

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of March 28

All School

From the Head of School

I hope that your family enjoyed the first week back to school. It is wonderful to have our hallways and classrooms filled with our students and staff. We also enjoyed seeing parents on both campuses for some fellowship outdoors courtesy of the St. Francis Fund Committee. Our participation drive has gotten off to a great start this week, just as we were also finally able to celebrate last year's participation winners. Gifts to the St. Francis Fund go directly into our operating budget and allow us to deliver our mission with excellence each and every day for our students and families. We truly appreciate your support!

We are looking forward to more opportunities this spring to welcome parents onto campus while maintaining our health and safety protocols. Additionally, I ask for your family's continued support of our COVID-19 protocols. While on campus, please wear a mask, stay socially distant, and continue hand washing and other healthy hygiene habits. We have managed to successfully navigate this school year under difficult conditions, and we need everyone's support as we head down the home stretch for the 2020–21 school year.

On a final note, I am pleased to share that we will not have to extend the 2020–21 school year. As you may recall, we had asked families to hold the two weeks after the conclusion of the school year in case we had COVID-related closures. Happily, our calendar will not extend beyond May 28 this year.

We look forward to seeing you at our next St. Francis Connections event on Tuesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m.

With appreciation,

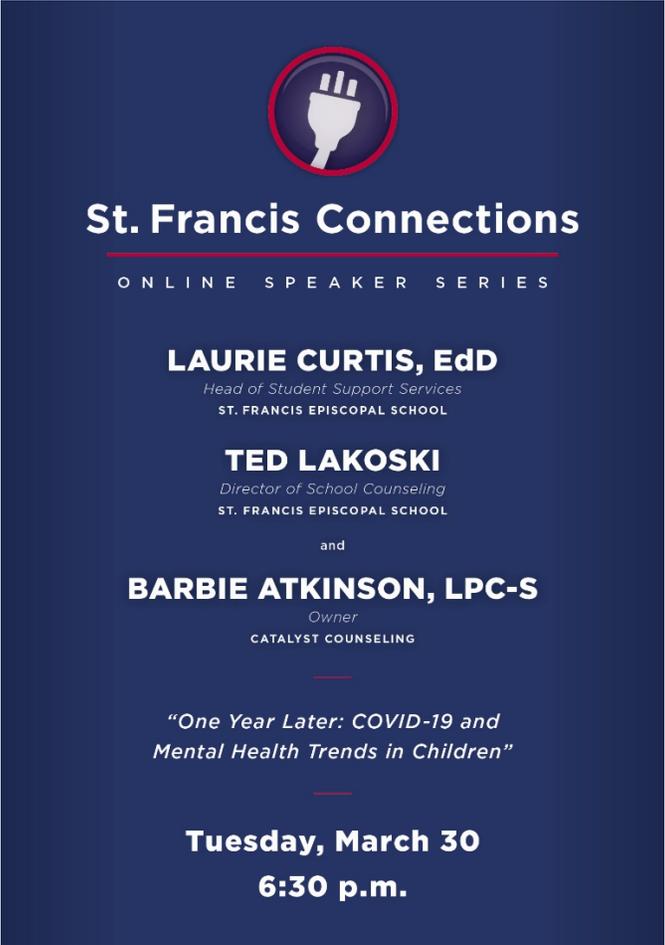
Steve Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

Tuesday: Join Us for St. Francis Connections

Please join us this **Tuesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m.** for the latest in our St. Francis Connections series. Featured guest [Barbie Atkinson](#) of Catalyst Counseling will join Dr. Laurie Curtis and Ted Lakoski to discuss the mental health trends we are seeing one year into the pandemic, and how we might help our children, and ourselves, to better cope. If you have specific questions for our speaker, please [submit them via e-mail](#) by 5:00 p.m. today (Sunday, March 28).

You can access the live session on Tuesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. by clicking the image below or [this link](#).

Please note: If joining by phone, you must download the Microsoft Teams app first.



The poster features a dark blue background with white and red text. At the top is a circular logo with a white hand holding a microphone. Below the logo, the title "St. Francis Connections" is written in a large, bold, white font, underlined with a red line. Underneath, "ONLINE SPEAKER SERIES" is written in a smaller, spaced-out white font. The speakers are listed in bold white text: "LAURIE CURTIS, EdD" (Head of Student Support Services, ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL), "TED LAKOSKI" (Director of School Counseling, ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL), and "BARBIE ATKINSON, LPC-S" (Owner, CATALYST COUNSELING). The topic "One Year Later: COVID-19 and Mental Health Trends in Children" is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom, the date and time "Tuesday, March 30 6:30 p.m." are displayed in a large, bold white font.



St. Francis Connections

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Mental Health Trends in Children”*

Tuesday, March 30
6:30 p.m.

St. Francis Fund Participation Challenge Ends Thursday

Who's crazy about socks? We are! Don't miss your chance to make a gift to the St. Francis Fund and help your child's class or grade win this year's Participation Challenge ... *and* help make an impact on every student at St. Francis.

- Congratulations to Mrs. Meriwether's M/W/F Pre-Primary class and Mrs. Hardee's first-grade class for being the first classes to hit 100 percent!
- Click [here](#) to see just how fierce the competition is.
- [Make your gift today!](#) The last day to participate is **Thursday, April 1.**

Explore and Extend Is on the Move!

Explore and Extend after-school care is moving back to our own building on the north side of campus for the remainder of the school year. **This change will begin tomorrow—Monday, March 29.**

In fall 2020, there was uncertainty about some possible church construction that might impact access to the building, as well as a need to keep grade levels in completely separate classrooms until we better understood how COVID protocols would function in a school setting.

We now feel we can safely offer programming in our E&E building, implementing the following protocols:

- Student seating will remain separated by grade level within the building, and each grade level will have its own homework supplies. All tables, chairs, and common surfaces will be sanitized frequently, and all toys and games will be sanitized after use, before being returned to the shelves. Tables have been equipped with plexiglass shields, and groups will be spaced to encourage distancing.
- We will continue to serve individually packaged snacks, but will have the ability to add back more fresh fruit, yogurt, and cheese, with a refrigerator close at hand.

We are happy to be able to offer the students more outdoor time, better access to materials and games, and increased opportunities to create art and engage in ongoing art projects, in a safe environment.

PICKUP LOCATION HAS CHANGED FOR SOME CLASSES

Enrichment classes will remain in their current locations, as we do not want to overcrowd the E&E building. However, pickup for the following classes will move to the front porch of the E&E building: woodworking, tae kwon do, yoga, gymnastics, and soccer. Robotics and cartooning will still pick up at the south doors, near the Dining Hall.

SHORT STAY NOT AFFECTED

Short Stay is not a part of this move. Those leaving in the 3:45 p.m. carpool who utilize Short Stay will continue to be picked up just as before, and those students will still meet in the library to facilitate an easy transition to carpool. Any students not picked up by the end of the 3:45 p.m. Middle School carpool will be walked to our Explore and Extend building.

NO CHANGES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

After-school care and pickup for Primary School remain the same, and no changes are anticipated for the remainder of the school year on Couper Campus.

EXPLORE AND EXTEND PICKUP MAP

For those new to St. Francis's Piney Point Campus, [this map](#) will help you determine the location of the Explore and Extend pickup on the North drive of the campus.

- When picking up, please remain outside the building. You may drive or walk up to the front entrance. You may knock to let us know you are here, or you can continue to text 713.898.4879 and we will bring your child out to you.
- Thank you for understanding that we still need to limit who comes inside our buildings for contact-tracing purposes.
- Masks are still required for pickup.

The carpool line for pickup from the Explore and Extend building is in a lane separate from the Middle School Athletics lines. Someone will be on carpool duty, so the line should move swiftly.

New Explore and Extend Mini-Sessions Added This Spring

We've added the following Explore and Extend mini-sessions for spring 2021. Please register by e-mailing [Margaret Newsom](#).

CARTOONING CLUB FOR GRADES 3–4

When: Thursdays; April 1–May 6, 3:45–4:45 p.m.

Instructor: Margie Dye, Lower School art teacher

Cost: \$85

At the request of some of our third-grade students, Ms. Dye is offering a six-week session in which students will practice the art of cartooning. Materials will be provided, and examples and guidance will be offered each week.

COOKIE ART FOR GRADES 4 & UP

Grades 4–5: Tuesdays and Thursdays; April 6–15; 3:35–5:00 p.m.

Grades 6 & Up: Tuesdays and Thursdays; April 20–29; 3:45–5:15 p.m. (or at 4:00 p.m. if in a fall sports preview that ends at 4:00 p.m.)

Instructor: Amy Chandler, Middle School art teacher

Cost: \$100

Mrs. Chandler has developed a passion for the art of cookie decorating, creating elaborate iced creations! She wants to share her newfound hobby with students this spring. We will offer this course in two sessions of four days each in April. Students will spend the first day designing their own cookie cutters and printing them with our 3-D printers, as well as practicing basic icing techniques. From there, they will spend the remaining days rolling out sugar cookie dough and implementing their designs with increasingly more complex techniques. They'll take home delicious cookies to share with family and friends (if they can bear to eat their creations)!

TUMBLING FOR GRADES K-3

When: Fridays; April 9–May 14; 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Robbie Hirst

Cost: \$100

Join Coach Robbie for six weeks of tumbling fun, with a challenging curriculum that maximizes safety. Students will be put into small groups based on grade/class and stay with the same group the entire session. They will move through basic tumbling skills on the mat, low beam, and springboards and mini-trampolines, sharing equipment with only their small group. Masks are to be worn other than during the purposefully given mask breaks. On nice days, activities will be moved outdoors for this spring.

Summer on the Point: New Sessions Added

We've added new camps for Summer on the Point 2021! Sessions include Pokémon Adventure Camp, additional basketball camps with Coach Baber, volleyball camps, LEGO Adventures for Primary I and II, additional spots in Howlers' cheer camp, and more. Access camp descriptions and the registration link online [here](#). (Registration is also available via Veracross.)

An Announcement From Sage Dining

Sage Dining has named J.R. Carpenter as our interim food service director. J.R. served as the dining services director at Ft. Worth Country Day School and has worked for Sage for the past eight years. J.R. is familiar with St. Francis and was especially helpful when he was on campus this past fall. Tim Morgan, Sage district manager, will also be supporting J.R. and the Sage team during this transition. Sage will be hiring a permanent replacement this spring to start in August 2021.

Please welcome J.R. to the St. Francis family, and if you have any dining service needs, feel free to [contact him](#).

We thank Bryce Smith for his dedicated service to Sage and to the St. Francis community since 2009.

Virtue of the Month: Hope

During the month of March, the St. Francis community is focusing on **hope**. Our virtue verse is Jeremiah 29:11: *"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"* Try to memorize it as a family. You can find Virtue resources [here](#).

Table Talk: Play "pass the story." One family member starts a story and each family member adds a new part. See how many examples of "hope" you can add to the story. For an extra challenge, use the following words: "Easter," "flowers," and "wolf."

Visit the St. Francis Spirit Store

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

Primary School

A Note About Language and Literacy

We hope this finds you well. It's hard to believe that Easter is less than a week away, and the last two months of school are upon us!

Throughout the school year, we've had the pleasure of hosting a multi-part language and literacy series. Even though our sessions had to take place virtually this year, it was wonderful to have a chance to connect via Zoom and engage in conversations about ways to support our Primary School students' literacy development at home.

- In our first session, we took a closer look at reading with your child at home and shared information about the value of creating reading rituals. While these rituals might look different for every family, the most important thing is finding time each day to enjoy books with your child.
- Our next session highlighted ways to choose great books to read together with your child. From rhyming stories to books with captivating illustrations to intriguing nonfiction to the latest releases, there's something out there for everyone.
- In our session about choosing diverse literature, we looked more closely at how the books you choose can help your child see reflections of their own lives and see into the lives of others. Engaging with diverse literature also helps validate life experiences and opens eyes to the world around us.

To further support your child's growing literacy, we're thrilled to share [this virtual bulletin board of resources](#) with you. We hope this is a page you'll peruse now and bookmark for future reference.

Be sure to stay tuned throughout the upcoming months, as our teachers will be sharing additional ways to help foster our students' growing literacy skills during the summer months.

Happy reading!

Ashley Stephenson, MEd
Literacy Specialist

Desiree McConnell, MS
Assistant Director of Library Services

Kenyetta Wynn, Ed.D.
Assistant Head of Primary School

You're Invited to Lunch on the Lawn!

We are excited to invite you to come to the Primary School and **enjoy an outdoor lunch with your child the week of April 26–30.**

- We will be limiting the number of visitors per child to two people, and they must be family members from your home.
- If we have rainy weather, we will relocate to the cottages.
- Check the "Mark Your Calendar" section below to see which day your child's class will have lunch visits.
- As our Lunch on the Lawn visits get closer, we will follow up with more details.

Primary School Spring Conferences

Please click on the name of your child's teacher below to sign up for a spring conference.

PRE-PRIMARY

[Mrs. Britton](#)

[Mrs. Meriwether 2-Day](#)

[Mrs. Meriwether 3-Day](#)

[Mrs. Oteiza](#)

[Ms. Zuniga](#)

PRIMARY I

[Mrs. Peden \(Burrow\)](#)

[Mrs. Capasso](#)
[Mrs. Ferguson](#)
[Mrs. Scriber](#)

PRIMARY II
[Mr. Dominick](#)
[Mrs. Hughes](#)
[Mrs. Owens](#)
[Mrs. Staller](#)
[Mrs. Wiener](#)

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, April 2

- *Good Friday*: School holiday
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Monday, April 5

- *Schedule Change*: Regular school day
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Tuesday, April 13

- *Primary II Play (Wiener)*: 12:15 p.m. via Zoom
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Friday, April 16

- *Primary II Plays via Zoom*
 - **Dominick**: 10:45 a.m.
 - **Owens**: 11:45 a.m.
 - **Hughes**: 12:15 p.m.
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Monday, April 19

- *Primary II Play (Staller)*: 9:45 a.m. via Zoom

Wednesday, April 21

- *Schedule Change:* Regular school day
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Monday, April 26

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn*
 - **Zuniga:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Burrow:** Primary I playground between Pre-Primary and Primary I
 - **Wiener:** Primary School playground
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Tuesday, April 27

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn*
 - **Meriwether 2-Day:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Capasso:** Primary I playground between Pre-Primary and Primary I
 - **Dominick:** Primary School playground
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Wednesday, April 28

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn*
 - **Meriwether 3-Day:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Scriber:** Primary I playground between Pre-Primary and Primary I
 - **Owens:** Primary School playground
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Thursday, April 29

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn*
 - **Oteiza:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Ferguson:** Primary I playground between Pre-Primary and Primary I
 - **Staller:** Primary School playground
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Friday, April 30

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn*
 - **Britton:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Hughes:** Primary School playground
 - *Last Day to Turn in Eye Care for Kids Coins*
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Tuesday, May 4

- *Primary II Bible Presentation*
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Wednesday, May 12

- *Primary School Splash Day*
 - **Wiener**
 - **Ferguson**
 - **Hughes**
 - **Burrow**
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Thursday, May 13

- *Primary School Splash Day*
 - **Meriwether 2-Day**
 - **Zuniga**
 - **Oteiza**
 - **Dominick**
 - **Staller**
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Friday, May 14

- *Primary School Splash Day*
 - **Scriber**
 - **Capasso**
 - **Meriwether 3-Day**
 - **Britton**
 - **Owens**
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Monday, May 24

- *Primary I End-of-Year Party*
 - *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party*
 - **Britton**
 - **Meriwether 3-Day**
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Tuesday, May 25

- *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party*
 - **Oteiza**
 - **Zuniga**
 - **Meriwether 2-Day**
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Friday, May 28

- *Primary II End-of-Year Party*
- *Last Day of School*
- *Early Dismissal: 11:00 a.m.*

Lower School

From the Division Head

We had a very productive week in Lower School. It was so nice to see some of you at the coffee in the courtyard on Thursday. Does it feel like we are getting back a little normalcy?

This will be a four-day week: We will have **Go Texan Day this Thursday, April 1**, and **Good Friday** ends the week. As a reminder, **Monday, April 5, has been added back into our academic calendar**. We hope to see everyone at school!

Please join us for the **next session in the St. Francis Connections Online Speaker Series** this **Tuesday, March 30**. More information can be found in the All School section of *Wolf Watch*, above.

This week, I wanted to share [this article](#) about how important mistakes are in the learning environment. (Thanks to Holly Plost, our math and technology specialist, for sharing it with me first!) We know, as adults, that it is normal to make and learn from mistakes in everything we do; but, as I have mentioned before, we have to directly teach these social-emotional skills to our children.

The article I linked to above is by the educators at The Math Learning Center (publisher of our Bridges in Mathematics program). Below is the intro to pique your interest. The article goes on to explain ways you can help your child when he or she experiences a mistake, especially in math.

Making mistakes is a part of how children learn, and learning math is no different. When children are in an environment where they understand it's acceptable to make a mistake, they actually work harder. What can you do to support your child when they are solving a math problem and make a mistake? When you notice the mistake, focus on understanding your child's thinking and offering encouragement.

I hope you have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Lunch in the Courtyard

We are planning some days for you to come to campus and enjoy **lunch** and the nice weather in the courtyard with your child after the Easter break.

- We will have to limit the number of visitors per child to two people, and they must be family members from your home.
- If we have rainy weather, we will relocate to the Outdoor Learning Center (OLC).
- Chef J.R. will have a few lunch options from which you may choose.
- Click [here](#) to see the schedule of when your child's class will have lunch visits. We will follow up with more details closer to these dates.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 30

- *Second-Grade Biome Bonanza:* Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **McCormick:** 9:45 a.m.
 - **Pena:** 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31

- *Second-Grade Biome Bonanza:* Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Wagner:** 9:45 a.m.
 - **Quine:** 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1

- *Go Texan Day:* Children are encouraged to come to school in Western wear. Please leave guns, spurs, and stick horses at home. If wearing boots, bring tennis shoes for PE and/or recess. Yee-haw!

Friday, April 2

- *Good Friday:* School holiday

Monday, April 5

- *Schedule Change:* Regular school day

Tuesday, April 6–Friday, April 9

- *Fourth-Grade Lunch in the Courtyard:* 11:20–11:45 a.m.
 - **Tuesday:** Springmann
 - **Wednesday:** Nelson
 - **Thursday:** Rossy
 - **Friday:** Nguyen

Friday, April 9

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal:* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library

Monday, April 12–Friday, April 16

- *Kindergarten Lunch in the Courtyard:* 10:50–11:15 a.m.
 - **Monday:** Johnston
 - **Tuesday:** Masini
 - **Wednesday:** Senchuk

- **Thursday:** Warren
 - **Friday:** Armintor
 - *Second-Grade Lunch in the Courtyard: 11:30–11:55 a.m.*
 - **Monday:** McCormick
 - **Tuesday:** Pena
 - **Wednesday:** Wagner
 - **Thursday:** Quine
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Friday, April 16

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library*
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Monday, April 19–Thursday, April 22

- *Third-Grade Lunch in the Courtyard: 11:00–11:25 a.m.*
 - **Monday:** Joyce
 - **Tuesday:** Gonzales
 - **Wednesday:** Gartner
 - **Thursday:** Womack
 - *First-Grade Lunch in the Courtyard: 11:40 a.m.–12:05 p.m.*
 - **Monday:** Shindler
 - **Tuesday:** Hardee
 - **Wednesday:** DuByne
 - **Thursday:** Jules
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Friday, April 23

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library*

Middle School

From the Division Head

I hope your family is back in the swing of things after a restful spring break. This is the time of year when many students begin to look ahead to the end of the year. While excitement for the end of the school year and summer is likely to build in the coming

weeks, the Middle School is staying focused on teaching through our last day of school on Wednesday, May 26.

I have a few important notes to share about our closing days, plus a call to students and families to continue working hard through the end of the year!

- **There are no “exam days” this year.** MS students will have full days of school through May 26.
 - Middle School students will complete end-of-year assessments that will count as a major assessment in the school year, but these assessments may be due/taken prior to the final week.
- Course recommendations for math and Spanish will be shared with students and families later this spring.
- **Eighth-grade graduation will be held on the evening of Thursday, May 27**, with more details to come soon.

Best wishes for a great afternoon!

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

Updated: Eighth-Grade Events

We are excited about our signature eighth-grade events and want to call your attention to a change in date for the Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony. Details below.

- **White Shirt Photo:** The photo is scheduled to take place this **Tuesday, March 30**, and will follow our distancing guidelines. Parents were sent [this e-mail](#) last week regarding the dress code for the photo.
- **Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony:** We will host our eighth graders and two family members at this event, which will be held in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Chapel. **The date for this event has moved to Wednesday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m.** Event invitation is forthcoming.
- **Eighth-Grade Graduation:** This event is scheduled to take place on the evening of **Thursday, May 27**.

Protocol for Early Dismissals

If you need to pick up your child from school early, we ask that you please do the following:

- Enter the information on the Parent Portal (not SchoolPass).
- E-mail your child’s advisor and [Leigh Williams](#), MS office manager, to notify them of the plan.

- Come to the front desk of the school to sign your child out (and in, if your child is returning to school). Students are not allowed to walk out to cars unsupervised and will not be sent out to meet you.

Go Texan Day Is Thursday

Middle School will be joining the Lower School in celebrating Go Texan Day this **Thursday, April 1**. Middle School students are invited to wear Western attire, and we will celebrate the day with special activities.

Middle School Golf Updates

Our golfing Wolves have had some historic successes this past week!

- Our girls captured the first victory in St. Francis Episcopal School history, taking the Southwest Christian Academy tournament by storm. The girls also played against a field of high school students and came in second place overall.
- The boys clinched victory, as well, winning the Southwest Christian Academy tournament by 41 shots.

We are so proud of our golfers!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 29

- *"D" Day (Schedule Change)*
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Tuesday, March 30

- *"B" Day*
 - *Eighth-Grade White Shirt Photo*
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Wednesday, March 31

- *"C" Day*
 - *Go Texan Day: Dress in Western attire*
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Thursday, April 1

- *"A" Day (Schedule Change)*
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Friday, April 2

- *Good Friday: School holiday*
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Monday, April 5

- *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, April 6

- *"A" Day*
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Wednesday, April 7

- *"B" Day*
-

Thursday, April 8

- *"C" Day*
-

Friday, April 9

- *"D" Day*
-

Wednesday, April 14

- *"B" Day*

- *Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony*

Upper School

From the Division Head

Last week, we hosted two events to welcome prospective students for the upcoming school year.

On Wednesday, a group of St. Francis eighth graders joined us for lunch and a view of life in Upper School. Our students had the chance to meet their future classmates and share some of what they like most about being in high school. It was a great day. We had burgers cooked on the grill, and a visit from the Mooseum Ice Cream truck—a treat from the Development Office sponsored by the St. Francis Fund. Teachers, coaches, and staff spent time learning more about what the rising freshmen hope to experience in their transition to Upper School. I'm always so proud of how well our students represent our school.

On Saturday, Welcome Back the Pack gave students outside of St. Francis the opportunity to spend more time on campus. Students admitted for next year joined us from schools in the area, as well as from outside of the city, state, and country. We appreciate the parents, students, faculty, and staff who volunteered at this event.

The incoming class will join a close-knit community of members who are proud of the program they've helped to build, and eager to bring new members into the pack.

It's an exciting time at St. Francis!

All the best,

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

Upper School Athletics Updates

BASEBALL

The Upper School baseball team made history this past Tuesday, winning its first-ever high school baseball game! The Wolves defeated the Houston Power by a score of 9–6 at Memorial Park. Congratulations to Coach August, the players, and the coaching staff on a historic win!

SOFTBALL

The Upper School Wolves softball team won its third game in a row this past Tuesday, defeating Pasadena First Baptist 15–7. The team is now 3–0 to start the season.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 29

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, March 30

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

Wednesday, March 31

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

Thursday, April 1

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, April 2

- *Good Friday: School holiday*
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Monday, April 5

- *Schedule Change: Regular school day*
- *Odd Day*

- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, April 6

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, April 7

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Thursday, April 8

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, April 9

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Monday, April 12

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, April 13

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, April 14

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Thursday, April 15

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, April 16

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

Church

Holy Week Schedule

During Holy Week, St. Francis will be hosting a number of services and activities.

- Only a limited number of participants can be safely seated according to social-distancing guidelines.
- Please sign up for each service you wish to attend via [this web page](#). Choose your preferred date, which will take you to a SignUpGenius page where you can register to attend Holy Week services.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

- **Palm Sunday Services:** 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **Palm Sunday Passion Play and Donkey Photo Booth:** 9:00 a.m.
 - Join us for a Palm Sunday Passion Play at the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service. We will re-enact Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, along with His betrayal, unjust trial, denial by Peter, and crucifixion.
 - Yes, there will be a REAL DONKEY at church! We will have a **Donkey Photo Booth**. Come and smile next to the donkey and receive a Palm Sunday keepsake photo!

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

- **Maundy Thursday Service:** 6:00 p.m. in the church

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

- **Good Friday Service:** Noon in the church
- **Walk to Calvary for Children:** Noon, meet in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - Come experience the journey to the cross at the Walk to Calvary for Children. We will meet in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall at noon and walk the path to Christ's victory on the cross. There will be interactive activities at each station.
- **Last Seven Words:** 1:00 p.m. in the church
- **Stations of the Cross:** 2:00 p.m. in the church

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

- **Confessions in the Church:** 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- **Holy Baptisms:** 4:00–5:00 p.m. (Contact [Sally Jo Flores](#))

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

- **Feast of the Resurrection Services:** 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
 - Come celebrate the **Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord at the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service.** HE IS RISEN! Mrs. Devlin will teach Let It Shine! in the courtyard during the adult sermon, with a lesson on "Our New and Unending Life in Christ." Kids will also learn about symbols of Easter.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:00 a.m. Bring your Easter basket!

Join Ms. Devlin for In-Person Let It Shine!

Join Ms. Devlin for in-person Let It Shine! Children's Bible Breakout: All children from Pre-K to middle school are invited to participate. During Lent, children will study the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus, as well as symbols of our new life in Christ. Learn alongside your child about the significance of Lent, the Last Supper, the rooster crowing, the Stations of the Cross, forgiveness, and Christ's victory over death with the empty tomb.

Send One Suit (SOS) Drive Update

Every March for the last six years, St. Francis has participated in Dress for Success Houston's Send One Suit (SOS) Drive. DFSH continues to serve Houston-area women as they respond to the disruption caused by COVID-19. However, this year's SOS Drive looks a little different.

- **We will not be collecting clothing items at church**, as we have in the past. Rather, if you have professional women's clothing you would like to donate, you may do so by placing items for donation in your trunk (clean and on hangers, please) and driving them to DFSH at 3310 Eastside St.
- With safety being the top priority, DFSH is currently accepting professional attire only on **Fridays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** Please pull into the circle drive, wear a mask, ring the bell, and the DFSH team will be out to assist you in removing the donations from your trunk.
- If you would like to support the agency virtually, please use their [Amazon Wish List](#).
- With questions, please e-mail [Karen Bloomfield](#).

2021 Lenten Challenge—Feeding the Hungry

This year, our Lenten Challenge will be a focused fundraiser to help those who are less fortunate.

- During the month of March, we are intensifying our collections for the **Fairhaven Food Pantry**.
- We are gathering 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. Please consider purchasing items for this worthwhile cause on your next visit to the grocery store.
- There will be collection baskets located in the Narthex every Sunday morning.
- Contact the church office at 713.782.1270 if you have any questions.

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
- **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 have 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 April 7)
- **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 social-distancing guidelines. Please sign up for each service you wish to attend. To do so, go to the St. Francis Episcopal Church [website](#) and choose your preferred date. This will take you to a SignUpGenius page, where you can register to attend Holy Week services.

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.](#)

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:** Current study on the prophet Isaiah
 - **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 April 13)
 - **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 April 7)
 - **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](#).