

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of November 1

All School

Watch the Current Video Update

Head of School Steve Lovejoy shares some exciting news in his most recent video update. We've made even more progress toward enhancing our students' St. Francis experience—[click here](#) to get the latest!

From the Head of School

Our first ever Fall Frenzy week lived up to its name! With different dress themes each day, our students' school spirit and creativity were on full display. This week also saw us celebrate our recently completed construction projects with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony for our brand new multi-sport turf field on Couper Campus and the newly renovated gym on Piney Point Campus—both made possible by our generous donors. (For a time-lapsed look at the construction, please enjoy the following videos: [Piney Point Campus Gymnasium](#) and [Couper Campus Turf Field](#).)

While the weather was cooler, it was heartwarming to see some of our parents at our Wolf Wear flash sale event—special thanks to our St. Francis Fund committee who provided breakfast treats. We were also thrilled to be with our eighth-grade families on Wednesday at our virtual admissions event, *A Taste of Upper School*. Speaking of admissions, our Outdoor Open House events will take place on November 7 and 8 (see below for details). We are always looking for great families to join the pack, so please [help us spread the word!](#)

Sincerely,
Steve Lovejoy, MEd

Reminder: Survey Deadline Is Tomorrow

Thank you to all of our parents who have already participated in our survey. As a reminder, **the survey will close tomorrow—Monday, November 2—at 11:45 p.m.** We appreciate you sharing your thoughts with us as we strive to provide the best experience for our students.

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 Campus

A Special Something for Our Grandparents and Grandfriends!

It may feel like the world's been turned upside down, but we still want to show our grandparents and grandfriends how much we love them and let them know we are always thinking of them!

- If you have not already done so, please be sure to go to your profile on the Parent Portal and update your grandparent information. This will ensure they receive a special little something from their grandchild in a few weeks.
- If you have a special grandfriend you would like for us to send something to, please complete [this form](#).

Congratulations, Pumpkin-Carving Contest Winners!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's virtual Pumpkin-Carving Contest. There were so many wonderful pumpkins, it was hard to choose the winners (listed below). Keep a lookout in next week's *Wolf Watch* for a video with pictures of the winning pumpkins.

- **Best of Kinder:** Rachel Van Hook for “Angry”
- **Best of First Grade:** Caroline McShane for “Tiny Pumpkin House”
- **Best of Second Grade:** Mia Campbell for “The Colorful Witch”
- **Best of Third Grade:** Anice Thompson for “Cat-o-Lantern”
- **Best of Fourth Grade:** Tilley Horton for “Hop on Over”

- **Best of Fifth Grade:** Shay Sonneborn for “Dios de Los Muertos Sugar Skull”
- **Best of Sixth Grade:** Sarah Stringer for “Tortoise’s Wild Hot Air Balloon Ride”
- **Best of Eighth Grade:** Gus Montgomery for “La Piña”
- **Best in Show:** Fourth grader Elle Wuertz for “Jane Doe”
- **Best in Show Runner-Up:** First grader Mae Zorich for “The Granny”
- **Best in Lower School:** Second grader Kallie Gordy for “Wilber the Prize Cow”
- **Best in Middle School:** Sixth grader Mallory Mailhes for “Pumpkin Pop”
- **Best Family:** Avery, Elliot, and Oliver Mackel for “The Claw”
- **Most Original Design:** Fourth grader Blake Chisholm for “Da Poacher”
- **Most Outrageous:** Second grader Madeleine McMahan for “Hot Glue Scare”
- **Funniest:** Fourth grader Ava Vondra for “Wellness Wednesday”
- **Scariest:** Third grader Michael Alexander for “Happy Jack-o-ween”
- **Most Detailed:** First grader Taylor Brown for “Sugar Skull”
- **Most Unique:** Second grader Campbell Newell for “Day and Night”
- **Most Adorable:** Kindergartener Emory Wuertz for “Apple Magic and Baby Fleur”
- **Best TV Character:** First grader Anderson Newell for “Pokémon Pumpkin”
- **Silliest:** Second grader James Hinton for “Color Hair”
- **Meanest:** Kindergartener Thomas Pace for “Hungry Pumpkin”
- **Grossest:** Second grader Marianne Van Noort for “Bloody Pumpkin”
- **Spirit Award:** Kindergartener Ash Ali for “Go Wolves”
- **Best Food:** First grader Kennedy Little for “Berry Over 2020”
- **Best Person:** Third grader Valentina Tadlock for “The King”
- **Best Animal:** First grader Tucker Knight for “Lion”
- **Most Clever:** Second grader Wyatt August for “Life Sentence”
- **Faculty:** All of Lower School Faculty for “Sesame Street”

Virtue of the Month: Gratitude

During the month of November, the St. Francis community is focusing on gratitude. Our virtue verse is 1 Chronicles 16:34: *“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”* Try to memorize it as a family. You can find virtue resources [here](#).

Table Talk: What is the first image or story that comes to mind when you hear the word “gratitude”?

Primary School

From the Division Head

As I walk through the building visiting classrooms, children often hand me work that they have made. I’m always impressed and inspired by our students’ creations and their expressions of appreciation. Please take a look at the new paintings hanging in my office—created by Mary Margaret Leachman in Mrs. Staller’s Primary II classroom (in purple) and Malone Garrison in Mrs. Oteiza’s Pre-Primary classroom (in orange). These are two of the many great artists we have in the Primary School.



Our Reggio-inspired approach encourages children to use over 100 languages to express themselves. From art to building with blocks, to telling stories, and more, our student-centered approach aligns with our St. Francis mission of creating imaginative students.

We value all student artwork in the Primary School. [Here is an article](#) that provides advice on giving feedback to children on their artwork. I hope this article helps you in responding to and engaging your child in conversation about their art.

Sincerely,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Primary School

Primary School Language and Literacy Series

Thanks to everyone who attended our Language and Literacy session last Thursday. If you were unable to attend, [here](#) is a link to the presentation. We hope to see you at our next session on Thursday, November 12, at 9:00 a.m.

Step-Up to Lower School Is November 18

Before you know it, you will be moving up to Lower School—and now is a great time to learn about your next step! Our Step-Up to Lower School program will introduce current Primary School parents to all of the innovative teaching methods used in Lower School. You will also hear from Head of Lower School Carol Christ and her team about the joyful daily life of Lower School students and all of the ways St. Francis helps them grow into confident young leaders.

Join us on **Wednesday, November 18, at 9:00 a.m.** on Zoom to learn about our educational philosophy, Episcopal identity, curriculum, athletics program, fine arts, and much more!

- **Join Zoom**
Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84149575286?pwd=ZfVqNWhJSzJjR20vVWhQZWY2SHpSdz09>
- **Meeting ID:** 841 4957 5286
- **Passcode:** LSwolves

Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming. [RSVP here.](#)

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, November 4

- *Wellness Wednesday:* Everyone is remote; campus closed
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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
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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 Division Head

I hope this finds you enjoying some cooler weather this weekend! We had such a fun time last week with our Fall Frenzy days and our All Saints' party on Friday. We missed seeing all of our parent volunteers, but everyone had a great time.

Last week, I highlighted some creative ways teachers are engaging with remote learners. This week, I want to share some snapshots from the classrooms. You will see how everyone is cognizant of our safety protocols while enjoying time with classmates and teachers.

Here is a picture from kindergarten during Reader's Workshop. Students learned that one of their reading superpowers is "Partner Power," or working with their reading partner when reading gets tricky!



Third graders recently shared their "small moment" personal narrative stories with one another. Working in groups of three or four students, they took turns reading their narratives aloud and writing compliments for one another.

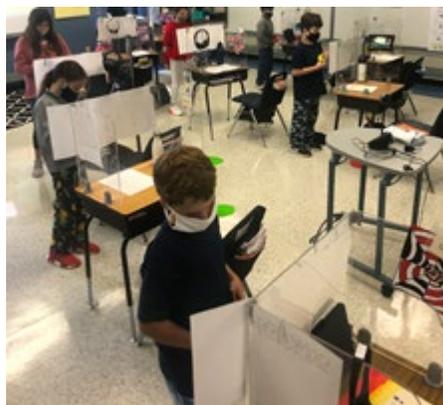


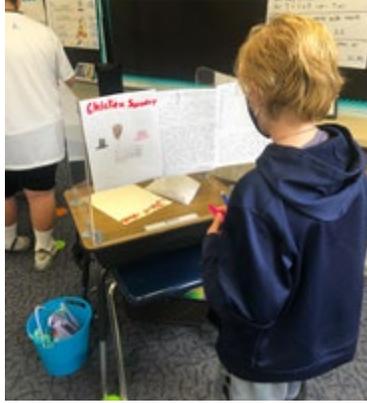


Third-grade math students have also been working hard on multiplication strategies, specifically the doubling strategy, in their small groups.



In fourth-grade humanities, students celebrated their hard work on their five-paragraph essays by participating in a Literary Essay Gallery Walk. They clipped their essays to the front of their shields, and readers gave compliments to other authors in the room. Wow—did you say fourth grade? Impressive!





First graders recently had a great time drawing along on their whiteboards as they engaged in a “listen and draw” story during drama class!



Second graders have been exploring linear measurement using a variety of tools.





During math, kindergarten students explored number lines on the Promethean board and by playing the math workplace “Scrambled Numbers” in pairs.



As you know, the **students are returning to school on Wednesday, November 11.** We will be running a slightly different schedule beginning Monday, November 9, to accommodate on-campus learning on Wednesdays. Nothing will change for parents—school still begins at 8:15 a.m. and dismisses at 3:05 p.m./3:25 p.m. The protocols we have in place now will not change, either. The students’ class times will simply be adjusted a bit. The teachers will post the new schedule on Seesaw next week.

I hope your first week of November is a great one!

Cheers!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Chapel Update—LIVE Zoom and Birthdays

With the shift to [LIVE Zoom Chapels](#), the way we celebrate birthdays will change. Birthdays will be celebrated for the entire month while the grade level is in attendance. Celebrations of November birthdays will be as follows:

- **Thursday, November 5:** Second-grade birthdays
- **Monday, November 9:** First-grade birthdays
- **Wednesday, November 11:** Kindergarten birthdays
- **Monday, November 16:** Fourth-grade birthdays
- **Wednesday, November 18:** Third-grade birthdays

Mr. Kochel will read the names. Students will stand in the pew, and we will try to get them on camera. The community will sign “happy birthday” and Fr. Wismer will bless them.

Though you can’t join us in person, please join us via [Zoom](#) to celebrate our November birthdays!

Mark Your Calendar

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*

Tuesday, November 17

- *Makeup Picture Day*: Individual pictures will be taken in the FAC
 - 8:15–9:00 a.m. for remote learners
 - 9:00–10:00 a.m. for those needing retakes or who were absent/not on campus on the original date
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Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break*: Student holiday

Middle School

From the Division Head

Believe it or not, **the first trimester ends this Friday, November 6**. We have learned a great deal in our opening trimester, and we have been in a constant state of evaluating the efficacy of the procedures and policies we enacted at the start of this school year. As we look forward to our students' returning to campus five days a week, we had cause to critically examine our schedule.

Specifically, we have been asking ourselves questions about how our community's needs will change as we bring more activities back to campus and welcome students back on Wednesdays. This process led us to a decision to alter our schedule and use time differently (and better!) to accomplish our academic and cocurricular goals for the year. This decision was not made lightly, and the timing is auspicious as the five-day return of our students, the first week of this new schedule, and the start of a new trimester coincide **the week of November 9**.

The "Middle School Schedule Overview" section below outlines the major features of our new schedule, and the links under "Schedule Views" will take you to images of how the schedule will work for your child(ren) in a given week. As with all major changes, we believe you should have an opportunity to hear more detail and engage with us about our new time model. To that end, **we will be hosting a Zoom call about our new schedule on Wednesday, November 4, at 8:30 a.m.** If you are unable to make the meeting, we will have a recording available in next week's *Wolf Watch*. The link to the Zoom meeting can be found near the end of this letter.

As always, thank you for your time and partnership. We appreciate you and all you do to support our students and school!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

- The new schedule takes effect on Monday, November 9.
- The updated schedule places academics on rotating blocks with five distinct “schedule days.”
 - Schedule days are labeled A, B, C, D, and E.
 - Students have four 65-minute classes each day.
 - Each class meets three times (at different times of day) in the five-day rotation.
- Some activities are linked to the day of the week, while others are linked to the schedule day.
 - Chapel, advisory, and honors/study hall blocks are linked to days of the week.
 - Academic classes, and their order, are linked to schedule days.
- Lunch, advisory check-in, recess, and our athletics/seminar blocks will continue to meet daily.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This model increases meeting time in each class by 15 minutes per week.
- Classes meet one less time per week, but class meetings are 20 minutes longer than our current schedule.
- “Period 7” meets twice during each five-week rotation and offers opportunities for special programming.
- A block of time after lunch/recess allows for a variety of academic and cocurricular activities.
 - **Mondays and Fridays:** Study hall
 - **Tuesdays and Thursdays:** Honors meetings and/or study hall
 - **Wednesdays:** Club meetings

SCHEDULE VIEWS

- [Click here to see the fifth- and sixth-grade schedule.](#)
- [Click here to see the seventh- and eighth-grade schedule.](#)

ZOOM MEETING INVITATION

- **Topic:** MS Schedule Parent Meeting
- **Time:** Wednesday, November 4, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2214046355>
- **Meeting ID:** 221 404 6355
- **One Tap Mobile:** +13462487799,,2214046355# US (Houston)

In partnership,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

MS Athletics: Winter Sports Update

We are excited for winter sports to begin this coming week. While our practice and game protocols will be much different than in previous winter seasons, we are very glad that our students will have the opportunity to participate. We will offer boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, wrestling training/conditioning, and MS Physical Education (MSPE). Please [click here for details](#) on practices, games, and safety protocols.

MS Pictures: Remote Students and Retakes/Makeups

Steve Simpson Photography will be on the Piney Point Campus for Middle School photo retakes and makeups and for remote-student photos on **Tuesday, November 17, in the FAC.**

- Remote students will have their photos taken between 8:15 and 9:00 a.m., with retakes/makeups to immediately follow.
- If you are a remote student or you missed the original photo date, please visit www.prepayorders.com and use the code: SFEMIDDLE2020 to purchase your photo packages.
- If you are wishing to have your photo retaken, please bring your original photos with you to give to the photographer.
- Please contact the Middle School Office if you plan to have your photo taken during this time or if you have any questions.

View Grades Online Through Tomorrow

Grades are viewable (October 30–November 2) through the Student and Parent Portals.

- Thank you for encouraging your student to initiate contact with her or his teacher if there is a question or concern about a grade. We appreciate you working with us to help develop the skills of self-advocacy and taking personal responsibility for one's academic progress.
- If a question or concern remains, we invite you to contact your advisor via e-mail, copying your child on the message. Your advisor will respond to your message in a timely manner.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, November 4

- *Wellness Wednesday Schedule*
 - *MS Schedule Parent Meeting: 8:30-9:30 a.m. via Zoom*
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 - **One Tap Mobile:** +13462487799,,2214046355# US (Houston)
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Friday, November 6

- *End of Trimester 1*
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Monday, November 9

- *New MS Schedule Begins*
 - *"A" Day*
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Tuesday, November 10

- *"B" Day*
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Wednesday, November 11

- *"C" Day*
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Thursday, November 12

- *"D" Day*
-

Friday, November 13

- *Trimester 1 Report Cards Online*
 - *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, November 17

- *Pictures for Remote Students:* 8:15-9:00 a.m. in the FAC
 - *Makeup Pictures for On-Campus Students:* 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the FAC
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Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break:* Student holiday

Upper School

From the Division Head

Please enjoy a message from Dr. Jared Staller and Dr. Bill Black, who coteach the Analysis of Social Issues class for our eleventh graders this year. Their message reminded me of a quote from the recent National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Independent Ideas blog. David Cutler (a history, government, and journalism teacher at an independent school in Massachusetts) writes, “Tough conversations are vital if students hope to leverage what they learn in the classroom to make their voices heard and have an impact. These discussions also help cultivate patience, strength, and wisdom to know when to listen.”

If you haven’t already done so, don’t forget to make your voice heard through your vote on Tuesday!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Cara Henderson, EdD
Head of Upper School

Practicing Civic Responsibility and Civil Discourse

Like so many other “firsts” that have occurred in the last few years, this is the first national election that our Upper School community has had the opportunity to participate in. Of course, this year isn’t only a presidential election, but even we veteran voters can’t seem to help but get a little more excited when the stakes of the election potentially involve a change of leadership at the highest level.

Dr. Black and I have had the great pleasure of observing the upcoming election with our eleventh graders in the humanities component of our Analysis of Social Issues course.

Perhaps the most exciting thing to happen so far has been to hear the experiences of our first student who is old enough to be an eligible voter and who has—like many Texans—voted early. Bryce has been so generous in sharing his experience with our class, and as educators it has been fun for us to see his excitement.

It's been equally gratifying to watch the other students silently and attentively listen to him describe what it is like to participate in the governance of our nation. The students have made us, their teachers, proud as they've displayed empathy and generosity of spirit through the process of observing the election in class. We talk about the election every day and, though there have been disagreements, critiques, and difficult questions, the students have demonstrated the courage to be people for others in the words they give and receive.

These interactions remind us of the awesome power that elections have to bring us together and rededicate us in our obligation as citizens of a nation. Over the next days and weeks, the excitement and anticipation of the election will fade to disappointment for some and joy for others. But these moments of excitement before the election are equally important as we participate in, observe, and learn about the voting process and renew the bonds of community that transcend party and bind us as Houstonians, Texans, and Americans.

Warm regards,

Jared Staller, PhD, Humanities Chair
Bill Black, PhD, Upper School Humanities and Writing Faculty

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Upcoming Week's Schedule Reminder (November 2–6)

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

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 questions.

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, November 2

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

- *Odd Day*
 - *Remote-Learning Schedule:* All students connect to classes from home
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Thursday, November 5

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, November 6

- *Special Schedule*
 - *Trimester 1 Ends*
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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*
 - *Freshman/Sophomore Parent Night With College Counseling:* 6:00 p.m. via Zoom; details on joining the Zoom meeting to follow
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Wednesday, November 11

- *Odd Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
- *Students' First Wednesday on Campus*

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*
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Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 18

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Thursday, November 19

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

Friday, November 20

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

Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break*: Student holiday

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 livestream our worship service on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Access the livestream via our church [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), or [Facebook page](#). Instructions for livestreaming are included at the bottom of this section.

- In-person worship guidelines are available [here](#).
- NOTE: Sunday School has started again and will be held outside to maintain safe distancing.
- Only a limited number of congregation members can be safely seated according to the distancing guidelines. To ensure we comply with these guidelines, you will need to sign up each week, indicating that you would like to come to worship. To do so, go to the St. Francis Episcopal Church [website](#), click "Sign Up for In-Person Worship," choose the date, and sign up to attend the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service.

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. on the [St. Francis Facebook page](#). 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.](#)

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. Please contact Allison 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 (New study on the Gospel of Mark beginning November 4)
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/651248716>
 - *Passcode required to join; e-mail Louise Richman to participate.*
- Fridays at 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - **Study:** *Mom Set Free* by Jeannie Cunnion
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - *E-mail Allison Devlin for meeting location*

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. (Next meeting is November 10)
 - The Men of St. Francis (TMOSF)
 - **Study:** The Gospel of Mark
 - **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/86423240761>
 - **Meeting ID:** 864 2324 0761
 - **Passcode:** sW9R20

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81068388948>
 - **Meeting ID:** 810 6838 8948
 - **Passcode:** 767200

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS—BIBLE STUDIES AND MEETINGS

- Sundays at 10:30–11:30 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** GLOW
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4394746544>
 - **Meeting ID:** 716 183 992

- **Passcode:** 476823
- Tuesdays at 7:00–7:15 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** The Goodnight Show
 - **Contact:** [Fr. Bob Wismer](#)
 - [Facebook Livestream](#)

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>
 - **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/72098767051>
 - **Meeting ID:** 720 9876 7051
 - **Passcode:** 678123
- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081>
 - **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>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 057417
- Thursdays after carpool drop-off
 - **Meeting:** Prayer Session
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - *E-mail Allison Devlin to get meeting location*
- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081>
 - **Meeting ID:** 744 3239 1081
 - **Passcode:** 043097

How to Watch Sunday Service Via Livestream

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

1. Open an Internet browser on your computer, laptop, or phone. Type in the St. Francis website—**sfch.org**.
2. Click on the “**Watch Live Stream**” button. Choose to watch from the website or from Facebook or YouTube.
3. Prelude music will begin on the livestream 10 minutes prior to the service to allow time for your connection and for your inspiration. If you miss the live video, a recording of the service will also be available on St. Francis's [YouTube channel](#).