

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of January 31

All School

Watch the Replay of Tuesday's Community Update

A big thank-you to everyone who tuned in to Tuesday's St. Francis Connections session with Board Chair Kate Denham and Head of School Stephen Lovejoy. The update included information on **St. Francis's ongoing response to COVID-19, tuition for the 2021–22 school year, and progress on our strategic plan**, along with **answers to questions** from our St. Francis community.

If you missed it—or just want to revisit the provided information—you can [watch the replay here](#).

From the Head of School

This week at our Connections Series, I discussed the 14-day quarantine recommended by the CDC. After reviewing our protocols and the most recent St. Francis data, we have determined that it is in the best interests of our students to minimize the time required in quarantine. We know children learn best when they are in person with their teachers and peers. To that end, we will begin recognizing the CDC's abbreviated quarantine allowance. Students designated as "close contacts" of a confirmed COVID-19 individual will be allowed to return to campus:

- After seven days from the date of exposure, if they receive a negative PCR test result. **The test must occur on day five or later, and results must be submitted to HealthResponse@StFrancisHouston.org prior to your child's return. Please note that we will not accept rapid test results.**
- After 10 days from the date of exposure without testing.

After stopping quarantine, you should continue to:

- Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.
- If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact your local public health authority or health care provider.
- Wear a mask, stay at least six feet from others, wash your hands, avoid crowds, and take other steps to [prevent the spread of COVID-19](#).

I also wanted to share that I have designated **February 12 as a school holiday** for faculty, staff, and students. One thing this pandemic has made very clear is that the mental health of the entire St. Francis community is paramount, and I think a long, four-day weekend will do us all a world of good.

I am aware that for each person who is in enthusiastic support of these changes, there will be others who are not. Please rest assured that we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our community, and these adjustments have been made after much thoughtful and careful deliberation. We believe this abbreviated quarantine time will best serve the needs both of our students and of all the rest of us who are longing for a more normalized St. Francis experience.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week!

With appreciation,

Steve Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

Online Re-enrollment Opens Tomorrow

We want you to come back to the pack! Online re-enrollment opens tomorrow—Monday, February 1. **Please check your e-mail for details and specific instructions on how to re-enroll.**

Spirit Store Item Updates

*As a reminder, **before commissioning any items that are St. Francis-branded (for example, with the school name, logo, or mascot), the design must be pre-approved by the St. Francis marketing and development departments. If there is something in particular you would like to see added to the St. Francis Spirit Store, please contact [Christie Crummel](#).***

Please note that the following **new items** have been added to the St. Francis Spirit Store:

- Long-sleeve Comfort Color shirts in various colors
- Vineyard Vine long-sleeve shirts (Remaining inventory is up; when it's gone, it's gone!)

Out-of-stock items include those from brands such as Nike, Badger, Richardson, and Boxercraft, which are experiencing manufacturing/production issues due to COVID-19. Therefore, you will see some items noted as “out of stock” in the store. We are told to expect inventory this spring. This is an unusual situation that PEGG Products has never experienced before, and we apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your continued support and understanding.

- **Link:** https://stores.inksoft.com/STFRANCIS_HTX_SPIRITSTORE/shop/home
- **Password:** wolves

Please note that there are **no exchanges or returns if the wrong size is ordered**—be sure to check the size charts. Samples in size Large are available on the Piney Point Campus. E-mail [Christie Crummel](mailto:Christie.Crummel) to coordinate access to samples.

Sign Up to Send Teachers Valentine’s Day Cards!

The Parents Association invites you to warm the hearts of our teachers by sending them a Valentine’s Day thank-you card!

- Parents and students who would like to write Valentine’s Day thank-you cards to our teachers, please [click here to sign up](#). Feel free to sign up for more than one teacher.
- Please **mail your card to the address below before February 8** to ensure that our teachers receive their cards before Valentine’s Day:

<Teacher Name>
<Teacher Department>
St. Francis Episcopal School
Attn: Christie Crummel
335 Piney Point Rd.
Houston, TX 77024

- If you are writing a teacher on the Piney Point Campus and have questions, please [e-mail this address](#). With questions related to writing a teacher on the Couper Campus, please [e-mail this address](#).

Primary School

From the Division Head

Our Primary School Reggio-inspired program offers the best early childhood learning experience in the city of Houston. Students are encouraged to ask questions, and they are supported in their collaborative project work with classmates as they seek and find answers to their inquiries.

There are many common instructional practices and student-centered encounters that seamlessly connect the Primary and Lower School. Much like in Primary School, literacy instruction in Lower School is differentiated. Teachers pull instructional groups that meet students where they are and support their individual growth in meaningful ways.

Our kindergarten students' literacy instruction is rooted in reading and writing workshops, as it is throughout Lower School, where they have daily opportunities to practice their ever-expanding reading and writing skills in meaningful and collaborative ways. Additionally, kindergarteners engage in various other literacy experiences, including read alouds, shared reading, differentiated word work, and work with sight words.

The strong literacy foundation that our students build throughout their Primary School journey sets them up for success in Lower School. Every year our kindergarten teachers marvel at how much their students grow as readers and writers. Much of this growth is made possible by the strong literacy foundation nurtured in Primary School.

Another Primary and Lower School connection is our math curriculum, *Bridges in Mathematics*. This hands-on, research-informed curriculum starts in Primary II and continues throughout Lower School. **When our students enter kindergarten, they are always excited about playing math games that resemble the ones they used in Primary II.** These games are purposefully designed to help grow their understanding of foundational math concepts and skills. Students also participate in problem-solving activities that help strengthen their reasoning and higher-level thinking skills. All of this is done in differentiated small groups, which allow teachers to target instruction in order to meet individual student needs. It is always reaffirming to hear the kindergarten teachers share about how eager their students are to grow as mathematicians!

As students transition from Primary School into kindergarten and beyond, they are set up for success due to the **intentional alignment of core subject areas** and **the use of instructional best practices**. Our St. Francis faculty members continue to work collaboratively across the four divisions to ensure that students gain deep understanding and knowledge through meaningful experiences.

All the best,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, February 4

- *Language and Literacy Series: 12:00–1:00 p.m.*
 - [Click here to join the Zoom Meeting](#)
 - **Meeting ID:** 405 176 2292
 - **Passcode:** wolves
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Friday, February 12

- *School Holiday:* No classes
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Monday, February 15

- *Presidents' Day:* No classes
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Monday, February 22

- *PS Spring Check-in Parent Meeting:* 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
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Wednesday, February 24

- *Teacher Inservice:* Student holiday
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Friday, February 26

- *Darla McNay Rodeo Day:* Students may dress in Western wear (no guns or spurs)
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Thursday, March 4

- *Language and Literacy Series:* 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Monday, March 15–Friday, March 19

- *Spring Break*

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope you have had a great week! With our re-enrollment period upon us, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a bit about next year. At this week's Town Hall meeting, Steve shared that, for our Lower School students, **drama will be incorporated into the curriculum next year**. The teachers will be planning ways to continue to build expression, speaking, and presentation skills into all areas of the curriculum. We know that integrated instruction is what is best for learning, and we are excited to find ways to make this change to improve your child's experience!

Speaking of opportunities for practicing oral skills, **we will continue to provide ways for students to deliver presentations to others, including parents!** Educational research tells us that when students participate in real-life learning experiences and have an authentic audience, their interest and engagement increases dramatically.

In years past, we had an event called Declamation. This event began as a springtime poetry presentation for parents. In recent years, we found that not every grade level, indeed, studied poetry in April. Because of that, Declamation sometimes became an artificial experience for our students—which is, of course, counterproductive to the flow of the curricular experience.

We have shifted to make these presentations more authentic in nature, instead choosing to spread them throughout the year, coinciding with the flow of our curriculum. For example, second grade participates in an integrated research project on animals and biomes, which culminates with our students sharing their expertise with parents and friends. Fourth grade concludes a humanities unit on the Civil War with a wax museum, where the students present their research findings from the perspective of various characters from this time period.

These are meaningful, authentic learning experiences that showcase the work students are doing. We are finding ways to integrate even more interdisciplinary project work into our already rich curriculum. While we are unable to have you join us on campus right now for these presentations, **we will find ways to share these moments with you.** Stay tuned!

As Steve explained, one more change for next year will be a late start to school once a month. **This precious time will allow us to dig deep into some professional**

development both within our division and across divisions. This exciting work will allow us to make progress in the important task of aligning all four divisions and making sure the St. Francis experience is consistent from Pre-Primary through twelfth grade.

The focus will be on learning how to reach all students, no matter where they are in their academic journey. We are blessed to have a wide range of learners with varying abilities, interests, and passions, which makes our student population so rich. We must ensure all of our teachers are equipped with the instructional strategies to address these various needs so that each student can meet his or her full potential in all areas. Professional development topics across every division will focus on research-informed practices in gifted and talented education, differentiation, and best practices in effective assessment/student feedback.

In Lower School, we have been learning about these important topics over the past several years, and our curricular approaches lend themselves to these practices; but, we can never stop improving our craft! We are committed to this work, and appreciate your help with late starts once a month. With varying divisional schedules and after-school athletics, it is not possible to have this cross-divisional, meaningful professional development work after school, so thank you for your cooperation!

I hope that you enjoyed reading your child's "What I Love About St. Francis," which was mailed to you earlier this month. I had a chance to peek at a few (I actually read them all!), and from their perspectives, life in Lower School is pretty great! We treasure each child who walks through our door, appreciate your willingness to trust us with them, and look forward to more great things to come!

Fondly,

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 8

- *100th Day of School!*
- *Bring Valentine's Day Cards:* February 8–10 (NO gifts or treats attached)

Thursday, February 11

- *Valentine's Day Parties:* Teacher-led in the classroom

Friday, February 12

- *School Holiday*: No classes

Monday, February 15

- *Presidents' Day*: No classes

Wednesday, February 24

- *Teacher Inservice*: Student holiday

Thursday, February 25

- *LS Spring Check-in Parent Meeting*: 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914109581>
 - **Meeting ID:** 889 1410 9581
 - **Passcode:** wolves

Middle School

From the Division Head

We have learned a great deal in our efforts to live with, and conduct school during, the COVID-19 pandemic. In the first half of the year, we settled into a structure that initially met our objective of having students on campus five days a week.

In the past few months, we have closely watched, monitored and—as Steve mentioned—evolved our procedures and protocols, while listening to feedback from students, faculty, and parents. We are thankful that we have been able to keep our campuses open to the majority of our students this year. We also recognize that there have been hardships and challenges for stakeholders across the St. Francis community. As a result, **we are making several updates to our Middle School practices that we believe will enhance the student experience for the remainder of the year.**

- First, **we are continuing with the cohort model, but adding student movement between classes.** Each faculty member will occupy one classroom, and students will travel to their teachers' rooms with their cohort. In addition, students will have flexibility and choice in where they sit during lunch, and we will allow students to mix, with masks on, during recess.
- Second, **our two “Period 7” blocks—on “A” and “B” days—will be designated times for students to engage across cohorts,** and we will resume the practice of silent independent reading (SIR).
 - One of these blocks will be dedicated to social activities, and the other will become designated SIR time.
- Third, **we are reworking our approach to academics and class activities.** Two significant adjustments include less screen time for in-person students and more student-to-student interaction during classes.
 - Student computers are valuable tools that have provided all learners increased access to information, but students are using computers for longer periods than desired.
 - Social distancing is an integral part of keeping our students healthy, but there are safe ways to reintroduce group work and other class activities that satisfy our wellness protocols while providing a more engaging environment to Middle School students.
 - Faculty will continue to make all resources and information available online, but will be asking students to safely engage with their teachers and peers on a consistent basis.

Putting these practices into action also requires your help. Our Middle School team will be conducting **asynchronous class sessions on Wednesday, February 10, and Thursday, February 11**, while we move classrooms, conduct team meetings, and refresh our academic plans. This means students will be at home Wednesday and Thursday and will log onto classes remotely. **Additionally, school will be closed on Friday, February 12.**

We appreciate your partnership and support as our team works to provide a more engaging and productive environment that will benefit our students, parents, and teachers.

Best regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

Mask Reminder and Process

Our commitment to health and safety has been a constant this year, and our best defense against the spread of germs and illness is our masks. As a reminder, students are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth at all times while in the building. If a student is not wearing a mask, or is not wearing a mask properly, our

faculty and staff will follow the process below to help us keep our community as healthy as possible:

1. Faculty and staff will offer the student a reminder.
2. The student will be reminded by the teacher and a member of the Middle School admin team.
3. The student will have a conversation with a member of the admin team, with a parental follow-up.
4. The student will be sent home and will attend school remotely for a minimum of three days.

Middle School Athletics Details

With a number of our coaches and students off campus next week, **we are moving the start date for the Middle School spring sports season to Monday, February 8.** Students will report to their first practice on this date. Details and contact information are as follows:

BASEBALL

- **Time:** 3:10–4:30 p.m.
- **Piney Point Campus:** Practice and carpool
- **Program Head Coach:** [Mike August](#)

SOFTBALL

- **Time:** 3:10–4:30 p.m.
- **Piney Point Campus:** Practice and carpool
- **Program Head Coach:** [Don Hicks](#)

GIRLS LACROSSE

- **Time:** 3:10–4:35 p.m.
- **Couper Campus:** Practice and carpool
- **Program Head Coach:** [Jamie Platt](#)

BOYS LACROSSE (SKILLS AND CONDITIONING)

- **Time:** 3:10–4:15 p.m.
- **Couper Campus:** Practice and carpool
- **Note:** No games are scheduled at this time, as roster numbers are still very low. Interested players will practice skills and work on conditioning during practice time.
- **MS Head Coach:** [Pouria Sarvi](#)

COED TRACK AND FIELD

- **Time:** 3:10–3:50 p.m.
- **Piney Point Campus:** Practice and carpool
- **Note:** The official meet schedule is still TBD at this time. We will update the schedule once we have more information from host schools.
- **MS Head Coach:** [Jeff Garner Sr.](#)

COED GOLF

- **Off Campus:** Practice on own
- **Note:** Specific details shared via e-mail by Coach Lakoski to interested golfers.
- **MS Head Coach:** [Ted Lakoski](#)

COED TENNIS

- **Time:** 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- **Off Campus:** Practice two to three days per week
- **Note:** Roster size will be limited due to facility availability. Specific details will be shared via e-mail to the parents of interested tennis players.
- **MS Tennis Contact:** [T Riley](#)

MS PE

- **Time:** 3:10–3:50 p.m.
- **Piney Point Campus:** Class and carpool
- **Teachers:** Dawson, Willoughby

We are also pleased to announce that **we are working on plans to bring spectators back, in a limited capacity, to our home games this spring.** Stay tuned for more details. We can't wait to welcome fans back to campus to cheer on our Wolves!

Buy Your Yearbook Ad Today!

Parents of eighth graders and community businesses, please take this opportunity to purchase an ad in the 2021 edition of *The Howler*, St. Francis's yearbook. Yearbook ads are a great way to commemorate your children's experiences at St. Francis, celebrate special teams or clubs, or show your business off to the entire SFES community. Full- and half-page ads are available. [Click here](#) for complete details.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 1

- *"B" Day*
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Tuesday, February 2

- *"C" Day*
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Wednesday, February 3

- *"D" Day*
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Thursday, February 4

- *"E" Day*
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Friday, February 5

- *"A" Day*
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Monday, February 8

- *"B" Day*
-

Tuesday, February 9

- *"C" Day*
-

Wednesday, February 10

- "D" Day
 - *Asynchronous Remote Learning for All MS Students*
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Thursday, February 11

- "E" Day
 - *Asynchronous Remote Learning for All MS Students*
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Friday, February 12

- *School Holiday: No classes*
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Monday, February 15

- *Presidents' Day: No classes*

Upper School

From the Interim Head of Upper School

I hope you have all marked your calendars for **Thursday, February 4, at 12:00 p.m.** for our **Upper School Parent Check-in**. We'll have updates on our current work in the division, let you know the status of our head of Upper School search, and discuss some of our plans for the 2021–22 school year. Please join us by clicking the link below.

- **Join the Zoom**
Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83155655051?pwd=U2dwL3Ercnd0bzBNdGhUL1RSQWNCdz09>
- **Meeting ID:** 831 5565 5051
- **Passcode:** 919373

I see great things happening in our division. Our students are tackling challenging work by attending morning tutorials, working together on projects, representing our school through athletics, and planning for the spring performance of *The Crucible*. Our teachers are developing meaningful content with real-world applications; supporting students in advisory classes, clubs, and councils; and having conversations about life after high school.

We learn so much from our students each day. They are learning in ways that we could not have imagined possible even one year ago. They are creative, resourceful, strong, and resilient. I continue to be impressed with the way they support one another and work together as a community.

We are eager to share more about life in Upper School and our plans for the future. **If you are unable to join us on February 4, we will make the recording available later that day.**

Thank you for your continued support of all of us in Upper School.

Take good care,

Amy Whitley, MA
Assistant Head of School/Interim Head of Upper School

Upper School Athletics Update

The Upper School spring sports season is scheduled to begin the week of February 8. Interested students and parents should have already received specific details about their sport selection. If you did not receive this information, please [contact T Riley](#).

We are also pleased to announce that we are working on plans to bring spectators back, in a limited capacity, to our home games this spring. Stay tuned for more details. We can't wait to welcome fans back to campus to cheer on our Wolves!

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 1

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, February 2

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

Wednesday, February 3

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

Thursday, February 4

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *Upper School Parent Check-in: 12:00 p.m. via Zoom*
 - **Join the Zoom**
Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83155655051?pwd=U2dwL3Ercnd0bzBNdGhUL1RSQWNCdz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 831 5565 5051
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Friday, February 5

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Monday, February 8

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, February 9

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

Wednesday, February 10

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

Thursday, February 11

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

Friday, February 12

- *School Holiday: No classes*
-

Monday, February 15

- *Presidents' Day: No classes*
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Tuesday, February 16

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

Wednesday, February 17

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

Thursday, February 18

- *Odd Day*

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

Friday, February 19

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

Church

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 Facebook or YouTube.
3. Prelude music will begin on the livestream 10 minutes before the service to allow time for your connection and your inspiration. If you miss the live video, a recording of the service will also be available on [St. Francis's YouTube channel](#).

The Bishop Is Coming on February 7

On Sunday, February 7, the **Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso**, bishop assistant in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, will visit St. Francis. He will **preach and complete confirmation at the 9:00 a.m. service** and **preach at the 11:00 a.m. service**. If you have not had an opportunity to hear or visit with our diocesan bishops, join us at either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. You don't want to miss this!

Middle School Bible Study: A Note From Allison Devlin

I want to invite your children to experience the struggles and triumphs of Christian as he travels along the narrow path to the Celestial City, and discover how the characters and places in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* apply to your child's spiritual journey.

- **Who:** Middle School students
- **What:** Bible study and fellowship
- **When:** Every Sunday, after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service (started January 24)

- **Where:** CE212 (GLOW room, upstairs above the church office; we will stay socially distant with masks on)
- **Why:** Often disguised as something that would help him, evil accompanies Christian on his journey to the Celestial City. As you walk with him, you'll begin to identify today's many religious pitfalls. These are presented by men such as Pliable, who turns back at the Slough of Despond, and Ignorance, who believes he's a true follower of Christ when he's only trusting in himself. Each character represented in this allegory is intentionally and profoundly accurate in its depiction of what we see all around us, and unfortunately, what we too often see in ourselves. But while Christian is injured and nearly killed, he eventually prevails. So can you!

This study is awesome, and I hope you decide that your child will participate. Please [let me know](#) so I can order them a book. If your child would prefer to attend virtually, there will be a Zoom option available.

A Note for High School Students and Parents From Allison Devlin

We are starting a new activity for our high school-aged teens at St. Francis Episcopal Church!

- **Who:** High school teens
- **What:** Dinner and Bible study
- **When:** Every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (started January 27)
- **Where:** Houston Racquet Club
- **Why:** Come experience the struggles and triumphs of Christian as he travels along the narrow path to the Celestial City, and discover how the characters and places in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* apply to your spiritual journey. Often disguised as something that would help him, evil accompanies Christian on his journey to the Celestial City. As you walk with him, you'll begin to identify today's many religious pitfalls. These are presented by men such as Pliable, who turns back at the Slough of Despond, and Ignorance, who believes he's a true follower of Christ when he is only trusting in himself. Each character represented in this allegory is intentionally and profoundly accurate in its depiction of what we see all around us, and unfortunately, what we too often see in ourselves. But while Christian is injured and nearly killed, he eventually prevails. So can you!

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MAM Volunteer Opportunities

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) needs volunteers for its ReSale Store and Warehouse at 1625 Blalock Road and is hoping for help from families and friends of our congregation and school.

- MAM is following all safety protocols—masks and sanitizer are provided; social distancing is practiced; and the shift size is limited to six people.
- If your child or group needs service hours, this is a great opportunity to fulfill the requirement.
- Please check the dates available in this [SignUpGenius link](#) and sign up to help—either on your own or in a group.
- For additional information, contact our church liaison, Andrea Eubanks, [via e-mail](#) or 713.859.1448.

In-Person Worship

The Holy Eucharist is offered at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. We 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](#).
- Only a limited number of participants can be safely seated according to the distancing guidelines. To ensure we comply with these guidelines, please sign up each week, indicating 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 through the SignUpGenius app to attend the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service.
- Let It Shine! has resumed each Sunday for pre-K to middle school (see below).
- GLOW for our teens is held in person after the 9:00 a.m. service in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall (additional information below).

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.](#)

Let It Shine! In-Person and on YouTube

Join us for in-person Let It Shine! Children's Bible Breakout: All children from Pre-K to middle school are invited to participate. Children will learn lessons from the Bible, act out Bible stories, memorize key verses from Scripture, and pray together outside following safe-distancing guidelines.

The Let It Shine! videos are available on the St. Francis YouTube channel, with a dedicated channel for Let it Shine! This is a great way for us to reach children everywhere with 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 is looking for entertaining, informative videos to 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!

GLOW is now meeting in-person after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service. We meet, wearing masks and socially distanced, in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Middle and high school students are invited to participate in weekly lessons and discussions. The Zoom option is available for those who are unable to attend in person.

- In the current series, learn about the Nicene Creed—why we say it, and how it applies to our daily lives. You may purchase the book *Hope for Us* through Amazon.
- 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 two months.

Upcoming Events at St. Francis

St. Francis is hosting the following events regularly 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 (Current study on the Gospel of Mark)
 - **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 January 13)
 - 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 10:15–10:45 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](#)
- Wednesdays at 6:30–8:00 p.m. (Every other Wednesday; next meeting is February 10, 2021)
 - **Meeting:** Teen Dinner and Bible Study
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - **Location:** Houston Racquet Club

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:** 05741
- 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 at 8:15–8:45 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/79725936159>
 - **Meeting ID:** 797 2593 6159
 - **Passcode:** 678123
- Thursdays after carpool drop-off
 - **Meeting:** Prayer Session
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - *E-mail Allison Devlin to get the 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