

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 25

All School

From the Head of School

I hope all of you are enjoying this wonderful Episcopal School Sunday. On Thursday, I took time to join our fourth graders in Chapel while the service was streamed to the rest of Lower School. It was good for my spirit to be there with them, and I hope you get a chance to join them from home sometime.

As a reminder, November 11 will be the first Wednesday on campus for our students. Our faculty and staff have returned to Wednesdays on campus as well, and I know we are all looking forward to having our students here five days a week.

Along those lines, I wanted to take a moment to thank our amazing faculty and staff. In November, I plan to share a little more about what our teachers have undertaken in this new normal, and why I am so grateful to work alongside some of the best educators in the country. No matter what comes our way, they are here, working with your children while living our mission.

As always, thank you for your partnership and for being part of the St. Francis family.

Sincerely,
Steve Lovejoy, MEd

Survey Says...

Earlier this month we mentioned we would once again be surveying our parent community using a third-party to facilitate the data gathering process. Tomorrow, all parents should receive an invitation from DNI Consulting to participate in this process. We appreciate you sharing your time and thoughts with us so that we can continue to refine and provide the best experience for our students.

From the Assistant Head of School

I love the first day of school. It's predictable and almost ceremonial for me. I can't sleep the night before, always wear my mother's pearls, and have a little bit of nervousness anticipating how this beginning will set my path for the coming year. With the exception of the pearls, I think most of our students arrived the first day this year in much the same way. Returning to school this fall was different from my 39 other "first days" as an educator, and certainly from each of those in my own student career. All the planning that typically happens to prepare for a school start still took place, with the addition of a close eye on bringing our students and staff back safely, while maintaining as much of the St. Francis experience as possible.

I feel incredibly lucky that my role as assistant head of school gives me the unique perspective of spending time with students in all four divisions. I grew up in public schools that looked far different from the ones my own children, now adults, attended (growing up in Episcopal schools in Louisiana) and that provided a far different experience than what your children are gaining from their time here at St. Francis. I am envious, and often wonder how my own childhood would have been impacted by a St. Francis education.

In my career, I have witnessed many positive changes and improvements in education. As a teacher in public and independent schools, and as an administrator and parent, I've had the opportunity to see how these improvements more appropriately serve children. Through the years, science has more thoroughly informed our profession with research on how people learn. We know that there is much more involved in developing a plan for school than just deciding what the curriculum will look like. Certainly, core content areas are part of this plan, but so is attention to the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual development of our students.

It was heartwarming this week to have students physically back in our church for Chapel. It looked different, but what happens in this sacred space hasn't changed. I believe we are all comforted by knowing that some things still feel the same, and not everything has changed. We are looking forward to everyone having this experience as we safely bring students back to this special place.

While nothing has been easy about our lives in the last six months, I am grateful to have been part of each step taken to open and operate school with the challenges we have been presented. I've told my son, a first-year teacher in Fort Worth, that he's not alone. This year, we are all first-year teachers. This includes teachers, parents, and students. None of us has all the answers. We have to ask questions, listen a lot, allow ourselves to be vulnerable, take time to make thoughtful decisions, and trust one another. We're learning together.

This is history, and I'm glad to be at St. Francis in a time when our students are visibly practicing empathy, patience, and perseverance. Demonstrating resilience, creativity, and flexibility, they see that—even though things aren't the same and they're not always easy—there is still joy in being together and part of something bigger than ourselves.

Thank you for being on this journey with us.

All my best,

Amy Whitley, MA
Assistant Head of School

A St. Francis Thank-You

Did you know that parent participation in the St. Francis Fund increased from 56 percent in the 2018–19 school year all the way up to 76 percent in 2019–20? That is quite an accomplishment! We extend a huge thank-you to all of the families who made this possible.

The St. Francis Fund is our annual fundraising effort to raise unrestricted dollars, which help us recruit and retain the best faculty, support tuition assistance for families in financial need, and help offset unexpected costs like the ones associated with keeping our students safe and healthy during a global pandemic.

SchoolPass App Issues

We know many of our parents encountered errors and long load times last week as SchoolPass installed new servers to increase user capacity. If you are still having issues with the app, please try logging off (press the logout button on the home page) and then logging back in. If errors persist, please [e-mail Technology](#). Thank you for your continued partnership!

Join Us for Fellowship and a Flash Sale!

Please join us from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, in the main courtyard of Piney Point Campus or on Friday, October 30, in the northeast corner of Crum Patio on Couper Campus as we enjoy coffee and breakfast tacos courtesy of the St. Francis Fund Committee and clean out the Wolf Wear closet!

- We have a limited number of sizes and styles of last year's shorts, T-shirts, and hoodies, as well as other Wolf Wear spirit items that we would love to offer to the St. Francis community.
- We can only accept payment by check and credit card, and masks are required while shopping.

We hope to see you there!

Pumpkin Carving Contest (Now Through Grade 11!)

Students in kindergarten through eleventh grade are invited to participate in this year's special virtual St. Francis Pumpkin Carving Contest. [Click here for entry details.](#)

We Want Your Videos for Chapel!

Throughout the month of October, we will feature videos of student prayer requests in prerecorded Chapels. Submit videos via the [Contribute to Chapel Form](#).

Virtue of the Month: Commitment

During the month of October, the St. Francis community is focusing on commitment. Our virtue verse is Joshua 24:15: *“Choose this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”* Try to memorize it as a family. You can find virtue resources [here](#).

Table Talk: It's family challenge time! Challenge each family member to live out the virtue of commitment within the family. Take turns sharing about times when you saw other family members being committed.

Spread the Word! Admissions Outdoor Open House—November 7 and 8

For a taste of the authentic St. Francis experience, join us for food, fun, and (socially distanced) fellowship!

PRIMARY AND UPPER SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Saturday, November 7

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Couper Campus

LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Sunday, November 8

2:00–4:00 p.m.

Piney Point Village Campus

Primary School

From the Division Head

The Primary School is joyful and full of energy as we reach the end of October together. I would like to share a few updates and reminders with you for the weeks ahead.

We are safely resuming some of our Primary School experiences. Over the last two weeks, students have been eating in the dining areas as a class. Both students and teachers have enjoyed this refreshing change of scenery and seating while eating lunch. Another Primary School experience we are slowly and safely resuming is in-person Chapel. Planning discussions have begun with Fr. Wismer and Rev. Heinemann to have socially distanced and masked Primary II classes attend in-person Chapel once a week starting in November.

Parent-teacher conferences are next week. Lead teachers are looking forward to their time with you via Zoom to share about your child's growth and goals. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Friday, October 30, is a spirit wear day in Primary School. Students are allowed to wear a Halloween-themed shirt, fall colors, or their St. Francis uniform. Costumes are not permitted, as we will have Halloween-themed activities that involve physical movement, and we will have our usual outdoor exploration time. Dessert for the day will be Halloween cake provided by Mr. Lovejoy.

We are excited that our students will be back on campus five days a week. **Starting the week of November 9, all Monday/Wednesday/Friday students will go back to their originally scheduled days.** This applies to Pre-Primary classes (Meriwether and Britton) and Primary I classes (Scriber and Burrow).

I hope you have a wonderful Sunday, and I look forward to seeing you this week in carpool.

Sincerely,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Primary School

Primary School Picture Day

On-campus Primary School students will have individual pictures taken this week.

- **Monday, October 26,** will be picture day for 5-day Pre-Primary students, Mrs. Meriwether's 3-day Pre-Primary students, and Primary II students.
- **Tuesday, October 27,** will be picture day for Mrs. Meriwether's 2-day Pre-Primary students, Mrs. Britton's 3-day Pre-Primary students, and Primary I students.
- Primary I and II students should wear their St. Francis uniform.
- Order forms were sent home with students last week. If you are not ordering photos online, please send the order form with payment to school with your student.

- Remote students will have an opportunity for individual pictures on the scheduled makeup day during a time window when they will not cross over with their on-campus colleagues.

Modified Carpool Drop-Off Procedure for Couper Campus

We have implemented the following revised carpool drop-off procedures on Couper Campus:

- As you enter Couper Campus, remember to keep to the right and have your Primary School child seated on the passenger side. Temperature screening will take place as you approach the Crum Athletics Center.
- Having your SchoolPass app open and ready to show will assist us in keeping the carpool line moving.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 26

- *Primary School Picture Day:* For students in Mrs. Meriwether's 3-day Pre-Primary class, Mrs. Oteiza's Pre-Primary class, Ms. Zuniga's Pre-Primary class, and Primary II
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Tuesday, October 27

- *Primary School Picture Day:* For students in Mrs. Meriwether's 2-day class, Mrs. Britton's Pre-Primary class, and Primary I
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Wednesday, October 28

- *PS Parent-Teacher Conference Day via Zoom:* Student holiday
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Wednesday, November 4

- *Wellness Wednesday:* Students are remote
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Monday, November 9

- *Schedule Change:* 3-day students return to M/W/F schedule this week
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Tuesday, November 10

- *Schedule Change:* No Tuesday classes for 3-day students in classes led by Mrs. Britton
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Wednesday, November 11

- *Students' First Wednesday on Campus*
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Thursday, November 12

- *Primary School Language and Literacy Series:* "Choosing Great Literature" via Zoom, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
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Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break:* Student holiday

Lower School

From the Head of Lower School

Life in Lower School continues to move right along! The kiddos are super-engaged, learning new things and being model citizens in every way. The teachers are instructing students in whole groups, small groups, and individual conferences, based on assessment data, and we could not be more pleased with the systems we have put in place.

This week, I want to focus on remote learning. Even though many did not choose this scenario for learning, there may come a time when you have to shift and opt into this scenario. The teachers and learning specialists have researched and implemented a variety of ways to engage remote learners, and I want you to hear all the creative ways they are implementing remote instruction. The tools and tasks employed in each grade

level vary, taking into account the diverse technological and developmental needs of our students.

In addition to creative instructional strategies for remote learning, we also have new cameras in every classroom to assist in delivering clear instruction for students at home. They were on back order for months, but they are here now, and we are arranging training for the teachers in the next few weeks. We will continue to have our current cameras in place until these are up and ready to use!

ENRICHMENT TEAM

We share our screen so students at home can see everything that the classroom students see, including custom-made interactive images, audio files, and scanned images for activities—all using special SMART Board software. We also use the document camera when we need to model something for a lesson.

- In religion, Mrs. Flores supplements lessons with the Superbook Kids Bible app, giving access to a Bible at home.
- In music, Mrs. Jurick has remote students access files from Google Drive. Third graders are even submitting videos of themselves playing recorder tunes via Google Classroom!
- In STEAM, the students use an engaging app called Boom Cards, which allows our remote learners to review STEAM concepts in an interactive, game-like setting and receive immediate feedback.
- In art, students proudly share artwork displayed in their homes that was painted by family/relatives and then make the connection between their love of art and the classroom happenings. Remote students excitedly show pets and younger brothers or sisters to friends via Zoom. This assists in developing a personal connection with remote students, on-campus students, and the teacher.

KINDERGARTEN TEAM

In kindergarten, we are implementing a variety of ways to foster community through partnerships and small-group work. Our remote learners are engaging in partner work with on-campus learners via Zoom. By utilizing breakout rooms and iPads, teachers can meet with groups that include a mix of in-person students and remote learners. Sometimes we have an on-campus learner pull up a chair in front of the laptop. At other times, they will join the Zoom meeting from their iPad in class and interact with their peers who are learning at home. We have even taken iPads outside, incorporating them into our literacy celebrations. Seesaw is a great tool that all learners use to share their work and reflect upon their week.

FIRST-GRADE TEAM

It's a celebration! First grade was delighted to have an outdoor reading event with all of our students. We paired each remote learner with a partner, and everyone was excited to read together and share about how their reading habits have grown. Additionally, we have been using breakout rooms to connect our remote learners with a reading partner.

This has allowed all of our students to share their ever-growing skills in a meaningful and collaborative way.

SECOND-GRADE TEAM

One way that second grade has supported remote learners is by utilizing digital workplaces, which are games provided by *Bridges* that enable students to practice math skills and strategies. Because of digital access, students can use their iPad to engage in these differentiated workplaces. They can also be paired with a classmate in the classroom or with a remote classmate via Zoom. Using breakout rooms on Zoom allows students to play math games within a small-group setting. Remote learners enjoy interacting more personally with their classmates while they are learning.

THIRD-GRADE TEAM

During remote learning, third-grade students have utilized breakout rooms on Zoom. Breakout rooms are used both for independent work time and as a way for teachers to check in with individual students and small groups about their progress and to provide needed support. In math, students also use breakout rooms to complete math workplaces with a partner. They are able to share their screens and have discussions about their findings in math. Each content area has its own page in Google Classroom where students can complete work and watch videos about specific lessons. Additionally, students use Seesaw as a creative outlet for social-emotional learning by completing activities that offer a range of choices.

FOURTH-GRADE TEAM

To integrate remote learners into the on-campus experience, fourth grade has in-person students log into Zoom in order to directly interact with their peers at home through math workplaces, social-emotional learning time, and Morning Meeting. Students also use Flipgrid to collaborate and share various projects. Flipgrid is an app that allows students to record and upload videos of projects that are completed outside of school. In STEAM, students studied the transfer of energy and then created Rube Goldberg projects. They shared their projects with classmates through Flipgrid, and peers were able to view and comment on each other's work.

A huge focus has been trying various ways to engage remote learners with their in-person classmates. We want students to feel part of their class, whether they are remote or on campus. Know that your teachers and learning specialists are putting in all their effort and problem-solving along the way to cultivate the most optimal learning environment for your children.

We are so blessed to have this amazing group of dedicated, selfless educators. As you can see, we have some stellar teachers. We all entered the field of education knowing there are not a great deal of tangible rewards; our children are our daily rewards. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our learning community.

Appreciatively,

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Fall Frenzy Week!

Next week, we are going to show our school spirit by taking part in Fall Frenzy Week. All students are invited to participate in the following themed Fall Frenzy events. We hope everyone joins in the fun, but students can certainly wear their normal school uniform if they choose.

FALL FRENZY SCHEDULE

- **Monday:** Pajama Day
- **Tuesday:** Favorite Jersey or Sports Team T-shirt Day
- **Wednesday:** SFES Spirit Wear Wellness Wednesday
- **Thursday:** Western Wear Day
- **Friday:** Costume Day

All Saints' Day Celebration Is October 30

We will be celebrating All Saints' Day on Friday, October 30. Students will be having parties in their classrooms, and we have added a twist of fun, allowing students to come in friendly costumes. Costumes should be appropriate for the St. Francis environment. Avoid coloring hair, decorating skin, and painting faces. Please leave any props or accessories to the costume at home. Costumes should allow students to fully participate in the classroom, PE, and recess. If you have any questions regarding the costume guidelines, please reach out to your teachers. We are looking forward to celebrating with the kids!

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, October 28

- *Wellness Wednesday*
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Friday, October 30

- *All Saints' Day Parties:* Teacher-led in the classroom
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Wednesday, November 4

- *Wellness Wednesday*
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Wednesday, November 11

- *Students' First Wednesday on Campus*
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Friday, November 13

- *Report Cards Online*
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Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break*: Student holiday

Middle School

From the Division Head

Though the weather has only been intermittently cool this fall, the season offers a host of exciting opportunities. Imminent among fall traditions is the recognition of All Hallows' Eve and the traditional celebrations and rituals surrounding Halloween. We are excited to share that the upcoming week is a fall-themed spirit week culminating in Friday's first-ever St. Francis Fall Frenzy. Our Middle School Assistant Head for Student Life Marion Tolon shares the details of the event below.

Regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

St. Francis Fall Frenzy: A Note From the Assistant Head of Middle School for Student Life

As we all know, this year is different in so many ways, but that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun. Since our usual fall activities, like the dance and movie night, are postponed so that we can maintain our safety measures, we've been trying to come up with something to give us all a little extra enjoyment. Our solution is ... St. Francis Fall

Frenzy.

I'm sure you all just asked, "What is Fall Frenzy?" Fall Frenzy is a way for our grade levels to unite in a common Middle School activity. Fall Frenzy is a **week of special dress** that will allow students to show their personalities and school spirit. The week **culminates on Friday, October 30**, with a grade-level theme day, special activities, and a cookout on the field with music. Special dress days are listed below in the "Mark Your Calendars" section.

Please consult the excerpt below from the *Middle School Handbook* for appropriate dress guidelines:

CASUAL DRESS DAYS

On Casual Dress Days, students are expected to follow dress code guidelines and may also wear appropriate T-shirts and blue jeans.

- *Leggings permitted with long T-shirts*
- *Jeans, slacks, or shorts the same length as uniform shorts*
- *No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys except over a T-shirt*

Please feel free to [e-mail me](#) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Marion Tolon
Assistant Head of Middle School for Student Life

A Taste of Upper School for Eighth-Grade Families

Join us on **Wednesday, October 28**, for a virtual event to learn more about the dynamic high school experience that awaits our rising freshmen! [RSVP here.](#)

This Week's Wolf Weekly News is Live!

[Click here](#) to get all the breaking student-life news, with your hosts Coach T and Mr. L spotlighting the good news going on in our community! Please share this with your students, and encourage them to e-mail submissions to [Mr. Lakoski](#). We will try our best to get them into a future edition. Go Wolves!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 26

- *Pajama Day*

Tuesday, October 27

- *Twin/Triplet Day*

Wednesday, October 28

- *Wellness Wednesday Schedule*
- *Jersey Day*
- *Taste of Upper School (Virtual): 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

Thursday, October 29

- *Western Wear (Cowboys/Cowgirls)*

Friday, October 30

- *Special Schedule*
- *Grade Theme Day*

Wednesday, November 4

- *Wellness Wednesday Schedule*

Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break: Student holiday*

Upper School**From the Division Head**

Last week, Mr. Lovejoy visited one of our morning meetings and shared with Upper School students and faculty on the importance of knowing and living our St. Francis

mission. As a reminder, our school's mission is the following: "In the Anglican tradition, St. Francis Episcopal School challenges and motivates students in an academically and spiritually stimulating environment to become imaginative, critical thinkers and *people for others*."

What are the words from our mission statement that resonate most strongly for you? I appreciate the active verbs—our charge to "challenge" and "motivate" students and one another. I appreciate it when we recognize that our words, our actions, and our behaviors serve as models for others.

It is important for us to strive to be our best selves, even in—and perhaps most especially during—challenging circumstances. The students involved in our Community Service Club are providing students and families with just that opportunity. Please enjoy a message and invitation from tenth grader Hannah O. and eleventh grader Dylan W., who encourage us all to lean into being *people for others*.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Cara Henderson, EdD
Head of Upper School

People for Others: A Message From Hannah O. and Dylan W.

The Community Service Club has been on a roll this year! As we navigate new and sometimes challenging circumstances, we are excited to share information with you about two active projects that would benefit from your participation:

- The first project is a letter drive. Club members are **writing letters of encouragement to current COVID patients** at The Methodist Hospital. Uplifting written messages truly make a difference in these patients' lives; it has been a joy to see the transformative power of a few kind words.
- Additionally, the club is **accepting donations for low-income families**, who have been disproportionately affected by COVID. Acceptable donations include nonperishable foods, blankets, sheets, pillows, cleaning supplies, common household items, and school supplies.
- We encourage all St. Francis students and families to join the Community Service Club's journey of becoming "people for others," and we are so excited for this upcoming year.

Some additional projects for our fellow Wolves to look forward to this school year are weekend opportunities at the food bank, and possibly even a return to the Audubon Society! (As a reminder, the Audubon Society is both a sanctuary for injured or sickly animals and an organization that aims to protect all endangered species.)

The Community Service Club strives to uphold the mission and guiding principles of St. Francis Episcopal School. All contributions are deeply appreciated—together, we really can change the world!

Hannah O., Class of 2023

Dylan W., Class of 2022

Upcoming Week's Schedule Reminder (October 26–30)

Ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders (from both the on-campus and remote-learning scenarios) will [follow the linked schedule this week](#). This Monday, October 26, is an even day in our rotation, which means that students will attend even block classes (2, 4, 6, and 8). Tuesday, October 27, is an odd day, which means that students will attend odd block classes (1, 3, 5, and 7). And, the rotation from even day to odd day continues from there.

Appropriate Student Wear in the Upper School

Beginning in Trimester 2 (November 9), Upper School students are expected to wear (1) either a St. Francis uniform top (polo or oxford style) OR a St. Francis T-shirt and (2) uniform bottoms (shorts, pants, or skirts of the appropriate length) OR solid-colored athletic shorts of the appropriate length.

- We define “appropriate length” as below the end of your fingertips when your arms are fully extended by your sides.
- For the remainder of Trimester 1 (October 26–November 6), Upper School faculty and staff will provide students with reminders of these expectations. Beginning in Trimester 2, non-compliance with the expectations outlined above will result in behavioral consequences.
- Please refer to the *Upper School Handbook* (linked under the “Division Resources” tab in the Parent Portal) for more information about the St. Francis school uniform (pp 41–43) and the consequences for school dress code violations (p 61).

Modified Carpool Drop-Off Procedure for Couper Campus

Couper Campus's modified carpool drop-off procedures are as follows:

- As you enter Couper Campus, remember to keep to the right and have students seated on the passenger side. Having SchoolPass open and ready to show will assist us in keeping the carpool line moving.
- For Upper School parents of student drivers, please plan to turn right and pull into a parking spot when you reach the temperature-takers at Crum Athletics Center. Once the car is in park, a St. Francis staff member will approach the driver's side of the parked vehicle to take the student driver's temperature and to

view the parent's SchoolPass Wellness Check. Once cleared, the student may get out of the vehicle, and the parent will take the student's place as driver. We ask that you exercise caution when backing out of the parking space and turning right at the stop sign prior to driving around the circle and out the security gate.

Student Driving and Parking on Couper Campus

Please review the SFES Student Driving and Parking Expectations, linked [here](#).

- After reading and discussing the SFES Student Driving and Parking Expectations linked above, all qualifying tenth- and eleventh-grade students may complete and submit the SFES Parking Permit Application 2020–21, linked [here](#).
- Approved eleventh-grade student drivers are invited to begin driving to campus on Monday, October 26. These students are expected to comply with the SFES Student Driving and Parking Expectations at all times; noncompliance will result in a loss of these privileges.
- Approved tenth-grade student drivers are invited to begin driving to campus on the first day of Trimester 2—Monday, November 9. These students are also expected to comply with the SFES Student Driving and Parking Expectations at all times; noncompliance will result in a loss of these privileges.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Henderson [via e-mail](#) or at 713.458.6360.

From the Director of College Counseling (for Parents of Students in Grades 9 and 10)

College Counseling's Freshman/Sophomore Parent Night will be held on Tuesday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m. Zoom details are below. The program will serve as an introduction to our services, along with an overview of what to expect over the next few years.

- **Topic:** Freshman/Sophomore Parent Night with College Counseling
- **Time:** Tuesday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m. CT
- **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81610708629?pwd=b0RTUmd5VkRIWmVGQzJaVXppZ1k4dz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 816 1070 8629
 - **Passcode:** 3iq93K

The program is by no means required, and students should not attend. The session will be recorded for parents who have conflicts. Please contact [Steven Scales](#) with any questions you have.

A Note About Early Dismissals

Please review the following guidelines related to early dismissals:

- Remember to share notifications of early dismissals through the “Update Attendance” button in Veracross. Without this notification, we may be delayed in dismissing your child.
- We are only able to excuse absences for early pickups with a doctor’s note or the permission of the Head of Upper School.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 26

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, October 27

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, October 28

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Thursday, October 29

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, October 30

- *Even Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
- *Parent Fellowship, Coffee Bar, and Booster Pop-up Store: 8:15–10:00 a.m. in Crum Gym*

Monday, November 2

- *Odd Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*

Tuesday, November 3

- *Even Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*

Wednesday, November 4

- *Odd Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*

Thursday, November 5

- *Even Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*

Friday, November 6

- *Special Schedule*
- *Trimester 1 Ends*

Monday, November 9

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *Trimester 2 Begins*
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Tuesday, November 10

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, November 11

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *Students' First Wednesday on Campus*
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Thursday, November 12

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Friday, November 13

- *Odd Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
- *Report Cards Online*

Church

We Are Open for In-Person Worship!

The Holy Eucharist will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. We will also offer an evening Eucharist on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all those who are ready to return. For those who are not comfortable returning to in-person worship, we will continue to live stream our worship service on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. via Facebook.

- We will be working under the guidelines and protocols for your safety as originally approved by our bishop and vestry. In-person worship guidelines are available [here](#).
- Because only a limited number of the congregation can be safely seated according to the distancing guidelines, it will be necessary for you to let us know you plan to attend the worship services. We have created a SignUpGenius for that purpose. Go to the St. Francis Episcopal Church website (sfch.org) and

click "Return to Worship Information." You will need to sign up each week, indicating the date you would like to come to worship.

- We pray for your patience and grace as we work out adhering to the guidelines and safely gathering for worship. Once you reach the church doors with your masks on (masks are required for adults and children 2 years and older), you will be guided through the process of being seated. Individuals and families will be seated by ushers. Most likely, you will be able to choose whether you will be seated in the Transepts or the Nave. You will not get to decide exactly where you sit. The distancing guidelines will dictate exactly where people are seated by our ushers.
- Obviously, if you are ill, have a fever, or are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, or are in a high-risk health group, we recommend you stay at home and continue to worship with us online. (Click [here](#) for a list of high-risk conditions.) If you are 65 years of age or older and otherwise healthy, you are welcome to worship if you choose.
- We welcome your children to worship, but will not have Children's Sunday School or childcare available during the services at this time. Mrs. Devlin's Sunday School lessons will continue to be broadcast online at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Wismer will be giving a children's homily.
- Ushers will assist you in maintaining the 6-foot safe distance between one another from the time you leave your vehicle until seated. Families may sit together. A distance of 6 feet will be maintained between individuals and/or families. Seating will be in every other pew, and the congregation will receive the communion wafer while in their pew. We will all stand for the Great Thanksgiving, as doing so will help us maintain the safe-distancing guidelines.
- Bulletins and offering baskets for your donations will be available as you are seated. We ask you to refrain from any congregational singing, passing of the peace, and kneeling; nor will the plate be passed during the service. These are all part of the bishop's guidelines.
- The celebrant and priest will administer the bread of the Eucharist to you while in your pews, and you may remove your mask to consume the wafer and put it back on afterward.
- After the dismissal by the priest, please remain seated until dismissed by the ushers by row. We ask for your cooperation to return to your home and not gather in groups outside.

Join Fr. Wismer for *The Goodnight Show* on Tuesdays

Join Fr. Wismer for *The Goodnight Show* on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. Preschoolers, younger school children, and the young at heart can enjoy music, stories, and prayers . . . and you can send in requests! It is the perfect way to relax and get ready for bed.

[Click here to watch on the St. Francis Episcopal Facebook page.](#)

How to Watch Sunday Service Via Live Stream

If you would like to join St. Francis Episcopal Church's **9:00 a.m.** or **11:00 a.m.** Sunday service via Live Stream, here's how to watch:

1. Open the Internet browser on your computer, laptop, or phone. Type in the St. Francis website—sfch.org.
2. Click on the **“Live Stream Services”** button. (*You don't need a Facebook account to watch.*)
3. **On the Facebook menu bar (just above the “About” section), select “More” and then, from the drop-down menu, click on “Videos.”** This will open a page showing all videos.
4. Prelude music will begin on the live stream 15 minutes prior to the service to allow time for your connection and for your inspiration. Once the live stream is in progress, you just need to click on the video. If you miss the live video, a recording of the service will also be available on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church website](#).

Watch Let It Shine! on YouTube

We'll continue to put the Let It Shine! videos on the St. Francis YouTube channel, but we've created a dedicated channel for Let it Shine! This is a great way for us to reach children everywhere with these amazing Bible-based video teachings by Allison Devlin, our director of family ministry.

- Please share this channel with anyone you might know who has children and who's looking for entertaining, informative videos that help lead children to Jesus.
- [Click here to visit the channel](#). **Be sure to like, subscribe, and turn on notifications!**

Teens, Join Us for GLOW!

Middle and high school students are invited to participate in weekly lessons and discussions. Meet via Zoom on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

- A NEW series began Sunday, October 18! Learn about the Nicene Creed—why we say it, and how it applies to our daily lives.
- For further details, contact [Allison Devlin](#).

Moms, Join Us for Bible Study

The **SFES Moms' Bible Study** is on **Fridays at 11:00 a.m.**, led by **Allison Devlin**, director of family ministry. Here's a note from Allison about the study:

This fall, we will begin our study with a book by Jeannie Cunnion called [Mom Set Free](#). I hope you will join me on this journey of faith and fellowship!

As moms, we're under constant pressure. We have to get it right in all areas of life—work, home, family, and faith—because our children's futures hinge on our ability to perfectly orchestrate the present.

But those impossible standards leave us oscillating between worry, fear, anger, and shame. They threaten to steal all the wonder from parenting, life, and our personal relationship with God.

In this seven-session study, we will discover how the gospel message can empower you to parent in the freedom of God's sovereignty, so that you can breathe deeper, walk lighter, and enjoy your children—and the parenting journey—more than ever before.

Please contact Allison Devlin via [e-mail](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting details.

Moms in Prayer

Join other mothers for a time of prayer together on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Please contact Allison Devlin via [e-mail](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting details.

Share Your Prayer Requests Online

Share your prayer requests with us using the “Prayer Requests” link on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church home page](#). Please feel free to submit prayer requests for yourself or for someone you know. All prayer requests are confidential and will not be added to the spoken prayer list, but will be prayed for by our staff and Pastoral Care Council over a two-month period.

Upcoming Events at St. Francis

St. Francis is hosting the following events on a regular basis via Zoom. To join an event listed below, please click the provided link or copy and paste it into your web browser's address bar. Then, enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Proverbs
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/651248716>
 - *Passcode required to join; e-mail Louise Richman to participate.*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [Lew Arend](#)
- Monthly on the second Tuesday at 8:00–9:30 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Men of St. Francis (TMOSF)
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86142658053?pwd=THE3Nm0xcW1DeHhCdWMYUIEramldz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 861 4265 8053
 - **Passcode:** 0AbyWs

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933291372?pwd=MTVmV284bDFzanlvcS9mVzZJNFowZz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 819 3329 1372
 - **Passcode:** 330576

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS—BIBLE STUDIES AND MEETINGS

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** GLOW
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4394746544>
 - **Meeting ID:** 716 183 992
 - **Passcode:** 476823
- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00–7:15 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** The Goodnight Show
 - **Contact:** [Fr. Bob Wismer](#)
 - [Facebook Live Stream](#)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND PRAYER

- Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298?pwd=VHJTDDVYem8zMWVJakprZzFqUIBLUT09>

- **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 057417
- Wednesdays at 7:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Prayer Session (We read Scripture and go through a prayer cycle of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession.)
 - **Contact:** [Heather Burkhart](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74720562513?pwd=VWpsVy9WN01LVkdSbEI4NlVJTjlxZz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 747 2056 2513
 - **Passcode:** 678123
- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081?pwd=dTdiSVFIQ2xrRS9kMEhpWDJ6NUlwQT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 744 3239 1081
 - **Passcode:** 043097
- Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298?pwd=VHJTtDVYem8zMWVJakprZzFqUIBLUT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 057417
- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081?pwd=dTdiSVFIQ2xrRS9kMEhpWDJ6NUlwQT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 744 3239 1081
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