

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of April 18

All School

From the Head of School

I hope you're enjoying a beautiful Sunday with your family. Spring rains and weather bring growth and signify new beginnings. As is often the cycle in schools, this is the time of year when we announce transitions and changes to our staff for the academic year to come. The division heads will share more details about faculty/staff transitions in their division sections, but I am excited to share some institutional moves that will be in place at the start of the 2021–22 school year.

These moves will help align the work of our strategic plan, *St. Francis 2025*, with the long-term interests of the school and the expertise and training of our staff. In addition to enhancing our programming for our students, these moves signify our commitment to our children and to positioning our staff and talent where the school needs them.

Carol Christ, our current Head of Lower School, will transition to the Head of Curriculum and Instruction next year. In this institutional role, Carol will work to enhance the programming and curriculum for Primary School through grade 12, working closely with our instructional specialists in all four divisions.

Clifton Walker, our current Head of Primary School, will move into the Head of Lower School position. He will work closely with Assistant Head of Lower School **Debbie McColloch**.

Dr. Kenyetta “K.K.” Wynn, our Assistant Head of Primary School and DEI Coordinator, will take the reins as the Head of Primary School while continuing to serve as DEI Coordinator.

Ryan Kochel, Assistant Head of Lower School for Student Life, will move to Primary School as the Assistant Head to support Dr. Wynn. He will bring the experience of

successfully transitioning our students and families from Primary to Lower School, as well as aligning the curriculum for the two divisions.

Marion “Coach T.” Tolon will now serve in an expanded role as Dean of Students for grades 5–12, with a concentration in the Middle School. Working closely with her will be **Harold Baber**, who, along with coaching responsibilities as Program Lead for boys’ basketball, will serve as the Assistant Dean of Students, with a concentration in the Upper School. Together, they will ensure the well-being of our Middle and Upper School students as relates to choices, social-emotional health, student experiences, and overall engagement.

As previously announced, **Marc Addington** will officially join St. Francis in July as the Head of Upper School. Additionally, **Dr. Jared Staller** will move from his role as Assistant Head of Middle School for Academics to teach Upper School classes, while serving as the Humanities Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into the last six weeks of the school year and plan for an exceptional 2021–22 academic year. I have the greatest confidence in our team and know their collective expertise and experience will serve the best interests of our students and our school.

In partnership,

Stephen Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

St. Francis Connections: Learn More About Cybersafety on May 5

Please join us on **Wednesday, May 5, at 11:45 a.m.** for the latest in our St. Francis Connections series. Sydney Zuiker, manager of the Safe Community Program with Crime Stoppers of Houston, will join Head of School Steve Lovejoy and Head of Academic Technology Donna Piga to discuss how students and parents can navigate technology and social platforms with care—including how to respond to inappropriate content, keep personal information private (and why doing so matters), deal with “stranger danger,” identify cyberbullying, and react to hateful language safely.

If you have specific questions for our speaker, please [submit them via e-mail](#) by **Monday, May 3, at 5:00 p.m.**

You can access the live session on Wednesday, May 5, at 11:45 a.m. by clicking the image below or [this link](#).

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



St. Francis Connections
ONLINE SPEAKER SERIES

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
PRESENTS

CRIME STOPPERS

Wednesday, May 5
11:45 a.m.

“Cyber Safety Tips”

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION](#)

Summer on the Point News

Registration continues for Summer on the Point and JumpStart programming for summer 2021! Destination: Adventure!

We continue to add both camps and extra sections to existing camps as we get closer to summer.

- Sections added now include a second week of Pokémon adventures; volleyball camp sessions for Lower, Middle and Upper School; additional basketball camps in July; a third week of All About the Arts for Primary School; additional STEAM-based camps; and online academic options.
- Additional spaces have been added to several of the LEGO camps, to kitchen chemistry, to multisports camps, and to Sportstravaganza—and we will continue to add spaces in these popular camps as more coaches and teachers become available.
- Coach August’s popular baseball camps, as well as Coach McMillian’s football sessions, will now include Upper School students, as well.

Explore and Extend Updates

Due to the time lost to winter storms and some quarantined teachers earlier in the semester, many of our classes will be extended past their originally planned end dates. **For final end dates, please see the end-of-semester letters that will be sent out around the first of May.** (Some classes will recapture lost time through alternative makeup days or extended time for classes.)

End-of-semester presentations and performances will be virtual this year. Please keep an eye out for invitations to view Primary School ballet presentations and tae kwon do belt ceremonies. Individual School of Music teachers will send out information about virtual recitals, as well.

From the Parents Association: Please Contribute to the End-of-Year Teacher Gift!

Twice a year, the Parents Association asks each family to contribute toward teacher and staff appreciation gifts. Both at Christmas and at the end of the school year, the PA provides monetary gifts to each and every person employed by St. Francis. All teachers, staff, sextons, Dining Hall personnel, police officers, full- and part-time coaches, and Explore & Extend after-school teachers are included and recognized. The funds raised are distributed evenly to all employees, including those working part-time, as a Christmas and end-of-year bonus.

These gifts help the entire parent community show its appreciation, while honoring the *School Handbook* policy that prohibits the purchase or solicitation of individual gifts for faculty and staff.

- You may make your contribution via credit card or PayPal by visiting the Parents Association's online store using either the PA app on your mobile device or the PA website [here](#).
- If you would prefer to pay by check, please make it payable to the St. Francis Parents Association; write "End-of-Year Gift" in the memo section; and drop it in the Parents Association Box in the front office of the Piney Point Campus.
- **All contributions must be received by Sunday, May 9.**

We hope to have participation from all of our St. Francis families this year to provide the teachers and staff with a wonderful start to their summer vacations!

The Spirit Store Has New Spring T-Shirts

Check out the recently added SPRING items!

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

Virtue of the Month: Love

During the month of April, the St. Francis community is focusing on love. Our virtue verse is John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* Try to memorize it as a family.

Table Talk: Play the alphabet game. For each letter, name something that you love. (For example, A is Apple Pie a la Mode; B is Books; C is Cooking; etc.)

Primary School

From the Division Head

It is hard to believe that we are less than six weeks from the end of this school year! As we wind down 2020–21, I hope you'll consider joining us for our upcoming St. Francis Connections Series session on cybersafety. We'll be holding it via Zoom on Wednesday, May 5, at 11:45 a.m. (At that time, you'll be able to join the live conversation via [this link](#).)

This session will teach parents and students how to respond to inappropriate content, the importance of keeping personal information private, how to navigate "stranger danger" and identify cyberbullying, and how to react to hateful language safely. Please join us to learn ways to navigate the use of technology and social platforms with your growing child.

I also want to take a moment to notify you of a few faculty changes in the Primary School for the 2021–22 school year. Our motor teacher, Leveil Lander, will be departing at the end of the school year to pursue another coaching opportunity; Primary II fellow Margaret Dexter will be returning home to Alabama to be near family; and Primary II lead teacher Brian Dominick will be moving to China to teach at an international school. We will miss all three of these faculty members, and we wish them well as they begin their next life chapter. We are currently working to fill these Primary School positions, and we will update you once hiring decisions are finalized.

I hope you have a wonderful Sunday and week ahead!

Kindly,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 19

- *Primary II Play (Staller):* 9:45 a.m. via Zoom
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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 5

- *St. Francis Connections Series, on Cybersafety: 11:45 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#)*
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Tuesday, May 11

- *Meeting for Parents of Incoming Kindergarteners and First Graders: “How to Help Your Child Over the Summer”; 9:00–10:00 a.m. via Zoom; link will be sent out closer to date*
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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

I hope you enjoyed your weekend! We have been so excited to see you all at lunch and look forward to seeing you in **Chapel** starting this week. [Click here](#) (or see below this letter) to read about it and to see the class-visitation schedule.

I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight our **Connection Series** program on Wednesday, May 5, over lunch at 11:45 a.m. (At that time, you'll be able to join the live conversation via [this link](#).) The Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe Community Program will be presenting a program on **cybersafety**. This organization's main purpose is to be a resource to parents, students, school staff, and law enforcement regarding all aspects of school safety. They are also a resource for anonymous crime reporting and for drawing attention to potential dangers on campus.

Their presentation on cybersafety teaches parents and students how to stay safe online, effectively combat and address cyberbullying, and create a positive online community and reputation. Specifically, we will hear about how to respond appropriately when exposed to inappropriate content; how to identify dangerous requests and language; understanding privacy and Internet permanence; and the value of words and actions online.

We have had them come to campus in previous years and do this presentation for our Lower School parents. This is always a highly attended meeting due to the significant role technology plays in the lives of our children, and Crime Stoppers does an amazing job breaking it all down for you. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to be informed and how to be the most responsive parent you can be when it comes to technology issues.

In closing, I wanted to update you on some **faculty changes for 2021–22**:

- Mary Kate Springmann is joining another school in town to become an instructional specialist. She has worked hard to gain the expertise and experience for such a position, and we are so proud of her. She will be greatly missed. Kelly Gartner is departing the faculty to pursue new adventures. We are so grateful to both of these amazing educators for their commitment and service to our students.
- Lynn Hardee, one of our first-grade teachers, will be moving to fourth-grade humanities.

Have a great week!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Starting Tomorrow, Join Us for Lower School Chapel

We are so pleased to be able to welcome parents back to Chapel in a safe way.

Beginning tomorrow—Monday, April 19—parents of the grade-level students attending Chapel on a given day are invited to come and worship with us. The children are already sitting six feet apart, so if you can come, you will join your child in the pew in which they are sitting.

We do have to limit the number of guests to one per child, as there is limited space in the church. The church continues to limit attendance for Sunday services, so we must accommodate those policies, as well. Thankfully, every grade level will have two or three opportunities for visitors, so mom and dad can both come! Parents will be screened and must be wearing masks. **Doors will open for parents at 8:00 a.m., and students will arrive at 8:15 a.m. to join their parent.**

Please remember that this is a time for worship. We look forward to seeing you!

The grade level schedule is as follows:

- **Monday, April 19:** Kindergarten
- **Wednesday, April 21:** Fourth grade
- **Monday, April 26:** Third grade
- **Wednesday, April 28:** Second grade
- **Monday, May 3:** First grade
- **Wednesday, May 5:** Kindergarten
- **Monday, May 10:** Fourth grade
- **Wednesday, May 12:** Third grade
- **Monday, May 17:** Second grade
- **Wednesday, May 19:** First grade
- **Monday, May 24:** Kindergarten
- **Wednesday, May 26:** Fourth grade

Mark Your Calendar

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*
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Tuesday, April 27

- *First-Grade Learning Celebration: In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall*
 - **Hardee:** 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 - **Jules:** 12:45–1:15 p.m.
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Thursday, April 29

- *First-Grade Learning Celebration: In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall*
 - **DuByne:** 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 - **Shindler:** 12:45–1:15 p.m.
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Friday, April 30

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library*
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Wednesday, May 5

- *St. Francis Connections Series, on Cybersafety: 11:45 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#)*
 - *Kindergarten Learning Celebration: In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall*
 - **Masini:** 12:30–1:00 p.m.
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Thursday, May 6

- *Kindergarten Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Senchuk:** 8:45–9:15 a.m.
 - **Johnston:** 12:30-1:00 p.m.
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Friday, May 7

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal:* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library
 - *Kindergarten Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Warren:** 8:45–9:15 a.m.
 - **Armintor:** 12:30-1:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, May 11

- *Meeting for Parents of Incoming Kindergarteners and First Graders:* “How to Help Your Child Over the Summer”; 9:00–10:00 a.m. via Zoom; link will be sent out closer to date
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Wednesday, May 12

- *Fourth-Grade Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Rossy:** 9:30–10:15 a.m.
 - **Springmann:** 1:45–2:30 p.m.
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Thursday, May 13

- *Meeting for Parents of Incoming Second, Third, and Fourth Graders:* “Avoiding the Summer Slide”; 9:00–10:00 a.m. via Zoom; link will be sent out closer to date
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Friday, May 14

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

Monday, May 17

- *Fourth-Grade Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Nelson:** 9:30–10:15 a.m.
 - **Nguyen:** 1:45–2:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 20

- *Third-Grade Mini-Metric Olympics Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Joyce:** 9:00–10:30 a.m.
 - **Gonzales:** 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Friday, May 21

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal:* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library
- *Third-Grade Mini-Metric Olympics Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Womack:** 9:00–10:30 a.m.
 - **Gartner:** 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 27

- *End-of-Year Parties:* Led by teachers in the classroom

Friday, May 28

- *Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony:* 10:00 a.m. in the FAC
- *Early Dismissal:* Kindergarten and Grade 1 at 11:00 a.m.; Grades 2–4 at 11:15 a.m.

Middle School

From the Division Head

It was a joy to host our eighth-grade families and friends at Wednesday's Eighth-Grade Convocation and Tie Ceremony. The energy and enthusiasm for gathering as a community again was palpable, and we are looking forward to safely bringing our families back to campus as we move into the closing weeks of the year.

In a similar vein, **our St. Francis Connections Series continues on Wednesday, May 5, with a livestreamed presentation from the Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe Community Program.** (At 11:45 a.m. on May 5, you'll be able to join the conversation via [this link](#).) For those unfamiliar with Crime Stoppers, their aim is to ensure that schools are safe spaces through proactive dialogue with students, parents, school staff, and law enforcement professionals.

The focus of the May 5 session is on cybersafety and responding to inappropriate content, protecting personal information, and responding to hateful language. The goals of the event include equipping students with the skills they need to keep themselves safe online, combat cyberbullying, cultivate an uplifting online community, and build a positive online reputation.

Finally, we have a few important **faculty transition announcements** for the 2021–22 school year. Seventh-grade Spanish teacher Brooke Dawson and seventh-grade math teacher Adrian Pruett will depart St. Francis to join other schools in Houston; sixth-grade Spanish teacher Spencer Duran is relocating to Alabama; and fifth-grade history teacher Terry McQueen will be retiring after devoting 17 years to St. Francis. We will miss all of them, and we wish them the very best in their future plans.

I hope that you will tune in if you are available at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5. If you are not available, we will be recording the session and making it available to folks after the fact.

Best wishes for a great week,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

May 7: Special Dress Day

Friday, May 7, is a professional dress day. We will have a photographer on campus that day, and we ask that students wear church attire or their St. Francis uniform (dress or regular) to school. Please do not wear athletic gear. (This includes, but is not limited to, leggings, sweatpants, sports shorts, T-shirts, and hoodies.) If you have any questions, please contact the [Middle School Office](#).

CyberWolves Set Team Record

This year's robotics competition was a little different than in previous years. Students from grades 5–7 began working on their robots and missions in late February, with an April 15 deadline to upload their code. Seventh-grade team captains Ellison A., Lily D., Kate S., and Anaya S. led the CyberWolves team in building robots and designing attachments. In sixth grade, Megan A., Luke C., and Sarah S. worked on robots and code, while fifth graders Shaan K., Zaryan M., and Colby W. worked on setting up the missions table and robots.

The team captains worked before and after school, during lunch, and in study halls for several weeks to meet the deadline. They filmed their robot completing missions worth 190 points. This is a team record, and we are especially proud considering the special circumstances of this school year!

You can view photos of the team working [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Go CyberWolves!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 19

- *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, April 20

- *"A" Day*
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Wednesday, April 21

- *"B" Day*
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Thursday, April 22

- *"C" Day*
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Friday, April 23

- *"D" Day*
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Monday, April 26

- *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, April 27

- *"A" Day*
-

Wednesday, April 28

- *"B" Day*
-

Thursday, April 29

- *"C" Day*
-

Friday, April 30

- *"D" Day*
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Wednesday, May 5

- *St. Francis Connections Series, on Cybersafety: 11:45 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#)*
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Friday, May 7

- *Special Dress Day (See Note Above)*

Monday, May 10

- *Community Service Hours Due (Date Change)*

Wednesday, May 12

- *Middle School Physicals*

Wednesday, May 26

- *Last Day of School for Middle School*

Thursday, May 27

- *Eighth-Grade Graduation*

Upper School

From the Division Head

I hope you have been enjoying the St. Francis Connections Series this year. While we can't be together in person, I've found these presentations helpful as we've learned from professionals in our community with expertise in education, social and emotional development, and parenting.

I believe parents of Upper School students will find the next presentation in our Connections Series particularly interesting. We'll hear from the Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe Community Program on **Wednesday, May 5, at 11:45 a.m.** (At that time, you'll be able to join the live conversation via [this link](#).) The presentation is designed to help parents and students know how to respond to inappropriate content, the importance of keeping personal information private, how to navigate stranger danger, how to identify cyberbullying, and how to safely react to hateful language.

While we are grateful for the opportunities technology provides for learning and entertainment, we are also keenly aware of the potential risks that are present. Viewing questionable content, "liking" what others have posted, and tagging others can lead to

problems. Universities and potential employers often turn to social media accounts when reviewing applicants. Teens may feel safe sharing personal information, and the status that comes with having hundreds or thousands of “followers” or “friends” can make it hard for them to deny a request to follow their account.

The Crime Stoppers presentations are empowering. **I hope you’ll be able to join us on May 5 to learn more about ways to keep your children safe in the digital world.**

In other news, **at the end of this school year we will say farewell to John Madden, Upper School science teacher.** We appreciate John being a founding faculty member in our division and wish him the very best.

Sincerely,

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

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 19

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, April 20

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, April 21

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Thursday, April 22

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

Friday, April 23

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Monday, April 26

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

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

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

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

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Monday, May 3

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, May 4

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, May 5

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *St. Francis Connections Series, on Cybersafety: 11:45 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#)*
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Thursday, May 6

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, May 7

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

Church

Help Us Honor Mothers and Graduates on May 9

Join us as we honor our mothers and our graduates during services on May 9! We will print the names of students who are graduating from eighth grade, high school, and college, as well as where they are heading next. **To have your student's name included in the announcements, please e-mail current information to [Cindy Huteson](#) by Monday, May 3.**

Get Baptized on Pentecost Sunday

The Day of Pentecost on May 23 is a Principal Feast Day that celebrates the birth of the church and is especially appropriate for the Sacrament of Baptism. Please contact [Sally Jo Flores](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270 to schedule a baptism on Pentecost Sunday.

Donate to LOTS Outreach Project

My name is Heather Boyer, and I am a lifetime parishioner at St. Francis. I am a Special Olympics athlete and a member of the Athlete Leadership Program. Years ago, you helped me collect large bags full of men's beanies, scarves, and gloves for Lord of the Streets (LOTS). This year for my outreach project, I would like to collect **men's undershirts, socks, and underwear**. Thank you for helping me help others. **There will be a basket in the Narthex for the collection from Sunday, April 18, through Sunday, May 23.**

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.

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 21)
- **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!

This study is awesome, and I hope you decide to participate. [Let me know](#) so I can order you a book.

Donate Home-Care Supplies to MAM

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) has a high need for home-care product donations, as the organization currently has less than one week's worth of supplies for its Home Care Packs.

- The packs contain dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper rolls, laundry detergent, antibacterial soap, household cleaner, trash bags, and tissues.
- **MAM has a particular need for dish soap, laundry detergent, and household cleaner.**
- The maximum product size for the packs is 32 oz. The best products to donate are in the 20–32 oz. range.
- For additional information, contact our church liaison, Andrea Eubanks, [via e-mail](#) or at 713.859.1448.

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:** 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:** End Times—Practical Heavenly Mindedness
 - **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 May 11)
 - **Study:** The Gospel of Mark
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Philippians
 - **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 21)
 - **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:** Prayer Training
 - **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:** Prayer Training
 - **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 Worship Services" button. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available. If you prefer to watch from Facebook or YouTube, click on the links to go to those streaming servers.
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](#).