

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of April 25

All School

From the Head of School

If I have learned anything in my 10 years with this school, it is that St. Francis is a community unlike any other—one where faith and family are at the heart of everything we do. I'm grateful we have been able to spend some time together these past few weeks, and I know our students have loved seeing their parents on campus, too!

We look forward to more special moments with you in the final weeks of school and are filled with optimism about the coming school year. In case you have missed the announcements about our plans in 2021–22, you can catch up on our protocols [here](#) and on faculty transitions [here](#). Have a great week.

In partnership,

Stephen Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

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Please e-mail [Steve Eisenberg](#) with any questions.

Explore and Extend Volleyball Clinics

Coach Dews-Gray will be offering volleyball clinics for girls in grades 6–8 who want more practice before this school year ends than what will be provided via our Athletics Fall Preview! In these clinics, students will learn skills and get an opportunity to play team volleyball, which will increase basic skills and volleyball IQ.

- Players will be grouped according to their grade and skill level.
- Each student will need her own kneepads.
- Students will receive a tournament shirt.

Clinics will be held on the dates below at the Piney Point Campus. (Please note: Practices will be set to start after athletics period, with students having a short break in between.)

- **Monday, May 3:** Practice
- **Thursday, May 6:** Practice/scrimmage
- **Monday, May 10:** Practice
- **Thursday, May 13:** Practice/scrimmage
- **Monday, May 17:** Practice
- **Thursday, May 20:** Practice/scrimmage
- **Saturday, May 22:** Team play, tournament-style

To sign up, e-mail [Coach Dews-Gray](#) or the [Explore and Extend Office](#).

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

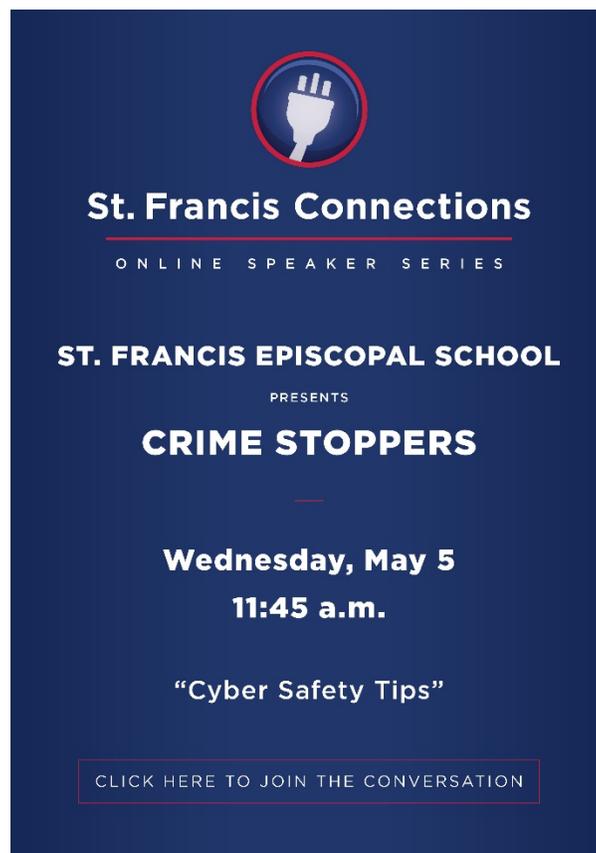
Please join us on **Wednesday, May 5, at 11:45 a.m.** for the latest in our St. Francis Connections series. Sydney Zuiker, manager of the Safe Community Program with Crime Stoppers of Houston, will join Head of School Steve Lovejoy and Head of Academic Technology Donna Piga to discuss how students and 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.



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!

Place Spirit Store Orders by May 12

The St. Francis Episcopal School Spirit Store will close Wednesday, May 12, at midnight to ensure delivery before the last day of school. The store will reopen in early August 2021.

- **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.

Primary School

From the Assistant Division Head

A stroll through our Primary School cottages will reveal an array of child-created work, ranging from drawings to paintings. You will also find student dictation connected to pictures detailing what is reflected in photos and illustrations. These samples of children's products, self-reflections, and narratives are referred to as *documentation*.

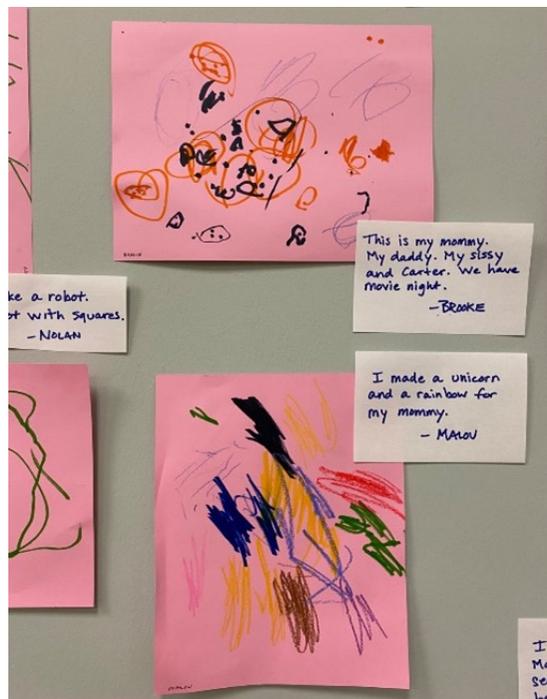
Documentation is an integral part of any project work and can be powerful for both the teacher and student. Documentation provides evidence of children's learning, thought processes, and engagement, and can help guide the teacher through

the project work. In addition, children are empowered and feel that their work is important and valued when they see it being displayed.

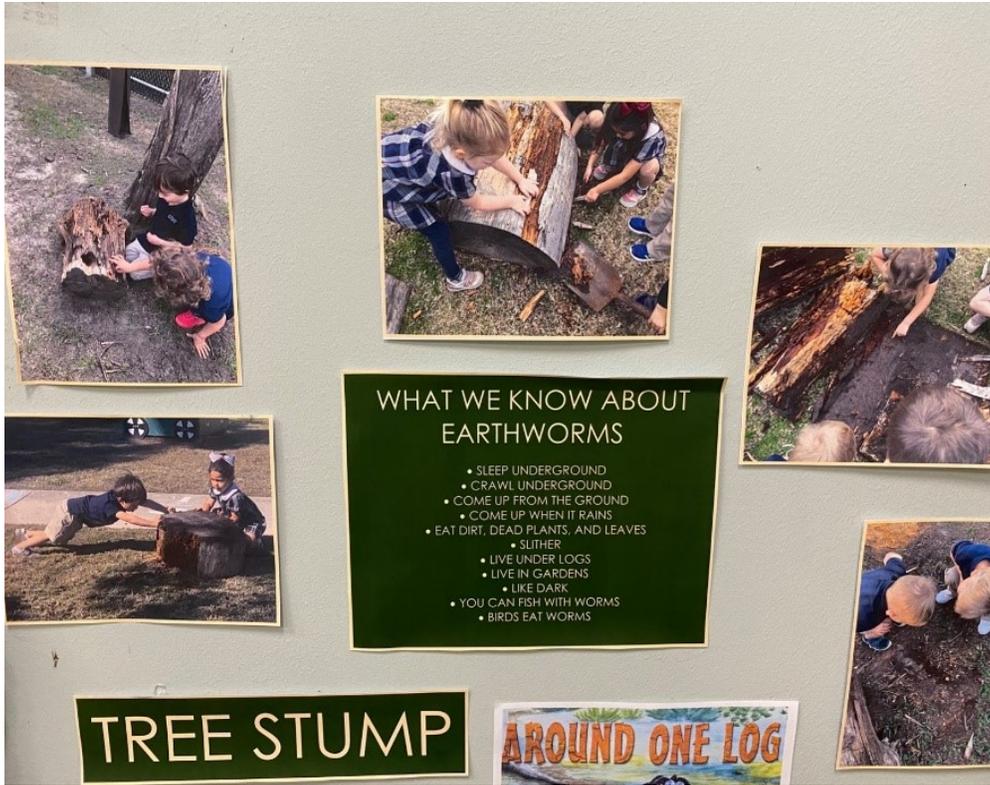
Documenting children's work is an opportunity for teachers to be both inclusive and affirming. This evidence of children's perspectives, experiences, and journeys becomes artifacts which teachers use to informally assess student learning and development, while preserving authentic exploration and discovery.

Documentation is often a catalyst for dialogue between the learner and the teacher. These conversations may be initiated by the teacher or sparked by a student who is ready to share about project work. The teacher's role is to record the student's words, actions, and ideas.

In addition, students build confidence in their writing and drawing as they scribe or illustrate their own work. This Primary School commitment to recording, or documenting, provides insight into a student's thinking as it relates to the project. The displays of documented work bring life to the Primary School and serve as daily reminders that we have a community of curious, creative, and reflective learners.



Pre-Primary



Primary I



Primary II

All the best,

Kenyetta K. Wynn, EdD
Assistant Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

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

This past week was full of so many activities that are bringing our community back

together and on campus again! Welcoming parents to **Chapel** has been so rewarding for everyone, and worshipping together brings a bit of normalcy back to our routine and helps us remember why we love St. Francis so much: community and fellowship! Thank you also for coming to **lunch** with your child. Students come in from lunch beaming with joy.

Another big hit has been **recess** as a grade level. Students have reconnected with friends and made friends with our students who were new to St. Francis this year. They simply do not mind wearing masks if they can socialize with other friends for part of the day. Their resiliency is quite remarkable.

This coming week, we will welcome **first-grade** parents to the Wheatcroft Parish Hall for their child's learning celebration. You will be thrilled to see how much they have grown as learners this year.

Finally, I'd like to announce that we will begin having our **fourth-grade leaders** out at carpool to open car doors, as they have done in years past. They will be matched with an adult on duty, who will continue to take temperatures and check for SchoolPass. We will not just allow the students who are serving in Leadership Council to open doors, but the whole grade level will take shifts and rotate through this very important responsibility. Make sure to thank them for their service to others when they open your child's door!

We will continue to look for more ways to safely explore the full **St. Francis experience** during these last few weeks of school.

See you around campus!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Join Us for Lower School Chapel

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

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 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

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

- **Regular Uniform Day:** Please do not wear Spirit Wear on this day, due to school photo shoot.
 - *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.
 - **Arminton:** 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
 - **Rosy:** 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
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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.
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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.
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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.
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Thursday, May 27

- *End-of-Year Parties:* Led by teachers in the classroom
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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 is my pleasure to allow Mr. Chad Knesek, Middle School history teacher, to share his reflections on the year we have had thus far, as well as his hopes and expectations for the closing weeks of 2020–21.

Thank you, Mr. K!

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

A Note From Mr. Knesek

As we inch closer to the end of the school year, I cannot help but reflect back on my first year at St. Francis. While we have certainly encountered our fair share of challenges along the way, I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to put down roots at such a special place.

From way back in August when I met my new students and their parents for the first time (when I know I was much more nervous than they were) to rushing from class to class with all of my materials on my little rolling cart, I look back and have to smile at how far we have come in just a few short months.

As we begin looking toward a well-deserved break, I know that, at this point, it would be easy to let our guards down. However, I am so grateful that my students enjoy learning and would never accept anything less than making the most of every moment that we are able to have together until that very last day of the school year. They keep me on my toes, and nothing makes this teacher happier!

All in all, had I known then what I know now—including about the challenges and obstacles we would face together with COVID-19 and winter storms—would I still have joined the St. Francis family? To use one of my favorite quotes, “Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make, makes you.”

While parts of this year are a little blurry, I could not be happier with my choice to join St. Francis, as it has brought me strength as a teacher that I didn’t know I had; new relationships with colleagues that I rely on every single day; and the chance to work with some amazing, dedicated, and talented students who do not take their education for granted. What more could a teacher ask for?

Sincerely,

Mr. Chad Knesek
Middle School History Teacher

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Trimester 3 Progress Reports Now Available

Progress reports for our third trimester are now posted on the Student and Parent Portals. You can access the report card document through the "Classes and Reports" button on your Parent Portal home page in Veracross.

- Progress report grades reflect student performance through Monday, April 19.
- You may see comments on these progress reports, and you may also receive an e-mail from teachers if they have additional information to share with you about the start to your child's third trimester.
- If you have questions about a grade, please reach out to your child's advisor or teacher, and they will be happy to help you!

Athletics Fall Preview Plans

As the spring sports season comes to a close, we will shift gears to our Athletics Fall Preview beginning tomorrow. **The Fall Preview will run from Monday, April 26, through Friday, May 14.** All students in grades 6–8 will be scheduled in their sport of

choice for the fall season or in a PE/games group. Students should bring any necessary equipment for their sport (e.g., field hockey stick, shin guards, mouthguard, goggles, volleyball shoes, kneepads, running shoes, or football cleats).

- Carpool will be at 3:50 p.m. at the Piney Point Campus for cross-country, football, boys' volleyball, girls' volleyball, and PE/games. Sixth graders will be picked up from the Dining Hall, and seventh and eighth graders will be picked up from the FAC.
- Field hockey players will be transported by bus to Couper Campus for practice on the turf field and will be picked up from the Primary School at 4:10 p.m.
- Students who are scheduled for Fine Arts rehearsals will report to their rehearsal and will not participate in the Fall Preview until their Fine Arts commitment is complete.

Middle School Awards Ceremonies

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our Middle School Awards this year, albeit in a modified format. Since we are still unable to gather as a division, we will be holding grade-level awards ceremonies in the St. Francis Chapel. As we have done in the past, these will continue to be student-only events. However, if your child will be an award recipient, your child's advisor will reach out to you with an invitation to attend the awards ceremony.

Join Mrs. Chandler for a Cookie-Decorating Class

Join Middle School Art Teacher Amy Chandler for a mini-session on learning the art of cookie decorating! Students will design their own cookie cutters and print them on our 3-D printers, learn to work with royal icing, and create edible works of art to bring home for family and friends.

- **Classes run Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 27–May 6, from 3:35 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- Students in grades 5 and up are welcome to join the fun.
- Cost is \$100, including all supplies.
- To register, e-mail [Margaret Newsom](#) or [Amy Chandler](#).

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](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 26

- *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, April 27

- *"A" Day*
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Wednesday, April 28

- *"B" Day*
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Thursday, April 29

- *"C" Day*
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Friday, April 30

- *"D" Day*
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Monday, May 3

- *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, May 4

- *"A" Day*
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Wednesday, May 5

- *"B" Day*
 - *St. Francis Connections Series, on Cybersafety: 11:45 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#)*
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Thursday, May 6

- *"C" Day*
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Friday, May 7

- *Special Dress Day (See Note Above)*
 - *"D" Day*
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Monday, May 10

- *Community Service Hours Due (Date Change)*
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Wednesday, May 12

- *Middle School Physicals*
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Monday, May 17

- *Sixth-Grade Student Awards: Students only*
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Tuesday, May 18

- *Eighth-Grade Student Awards: Students only*
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Wednesday, May 19

- *Fifth-Grade Student Awards: Students only*
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Thursday, May 20

- *Seventh-Grade Student Awards: Students only*
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Wednesday, May 26

- *Last Day of School for Middle School*
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Thursday, May 27

- *Eighth-Grade Graduation: Arrival and photos at 5:30 p.m.; ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m.*

Upper School

From the Division Head

I'm from Louisiana, and whenever more than a few people gather, there is always conversation about food. Even while eating out, people are already planning their next meal. I have lots of excellent cooks in my family. They creatively throw things together, make substitutions when they don't have something called for in a recipe, and generally don't measure ingredients. They like that they don't have to be precise.

I prefer to bake. I like the precision of following a recipe, understanding the chemistry of baking powder, and trying to replicate gourmet cookies.

I think parenting is a lot like cooking *and* baking. There is room for creativity and for trial and error, but there is also a need for precision. You may have read the recipe and measured the ingredients carefully, but you can't walk away from the oven and hope that everything will work itself out.

Cookbooks offer precise guidelines for success, but there are no step-by step instruction manuals that explain or guide parents through every developmental challenge in raising teenagers. Still, there are good resources that can help you

navigate the unknown landscape of raising responsible young people. (Note: If you're like me and don't always have time to read books, I highly recommend audiobooks.)

Listed below are a few resources you might enjoy:

- [*Untangled: Guiding Teenage Girls Through the Seven Transitions into Adulthood*](#) by Lisa Damour
- [*How to Raise an Adult*](#) by Julie Lythcott-Haims
- [*Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent and Lead*](#) by Brené Brown

Have a good week!

Amy Whitley, MA

Assistant Head of School/Interim Head of Upper School

Reminder: Uniform Guidelines

Students arriving to school should be dressed only in uniform-approved clothing. As the weather has become warmer, there is not a need for heavier outerwear. Thank you for helping ensure these guidelines are followed:

- Only St. Francis sweatshirts may be worn. All other outerwear will be held in the office until the end of the day.
- Hats are not permitted.
- Uniform shirts are required under sweatshirts.
- Spirit Wear items are permitted only on Fridays, or when requested by coaches or other St. Francis staff. Approved uniform pants or shorts must be worn with Spirit Wear shirts on Fridays. Yoga pants and leggings are not approved for school.
- Shorts, pants, and skirts must be purchased from DENNIS Uniform.

Students who are not dressed in the required clothing are noted in behavioral records. Students not wearing the appropriate clothing may be sent home to change clothes, or parents may be called to bring school-approved items.

Spring Sports Recap

The Wolves have now completed our third spring sports season at the Upper School level, and we are already planning for next year. Congratulations to the players, coaches, and families for successful seasons in baseball, softball, golf, tennis, and track and field!

- Our students launched two new programs this year with baseball and softball. Both teams made history with their inaugural seasons, and our softball team finished the year undefeated!
- Tennis returned this season, and we are proud of team members for their commitment to early morning practices before school and for competing in matches against other schools in the city.
- The track and field team established and set many new records, and the record board in Crum Gym will feature some new names and times very soon.
- Our golf team practiced each week and made improvements throughout the season, and we had four students compete in tournaments at the varsity level.

People for Others Council Book Drive

The People for Others Council is happy to announce its first big charity project of the year! Remember the books you read as a kid and how much joy they brought you? Remember the whimsical worlds of Dr. Seuss or the fun mysteries with Nancy Drew? Some kids don't have access to that joy, or a way to work their creative mind by experiencing these types of stories. By taking part in the first ever Annual Book Drive, you could brighten a child's day, or even their week. You have the power to change a life with each and every donation.

Any student from Primary to Upper School can participate in this project, beginning **Monday, May 10, through Friday, May 14**. To donate, **bring your new or gently used books**—ranging from children's books to young adult novels—and deposit them in the boxes located around the school. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to make a difference!

Mark Your Calendar

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

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

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Monday, May 10

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Tuesday, May 11

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Wednesday, May 12

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Thursday, May 13

- *Odd Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
- *People for Others Council Book Drive*
- *Upper School Dance Showcase: 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center*

Friday, May 14

- *Even Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
- *People for Others Council Book Drive*

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.**

May 9: Blessing for High School Seniors

On Sunday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m., we will have a special service in the church to honor graduating high school seniors. We invite all seniors and their parents (and grandparents) to the blessing by Fr. Bates. Please e-mail [Cindy Huteson](#) with the following details:

1. Name of high school senior
2. Any special plans for summer between high school and college
3. College student plans to attend
4. Course of study student wishes to pursue
5. Student's favorite song

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](#).