

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of February 21

All School

From the Head of School

What a week this has been! Many of our faculty, just like you, have not had power, Internet, and water. However, we have stayed in touch and are taking care of those in need. Whether going through devastating weather events or a pandemic, St. Francis community members continue to pull together, show resilience, and support one another. I am proud and honored to be part of this amazing, selfless school family.

As of this morning, we have power and water on both campuses, and we are ready to bring back our students and faculty. **In-person instruction will begin again on Monday, February 22.** Explore and Extend will be available, and extracurricular activities will return to their regular schedules. In light of the water boil advisory, we are asking **students to bring their own bottled water each day** to supplement the limited supply we have on campus. Additionally, we are relaxing our uniform guidelines this week.

Finally, you will notice that there are no letters from division heads this week, as I have asked them to remain focused on taking care of their teachers and preparing for delivery of instruction next week. I think we are all ready to return to some normalcy and to continue providing an engaging, rigorous, safe, and fun learning environment; I know we all are ready to be together again!

Please take care of yourselves and each other. We look forward to seeing you soon.

In partnership,

Steve Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

Summer on the Point Camp List Now Available!

Due to the power outages and campus closures, the full update regarding Summer on the Point 2021 will be posted on the school website later in the week. However, we are providing a full list of camps via the link below to help you plan.

- Please [click here](#) for a listing of camps that will be offered for summer 2021. Additional camps may be added after spring break.
 - Summer on the Point 2021 camps will take place June 7–July 2 and July 12–August 6. **Registration will open the first week in March.**
 - Camps for summer 2021 will include our popular discovery camps, technology, science, art, cooking, fashion design, sports, games and challenges, academic review, and more!
 - Classes for students in Primary I through Upper School are included in the schedule, and there are several academic and technology classes available both virtually and in-person for Middle and Upper School.
 - JumpStart courses for Primary and Lower School are open only to St. Francis students for 2021, as class sizes are more limited than usual.
- Check the website for our procedures regarding COVID-19, which will be similar to those used during the school year.

New COVID Dashboard on Portal

In case you missed it, there is a new COVID Dashboard on the right side of the Parent Portal. It is updated weekly and lists the number of active cases and total year-to-date cases for students and faculty/staff.

COVID and Travel Safety

If your family has plans to travel over spring break, please keep in mind that the remote-learning option is available upon your return. Contact your division office if you would like to make arrangements. You may also want to [visit the CDC website for additional guidelines](#) related to travel and COVID-19.

New Items Added to Spirit Store

*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 items have recently been added** to the St. Francis Spirit Store:

- Wicking Fleece Quarter-Zip Pullovers in four colors; youth, ladies, and adult sizes
- Sport-Wick Fleece Hooded Pullovers in three colors; youth and adult sizes; two different imprint designs
- 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.

Primary School

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 22

- *Primary School Parent Check-in Meeting:* 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81895466837?pwd=RTJGS05tUGdiU0FMdS9zbUdWTnE4QT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 818 9546 6837
 - **Passcode:** 646864

Friday, February 26

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

Thursday, March 4

- *Language and Literacy Series*: 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4051762292?pwd=dndPZGJRMEYb1dIUHg0THBTR3RSdz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 405 176 2292
 - **Passcode:** wolves

Monday, March 15–Friday, March 19

- *Spring Break*

Wednesday, March 24

- *Early Dismissal*: 11:00 a.m.

Friday, April 2

- *Good Friday*: School holiday

Monday, April 5

- *Easter Monday*: School holiday

Wednesday, April 21

- *Parent Conference Day*: Student holiday

Lower School

Please Note: This week's Wolf Watch does not include messages from division heads.

Lower School Spring Check-in Is Thursday

Please join us **Thursday, February 25, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom** for a Lower School Spring Check-in:

- **Join the Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914109581>
- **Meeting ID:** 889 1410 9581
- **Passcode:** wolves

There is no agenda; the Lower School team will be available to answer any questions you may have about anything Lower School-related. We love sharing with you the important work we do, so please come and join in the discussion.

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, February 25

- *LS Spring Check-in Parent Meeting:* 9:00 a.m. via Zoom; see instructions on joining above

Monday, March 15–Friday, March 19

- *Spring Break*

Middle School

Please Note: This week's Wolf Watch does not include messages from division heads.

Remote Learning Reminders

In the January 17 edition of *Wolf Watch*, we laid out our updated remote-learning policies. Please read the information below to review these policies.

ACTIVE CASES OR COVID-RELATED SCENARIO

These scenarios that require quarantine will automatically shift a student to remote-learner status, and the timeline for a student's return to campus will be shared by our nursing staff. **Students will be marked as "present" if attending classes on Zoom due to quarantine.**

COVID-RELATED CONCERNS

The remote option is available to any family with a COVID-related concern. If a family chooses to go remote, they must e-mail [Leigh Williams](#) with their anticipated dates for remote learning.

Students will be marked as “present” if attending classes on Zoom and written approval has been received from the MS Office.

NON-COVID-RELATED REQUESTS

These requests for the remote option must be approved and the dates confirmed by the head of Middle School. Seventy-two (72) hours of advance notice (sent to [Leigh Williams](#)) is required for remote learners who wish to return to campus in advance of the approved date (or who are remote for an unspecified period).

Students will be marked as “absent-unexcused” if a student goes remote without receiving written approval from the MS Office in advance.

OTHER ILLNESSES OR ABSENCES

In situations where a child does not feel well and cannot come to campus for a limited period of time, parents should notify [Leigh Williams](#) of their intention to follow one of the two options below:

- Elect to access the remote option for a minimum of three days. During this time period, students will be expected to Zoom in to all class sessions and to meet all assignment deadlines. **Students will be marked as “present” if attending classes on Zoom and written approval has been received from the MS Office.**
- Choose to allow the student to rest and recover. These students will not be expected to Zoom into classes, and missed assignments can be made up according to the policy in the *Middle School Handbook*. **Students will be marked as “absent-excused” if the MS Office has been notified.**

If you have questions about the remote option or these guidelines, please reach out to a member of the Middle School admin team, and we will be happy to help.

Forgotten Items? Here’s What to Do

There will be days when your children forget to bring everything needed for school that day.

- If this happens in your home, please **encourage your students to talk with their advisor about how to proceed for the day** rather than retrieving the item from home and bringing it to school. This will build problem-solving skills and (hopefully) be a memorable lesson that will help your child keep track of their daily needs for school.

- If you must bring forgotten items to your child, please **label each item** with your child's name, grade, and advisor.
- If you are bringing athletics gear (clothes, shoes, etc.), please have those labeled and bagged.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 22

- *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, February 23

- *"A" Day*
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Wednesday, February 24

- *"B" Day*
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Thursday, February 25

- *"C" Day*
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Friday, February 26

- *"D" Day*

Upper School

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 22

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, February 23

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, February 24

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Thursday, February 25

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

Friday, February 26

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

Church

2021 Lenten Challenge—Feeding the Hungry

This year, our Lenten Challenge will be a focused fundraiser to help those who are less fortunate. There will be two opportunities to help feed the hungry in our area:

- During the first two weeks of Lent, St. Francis Episcopal Church teens Beth Martinez and Janie Slocum will be collecting nonperishable food items and an

assortment of canned goods to support the **Houston Food Bank**, the second largest food bank in the nation. There will be boxes marked “Feed Houston’s Hungry” located in the Narthex and the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. Contact [Beth Martinez](#) for additional information.

- For the next four weeks in March, we will intensify our collection for the **Fairhaven Food Pantry**. We will gather donations and nonperishable food items. FFP is especially in need of plastic grocery bags, as well as diapers, canned food, pasta, and other nonperishable items. There will be collection baskets located in the Narthex every Sunday morning.

Please consider donating or purchasing items on your next visit to the grocery store for both of these worthwhile causes. Contact the church office at 713.782.1270 if you have any questions.

Forgiveness Workshop Scheduled for March 27

Father Bates will lead a **forgiveness workshop on Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Hogan Board Room**. This will be a time during Lent to consider whom you need to forgive, and to work through a process of learning to release others and yourself.

“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.” — C.S. Lewis

Social-distancing guidelines will be followed, and everyone is required to wear a mask. Please RSVP to Sally Jo Flores [via e-mail](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270 if you plan to attend.

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. (next meeting is February 24)
- **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.

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!**

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:** New study on Isaiah began February 10
 - **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](#)
- The Men of St. Francis (TMOSF)
 - Monthly on the second Tuesday at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (Next meeting is March 9)
 - **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 24)
 - **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

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](#).