottoms:
 - Western attire (no spurs, please)
 - Something with the Texas flag on it
 - Something honoring your favorite Texas team (college or professional)
- **THURSDAY:** School Spirit Day—Wear your favorite St. Francis gear (sports jerseys, Wolf Wear, event T-shirts, etc.) with uniform bottoms, and show your school pride!
- **FRIDAY:** Casual Dress—Please note the following guidelines:
 - **Girls Casual Dress**
 - Jeans, slacks, or shorts the same length as uniform shorts (2 inches above knee)
 - Yoga pants/leggings may be worn with a shirt long enough to cover the front and back for modesty
 - No short skirts, lululemon shorts, or Nike shorts
 - No tank tops or spaghetti straps
 - No inappropriate logos or advertising
 - **Boys Casual Dress**
 - Jeans, slacks, or shorts the same length as uniform shorts
 - No inappropriate logos or advertising
 - No tank tops

Dressing up is optional. If you do not plan to dress up, please wear your regular uniform to school—you will still be a part of the celebration. If you have any questions, please contact [Marion Tolon](#), assistant head of Middle School.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 7–Friday, October 11

- *Homecoming Week*
 - *Sign Up for Council Officer Elections*
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Monday, October 7

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m. in the Chapel*
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Tuesday, October 8

- *Tuesday Schedule/Regular Uniform With Crazy Socks*
 - *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: 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the HBR; Dr. Crystal Collier will be speaking about vaping*
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Wednesday, October 9

- *Grade 5: Wednesday Schedule/Texas Pride Wear (see details above)*
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8: Wednesday Block Schedule/Texas Pride Wear (see details above)*
 - *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, October 10

- *Pathways Special Schedule/School Spirit Wear (see details above)*
- *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*
- *Pathways Assembly for Grades 5 and 6: 8:10–9:00 a.m. in the FAC*

- *Pathways Assembly for Grades 7 and 8*: 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the FAC
 - *Booster Bash*: 12:00–1:50 p.m. in the Dining Hall
 - *Fall Pep Rally (Students and Faculty Only)*: 2:35–3:05 p.m. in the Main Campus gym
 - *Homecoming Football Game (Grades 7/8 Wolves vs. Southwest Football League Shamrocks)*: Come support your Wolves as they take on the Shamrocks at 5:30 p.m. on the South Campus. Bring money to purchase sliders from Tailgate Sliderz Food Truck, plus concessions and drinks. The Athletics Booster Club will also be selling a limited selection of Wolf Wear.
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Friday, October 11

- *Friday Schedule/Casual Dress* (see details above)
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Monday, October 14

- *Columbus Day Holiday*: School closed
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Tuesday, October 15–Friday, October 18

- *NJHS Kitty Elliott Coat Drive*
 - *Grades 6–8 Sign Up for Trimester 2 Electives*: During elective classes
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Tuesday, October 15

- *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
 - *NJHS Kitty Elliott Coat Drive Musical Chairs Activity*: 10:45–11:15 a.m. (during advisory)
 - *Council Officer Speeches and Pledges Due to Ms. Crummell*
 - *Council Officer Posters Go Up*
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Wednesday, October 16

- *Grade 5: Wednesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8: 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*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m. in the Chapel*
 - *Parents Association Lunch and Learn: 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall*
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Thursday, October 17

- *Grade 5: Thursday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8: 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*
 - *Dad's Club Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room*
 - *MS Councils (Council Elections): 9:15–10:00 a.m.*
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Friday, October 18

- *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Fifth-Grade Movie Night: 5:00–7:30 p.m.*
 - *MS Fall Dance for Grades 6–8: 7:30–10:00 pm. in the Main Campus gym*
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Sunday, October 20

- *Showcase Sunday Admissions Event: 1:00–3:00 p.m.; Middle School Showcase for prospective families*
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Monday, October 21

- *Monday Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Grade-Level Group Photos Taken During Electives*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m.*
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Tuesday, October 22

- *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*
 - *Medieval Feast Parent Meeting: 7:30 a.m. in Crum Library*
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Wednesday, October 23

- *Grade 5: Wednesday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grades 6, 7, and 8: 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*
 - *Chapel: 10:45–11:15 a.m. in the Chapel*
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Thursday, October 24

- *Grade 5: Thursday Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grades 6 and 7: Thursday Block Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Grade 8: 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 Student Step-up Day (Grades 5, 6, and 7): 9:15–10:00 a.m. in classrooms*
 - *MS Student Step-up Day (Grade 8): 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the Upper School*
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Friday, October 25

- *Friday Schedule/Friday Attire: Wolf Wear or SFES spirit gear with blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Sporting Clays Classic*
- *Faculty vs. Eighth-Grade Volleyball Team: 2:35 p.m. in the Main Campus gym*
- *Explore and Extend Parents' Night Out (Primary II through Grade 5): 5:30 p.m.*

Upper School

From the Division Head

This week, I have some information and invitations related to student health and wellness to share with you. First, I invite you to join Middle School parents and Dr. Crystal Collier on our Main Campus (335 N. Piney Point) on **Tuesday, October 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room**. Dr. Collier will be speaking about vaping. She has provided the following description of her talk:

The vaping and electronic cigarette craze has swept through our nation's middle and high schools. Promoted as a "healthy" alternative to smoking, our children are subject to advertising that is simply false and misleading about vaping products. As of late, 12 people have died from vaping-related illness and hundreds more are sick. In this presentation, parents and students will have the opportunity to learn what the current scientific literature says about the real and unknown health effects of vaping and e-cigarettes. Emphasis will be placed on effective analysis of advertising messages, as well as on the risks associated with nicotine addiction. Practical, everyday parenting solutions and clinical techniques will be discussed, so bring your questions!

Our friends from The Fontaine Center will be returning to campus next week, as well. They will be meeting with Upper School students, faculty, and parents about how bystander intervention can be incorporated into school culture. If your schedule allows, **please consider joining us in Crum Loft from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 9**. Students will be learning about the same topic the next day during a special assembly time.

The Fontaine Center is also providing students and faculty with access to curriculum through EverFi. EverFi takes on some of the tough issues facing students. It is a program that teaches, assesses, and certifies students in the critical skills they need for life. Topics will include prescription drugs, mental wellness basics, and alcohol education.

All students, parents, and friends are invited to **Pack the House and Dig Pink Night on Wednesday, October 9, when the Wolves take on Saint Constantine School in Crum Gym at 5:30 p.m.** Be sure to wear pink as we support the girls' volleyball team and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Free pizza will be available for those in attendance.

Finally, I am writing you from Athens, GA, where I am attending a three-day mindfulness training as a guest of folks from The Fontaine Center. I am here with two of my St. Francis colleagues—Dr. Jared Staller and Ms. Annie Ferguson. We are learning ways to bring the practice of mindfulness (which has been linked to improved sleep, a reduction in stress, and an increase in self-compassion) back to campus for the benefit of our students. If you are interested in learning a bit more about the benefits of developing a mindfulness practice, I encourage you to read through the article linked [here](#).

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Cara Henderson, EdD
Head of Upper School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 7–Friday, October 11

- *Homecoming Week*
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Monday, October 7

- *Day 4 Schedule*
 - *Marvel-ous Monday*: Students dress as their favorite superhero
 - *Clue Rehearsal (Production Class)*: 6:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, October 8

- *Day 5 Schedule*
 - *Dress Uniform*: Crazy accessories may be worn **after** student portraits
 - *Individual and Group Pictures for US Students*: 8:30–10:00 a.m.
 - *Chapel*: 10:20 a.m. in the Andrews House
 - *Pathways Assembly for Parents*: 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room on the Main Campus; Dr. Crystal Collier will be speaking about vaping
 - *Clue Rehearsal*: 4:00–6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, October 9

- *Day 6 Schedule*
- *Wicked Wednesday*: Wear your favorite Halloween costume
- *Parent Meeting/Bystander Intervention by The Fontaine Center*: 8:30–9:30 a.m. in the Crum Loft
- *Chapel*: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House
- *Clue Rehearsal (Production Class)*: 5:00 p.m.
- *Volleyball vs. Saint Constantine/Pack the House & Dig Pink Night*: 5:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym

Thursday, October 10

- *Day 1—Special Schedule*
- *Throwback Thursday:* Dress up as anyone from the past
- *Student Assembly/Bystander Intervention by The Fontaine Center:* 9:50–10:50 a.m. in the Crum Loft
- *Clue Rehearsal:* 4:00–6:30 p.m.
- *Volleyball vs. School of the Woods:* 5:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym

Friday, October 11

- *Day 2 Schedule*
- *Dress-a-Freshman Friday:* Sophomores and freshmen are paired up to wear team/twin costumes, as chosen by the sophomores and their willing freshman participants
- *US/PS Homecoming Pep Rally:* 1:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
- *Clue Rehearsal (Production Class):* 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 12

- *St. John's Maverick Ramble Cross-Country Meet:* All day at Spring Creek Park
- *Clue Rehearsal:* TBD

Sunday, October 13

- *Clue Rehearsal:* 1:00–7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 14

- *Columbus Day Holiday:* School closed
 - *Clue Rehearsal:* TBD
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Tuesday, October 15

- *Day 3—Special Schedule/Dress Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:20 a.m. in the Andrews House*
 - *Clue Rehearsal (Production Class): 6:00 p.m.*
 - *Volleyball vs. Saint Constantine: 5:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym*
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Wednesday, October 16

- *Day 4 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the Andrews House*
 - *Volleyball vs. Post Oak High School: 5:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym*
 - *SPC/TAPPS JV Championship Cross-Country Meet: All day, away*
 - *Clue Rehearsal: TBD*
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Thursday, October 17

- *Day 5 Schedule/Regular Uniform*
 - *SPC/TAPPS JV Championship Cross-Country Meet: All day, away*
 - *Fall Narratives Released: 4:00 p.m. on the Parent Portal*
 - *Clue Rehearsal: TBD*
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Friday, October 18

- *Day 6 Schedule/SFES Spirit Wear*
- *Clue Rehearsal: TBD*

Church

New G.L.O.W. Series Started Today

In today's G.L.O.W. Bible study for students in grades 5–8, we introduced our new video series, ***Moments 'til Midnight***, about the life and leadership of Paul. During this eight-session study, students will be exploring some of the more important ideas and events of Paul's life. They will be encouraged and equipped in their own spiritual formation to make the most of the time they've been given to influence others for the cause of Christ. **Please join us for our second session next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in CE 212!**

Blessing of the Animals Is This Afternoon

Join us this afternoon, **Sunday, October 6, at 4:00 p.m.** to honor St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, by bringing your dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, etc., as we give thanks to God for His spectacular creation. We will have a short liturgy in the church followed by individual blessings in the courtyard. Your pets will also receive a special token after their blessing!

Bible Studies for Moms on Tuesdays and 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 at either (or both!) of these times:

- **Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. in CE 212 on the Main Campus**
- **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**.

Register Today for SFSA Sports

Registration is now open for basketball, T-ball, baseball, softball, and volleyball through the St. Francis Sports Association. [Click here](#) to register, and please note:

- We are happy to announce that, this year, we will be offering Primary II basketball.
- For more information or with questions about registration, please [e-mail Ragan Cain](#).

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 for *Moments 'til Midnight* to explore some of the more important ideas and events of Paul's life.
- **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.