

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of September 27

All School

From the Head of School

I hope you have had time to watch the September video update. If not, you can see it [here](#). There are lots of exciting updates we cover, and since we have not been able to have visitors on campus, this is your chance to preview the progress we've made to enhance our students' St. Francis experience. We are thrilled to have all of our divisions back on campus, and we hope to keep them here for as much of the school year as possible. The reality of this year is that there are three learning models that we may have to shift between at any time.

A few weeks ago, we shared some scenarios that may help you in planning and clarifying when you should keep your students home. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with these scenarios, which can be found [here](#) and on the [COVID page](#) on our website.

Additionally, should we have a case at school, it could mean that a specific class, grade, or even division will need to transition between learning models on short notice. The partnership with our families is essential to navigating these complex times, and I thank you for your flexibility and for doing your part outside of school to help keep our community safe.

In partnership,

Steve Lovejoy, MA
Head of School

Important Safety Reminders

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follow all of St. Francis's COVID protocols, including the following carpool-related guidelines:

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Explore and Extend Enrichment: Some Opportunities Still Available

Registration is still open for the following after-school enrichment sessions for fall 2020:

MONDAYS

- **LEGO Robotics for Grade 5 (in Person) and Grades 4–6 (ONLINE):** 4:00–4:45 p.m.

TUESDAYS

- **Yoga for Primary I:** 2:55–3:40 p.m.
- **Soccer Ball Handling Skills for Grade 1:** 3:30–4:15 p.m.
- **Yoga for Kindergarten With Señora Schoelman:** 4:00–4:45 p.m.
- **ONLINE Still Life Painting With the Art House for Grades 1–4:** 4:00-5:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS

- **STEAM Happily Ever After With Ms. Masini for Grade 2:** 3:45–4:30 p.m.
- **Yoga for Grade 1:** 4:00–4:45 p.m.
- **Arduino Robotics for Grade 6 (in Person) and Grades 5–8 (ONLINE):** 4:00–4:45 p.m.

FRIDAYS

- **Primary I (HYBRID) Tae Kwon Do:** 3:00–3:45 p.m.

School of Music lessons are also available for registration. The year will start remotely and move to in-person when resources indicate this is safe.

To register, [click here](#).

We Want Your Pet Pictures for the Feast of St. Francis Chapel!

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and his love of animals, we want pictures of you and your pet! Submit photos and videos via the [Contribute to Chapel Form](#). Pictures will be used in Chapels from Wednesday, September 30, through Wednesday, October 7.

October Virtue of the Month: Commitment

During the month of October, the St. Francis community is focusing on commitment. Our virtue verse is Joshua 24:15: *“Choose this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”* Try to memorize it as a family. You can find virtue resources [here](#).

Table Talk: What is the first image or story that comes to mind when you hear the word “commitment”?

Primary School

From the Division Head

One essential component of our Reggio-inspired program is our indoor and outdoor environments. In the Primary School, we are intentional in planning and setting up environments conducive to student-driven play. Writing centers, grocery-store areas, sandboxes, building areas, home areas, and other student areas are designed to engage children in play. When child play begins, our teachers begin their work observing and making anecdotal notes on individual student development. This documentation is used to assess and communicate student growth and goals in our Developmental Continuum reports.

We have added new features to our outdoor learning spaces to encourage play. Our new water table and mud kitchen have been a success in engaging students in imaginative and collaborative play. These added sensory areas—purchased with capital funds—encourage practicing problem-solving, negotiation, sharing, and working within a group.



I encourage you to read the article [“10 Things Every Parent Should Know About Play.”](#) which supports our Primary School beliefs on play. Both indoor and outdoor play provide students with opportunities to develop a sense of self, learn how to interact with others, and develop friendships while discovering and manipulating the environment around them. I hope that this will be helpful in the continued play that you take part in with your child at home.

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Primary School

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Parent Information Night: Recording Now Available

Thank you for joining us for our Parent Information Night meetings on Tuesday, September 15, and Thursday, September 17. If you were not able to attend the live Zoom meeting, please [click here](#) to see the recorded Pre-Primary meeting.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, September 30

- *Wellness Wednesday*: Everyone is remote; campus closed
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Wednesday, October 7

- *Wellness Wednesday*: Everyone is remote; campus closed
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Monday, October 12

- *Fall Break*: School closed
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Wednesday, October 14

- *Wellness Wednesday*: Everyone is remote; campus closed
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Wednesday, October 21

- *Wellness Wednesday*: Everyone is remote; campus closed
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Monday, October 26

- *Primary School Picture Day*
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Tuesday, October 27

- *Primary School Picture Day*
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Wednesday, October 28

- *PS Parent-Teacher Conference Day via Zoom: Student holiday*
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Wednesday, November 4

- *Wellness Wednesday: Everyone is remote; campus closed*

Lower School

From the Division Head

Just when we think we are in a groove, something else tries to jump in and get us off track. Good try, Beta! Our team quickly responded and pivoted to our distance-learning schedule. We couldn't have done this without your help. We appreciate your flexibility and cooperation a great deal! While we know some families were device-challenged, everyone did the best they could and had two great days. I know I have said this numerous times, but again, we saw the resilience and positivity in your children as they, too, shifted to distance learning seamlessly.

Just one **housekeeping item**: Please never pull in or park in reserved faculty spaces or visitor parking spaces while waiting for the appropriate carpool time to arrive. Due to social distancing and in order to keep your children as safe as possible, the students are spread throughout several locations during carpool. It takes a bit of additional time to get them out to your car. Patience, policy-following, and goodwill are needed from everyone to ensure carpool runs as smoothly as possible. Teamwork!

This week, we will continue sharing more about how you can help your child with home practice. Holly Plost, our math and technology specialist, will share some insights with you regarding math and technology at home.

I hope you have a wonderful week with no disruptions!

Cheers,

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

From Our Math and Technology Specialist

Home practice reinforces classroom learning and promotes mastery of concepts and skills. It encourages students to take initiative and responsibility for completing a task.

As your children are working on math home practice, please support a growth mindset. Some problems may be difficult for them, and they may make mistakes.

It is perfectly acceptable to make mistakes; in fact, we encourage students to make mistakes. Recent research shows that [mistakes help our brains grow](#). The more students embrace mistakes, the less they will be afraid of them. The less afraid of mistakes they are, the more willing they will be to try new things. The more new things they try (and mistakes they make), the more their brains grow, and the more challenging tasks they can take on. Thus, it is vital to allow your children to figure out answers independently, make mistakes, and struggle.

You can assist by ensuring that your children show their work on pencil-and-paper tasks through the use of pictures, numbers, and/or words. This work offers detailed evidence teachers can use to determine what students understand and where their misconceptions lie. Furthermore, it improves their learning; when students show how they solved a problem, they understand the mathematical concepts more deeply. It is important to praise students' effort, perseverance, and thinking.

During the year, you will see several types of math home practice:

BRIDGES IN MATHEMATICS

- [Home Connections](#)—Pages from our math series that help students practice skills they are currently working on in class or reinforce skills they have previously learned
- [Work Places](#)—Developmentally appropriate math games and activities that offer ongoing practice with essential skills

WEBSITES AND APPS THAT REINFORCE MATH CONCEPTS AND SKILLS

- [DreamBox Math](#)—Adaptive online learning platform that personalizes instruction for each user
 - All students in Lower School use this program.
 - [It is very important that students do not receive help.](#) DreamBox continually assesses students' answers to determine gaps in understanding and mastered concepts. Your assistance can progress your children beyond their optimal learning zone, which can lead to frustration.
 - Tips for students to get the most out of DreamBox:
 - Try every problem. Persist even when it's hard.
 - Finish every lesson. Persevere instead of choosing another lesson.
 - Utilize in-lesson support, including auditory feedback, help, and hints (available for grades 3+).
 - Use headphones so the directions and feedback can be heard clearly.
 - Work independently. Don't allow others to help you.

- Various Other Websites and Apps—These will vary based on the concept being addressed and the grade level.

TARGETED FACT-FLUENCY PRACTICE

- Reflex Math—An individualized and adaptive computer program designed to help students learn and master the basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts
 - Students in grades 2–4 use this program once they have developed a conceptual understanding of each operation.
- Games, Apps, and Websites—These will vary based on the grade level.
- Triangular Flashcards—Designed to teach families of facts instead of individual problems, these triangle-shaped flashcards show the relationship between addition and subtraction or multiplication and division.

SPIRAL REVIEW

- Used in fourth grade to consistently review concepts so that students retain the skills they have previously learned.

Remember to always talk about math positively and involve your children in the mathematics of your world. You are an essential math role model.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or to me.

Mathematically,

Holly Plost, MEd
Math and Technology Specialist

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Order Lower School Scrapbooks by Wednesday

[Click here to order your child's Lower School scrapbooks](#) (for his or her grade during the 2019–20 school year) by this **Wednesday, September 30**.

- View sample pages from each book via the following links:
 - [Kindergarten](#)
 - [First Grade](#)
 - [Second Grade](#)
 - [Third Grade](#)
 - [Fourth Grade](#)
- With questions about how to purchase, please [e-mail us](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, September 30

- *Wellness Wednesday*
 - *Deadline to Order Lower School Scrapbooks*
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Friday, October 2

- *Individual School Pictures for On-Campus Students*
 - Students can wear the regular SFES uniform. No spirit wear, please.
 - Remote students will have an opportunity for individual pictures on the scheduled makeup day during a time window when they will not cross over with their on-campus colleagues. Date to be determined.
 - We intend to have class group photos later this year and will communicate dates with you when they are available.
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Wednesday, October 7

- *Wellness Wednesday*
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Monday, October 12

- *Fall Break: School closed*

Middle School

From the Division Head

I hope you all stayed dry through the storm this week. Thank you for your continued flexibility as we pivoted to a remote schedule on Tuesday!

The need to make adjustments to “normally scheduled” programming has been a theme this year. As we work through these opening weeks of on-campus learning, we are also continuing discussions about school events and programming in 2020–21. I have appreciated your thoughts and ideas about division events and rites of passage like the Eighth-Grade Convocation and Tie Ceremony and Middle School Parent Night, and would like to share several updates on upcoming events in the Middle School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NIGHTS

In prior years, this was a one-night event for parents across the division where families would have the opportunity to hear about the year ahead from their children’s teachers. This year, restrictions on attendance in Zoom meetings required that we make a change to this event. Hosting individual events for each grade level will allow our faculty to speak with you live about their classes and the year ahead. The order of events in each of these sessions, as well as the link to join the meeting, are below.

- **Parent Night Agenda**
 - Introduction by Middle School administration
 - Presentation by grade-level faculty
 - Question-and-answer session for parents via Zoom chat
- **Times and Links for Each Session**
 - Grade 5 Parent Night—Monday, September 28, at 6:30 p.m. ([Zoom link](#))
 - Grade 6 Parent Night—Tuesday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. ([Zoom link](#))
 - Grade 7 Parent Night—Wednesday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. ([Zoom link](#))
 - Grade 8 Parent Night—Thursday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. ([Zoom link](#))

CONVOCATION AND EIGHTH-GRADE TIE CEREMONY

This ceremony is normally held near the opening of the school year and offers an opportunity to formally begin the school year and acknowledge our eighth-grade class’ leadership in the Middle School. **We do intend to host the event this year, but we have decided to postpone in the hopes that we will be able to host this ceremony in person at a later date.** We do not have a timeline for this yet, but our team will continue evaluating options and opportunities and will share more with you when we can.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS) APPLICATIONS AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

We are moving forward with NJHS this year. We were forced to delay our initial timeline

and induction ceremony date, but this delay is temporary. Students in seventh and eighth grades with an overall (sixth- and seventh-grade) GPA of 3.7 or higher will have received an invitation to reply by early next week. **Instructions for the application process are included in the invitation, and the new date of the NJHS induction ceremony will be shared with inductees soon.** Applicants who have already completed an application do not need to submit a new application.

OTHER SIGNATURE EVENTS

There are many time-honored traditions and events in Middle School, and it is our goal and hope to host these events this year. The format may be slightly or significantly altered, but we are committed to finding ways to recognize our students and families as we work through a new context together. If you have questions or ideas about events this year, please reach out to the MS Office and we will be happy to speak with you!

Best Regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

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Carpool Reminders

Now that we are all back on campus, carpool is in full swing. To help things run smoothly, please keep the following in mind:

MORNING CARPOOL

- If you need to bring your child to school between 7:00 and 7:20 a.m., please bring them through the Lower School carpool drop-off.

AFTERNOON CARPOOL

- Please do not line up for Middle School carpool until 3:50 p.m. Arriving before this time results in getting stuck in the Lower School carpool, and you will have to be sent around and get back in line for the Middle School carpool.
- If you are only picking up a fifth- or sixth-grade student, please stay in the right-hand lane upon entering the campus. This lane will take you around the Szalkowski Loop and over to the Dining Hall for pickup.
- If you are picking up a seventh- or eighth-grade student, please stay in the left-hand lane upon entering the campus. This lane will take you to the back side of the FAC for pickup. You may then stay in that lane to exit the campus or continue on to the Dining Hall to pick up your fifth or sixth grader.
- Please note that families who only have a seventh or eighth grader will be moving into the right-hand lane to exit the campus after they have completed their pickup. Please allow them the opportunity to merge into that right-hand lane to allow for easier traffic flow.

Please be patient and respectful with one another and especially with our off-duty police officers.

Middle School Athletics Update

The start of this school year has been different in so many ways, including athletics. As physical education teachers and coaches, we place a high value on activity, practice, and competition. We see participation in athletics as a key component in the educational experience. Students are able to learn, grow, be challenged and rewarded, and master adversity in so many ways on and off the field, court, track, and trails. While things have looked different from any other fall season, we have continued to work with our student-athletes in many different platforms.

We began the fall season virtually with each of our programs. The details of each program varied, but our student-athletes had the opportunity to connect with coaches and teammates through Zoom calls for online fitness training, skills and drills, game-strategy instruction, film review, team bonding, and more at both the Middle and Upper School levels. Interested volleyball players were issued a ball, and field hockey players were issued a stick and a ball if needed for at-home training. Cross-country runners were provided guided running programs for at-home training, and football players connected through Zoom calls for fitness, chalk talks, leadership training, and more.

It has been great to have our sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students back on campus. While we are not able to offer a traditional fall athletics program at this time, our coaches are excited to be working with the students again in an active setting. The students have been introduced to new policies and procedures for Middle School PE and athletics, including keeping a safe distance, wearing a mask when appropriate, sanitizing hands, keeping hands away from the face, and bringing their own water bottle

to practice. Throughout the fall season, students will participate in sports skills and fitness activities within their cohorts.

While we are not competing against other schools at this time, our coaches will find creative ways to challenge and promote growth and improvement within their groups. It has been great to have our student-athletes back at practice, and we look forward to getting back to more activities as we are able to do so safely this year.

Go Wolves!

T Riley
Director of Athletics

Breaking News: *Wolf Weekly News* Is LIVE!

Hello, Wolf Nation! Make sure you [check out the newest version of *Wolf Weekly News*](#) for the latest and greatest in laughs, fun, and happiness in the MS world. Please encourage your students to [e-mail submissions to Mr. Lakoski](#), and we will do our best to get them into a future edition. Go Wolves!

A Note About Middle School Pictures

On-campus Middle School students will have individual pictures taken on **Tuesday, October 6**. Picture order forms will be sent home with your child this week. Students have the option to wear their SFES uniform top or another solid-color, collared shirt.

- Remote students will have an opportunity for individual pictures on the scheduled makeup day during a time window when they will not cross over with their on-campus colleagues.
- We intend to have group photos later this year and will communicate dates with you when they are available.

Order Fourth-Grade Scrapbooks by Wednesday

[Click here to order your child's fourth-grade scrapbooks](#) (for the 2019–20 school year) by this **Wednesday, September 30**. [Click here](#) to view fourth-grade sample pages. With questions about how to purchase, please [e-mail us](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 28

- *Parent Information Night for Grade 5 (Virtual): 6:30–7:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, September 29

- *Parent Information Night for Grade 6 (Virtual): 6:30–7:30 p.m.*
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Wednesday, September 30

- *Wellness Wednesday Schedule*
 - *Deadline to Order Fourth-Grade Scrapbooks: For students who were in fourth grade in the 2019–20 school year*
 - *Parent Information Night for Grade 7 (Virtual): 6:30–7:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, October 1

- *Parent Information Night for Grade 8 (Virtual): 6:30–7:30 p.m.*
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Tuesday, October 6

- *Individual School Photos for On-Campus Students*
 - *MS Parent Meeting (Virtual): 12:30–1:30 p.m.*
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Wednesday, October 7

- *Wellness Wednesday Schedule*
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Monday, October 12

- *Fall Break: No school*

Upper School

From Our Director of Athletics

The start of this school year has been different in so many ways, including athletics. As physical education teachers and coaches, we place a high value on activity, practice, and competition. We see participation in athletics as a key component in the educational experience. Students are able to learn, grow, be challenged and rewarded, and master adversity in so many ways on and off the field, court, track, and trails. While things have looked different from any other fall season, we have continued to work with our student-athletes across many different platforms.

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The good news is that we are now able to connect more with on-campus learners at school. On-campus practices have begun for cross-country and volleyball, with safety precautions in place. Students are wearing masks at all times while in the gym, except for during water breaks; hands are being sanitized before, during, and after practice; and we are keeping social distance as appropriate during practices. Students who have elected the comprehensive distance learning model are still an important part of our teams, and our coaches will stay in contact by providing options for at-home practices and training.

While we are not competing against other schools at this time, our coaches will find creative ways to challenge and promote competition within their programs. It has been great to have our student-athletes back at practice, and we look forward to getting back to more activities as we are able to do so safely this year.

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Upcoming Week's Schedule Reminder (September 28–October 2)

Ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders (from both the on-campus and remote-learning scenarios) will [follow the linked schedule this week](#). Please notice that the week's assignments of odd and even days (found at the very top of the linked document) have to do with our schedule rotation and not the day of the month. So, this Monday

(September 28) is an odd day in our rotation, which means that students will attend odd block classes (1, 3, 5, and 7) that day. Those Zoom links are found under the “Odd Day” column on the schedule. Please also remember that we follow our Distance Learning Schedule (far right schedule with the 9:00 a.m. start time) on Wednesdays when we are all working from our respective homes. If/when you have questions related to the schedule, please feel free to [contact Cara Henderson](#).

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See Renderings of the US Student Life Building

Last Wednesday, Head of School Steve Lovejoy shared renderings of the new Upper School Student Life Building. If you missed the presentation, you can watch it [here](#).

A Note About Upper School Individual Pictures

On-campus Upper School students will have individual pictures taken on **Friday, October 16**. Students have the option to wear their SFES uniform top or another solid-color, collared shirt. No spirit wear, please.

- Remote students will have an opportunity to get individual pictures taken on the scheduled makeup day during a time window when they will not cross over with their on-campus colleagues.
- We intend to have group photos later this year and will communicate dates with you when they are available.

Parents as Guardians in Google Classroom

Since the completion of our student-led conferences on September 16, several parents have requested access to Google Classroom. Please know that, upon request (through

an e-mail to your child's teacher), you will receive an e-mail from Google Classroom that you will need to open and review, accepting the invitation to join the Google Classroom as a Guardian.

- Guardian access will allow you to set up your account to receive either daily or weekly updates. These updates provide information about missing assignments to date; unfortunately, the information is not always accurate. For example, the student may have submitted the assignment, but forgot to check the box indicating that it was submitted. Or, conversely, the student may have clicked the box indicating that the assignment was submitted when no work was actually turned in. In both cases, the Google Guardians receive inaccurate information in their daily/weekly updates.
- Instead of relying on the accuracy of Google Guardian reports, it is our recommendation that parents find about 10–15 minutes weekly to sit down next to their child and look at the student view of each Google Classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn more about the course content and upcoming assignments and assessments.
- Practice coaching your children to set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time-bound) goals and provide encouragement to them throughout the week, supporting their efforts to meet their goals.

Mask-Wearing Expectations and Consequences

Ensuring the health and safety of all community members is our highest priority. Therefore, all students and adults are expected to wear masks at all times while inside St. Francis buildings. The only exception is when a mask is removed for a drink of water and then promptly replaced. If a mask is removed while a student is outside, that student must be at least six feet away from others. The consequences for a student's non-compliance are as follows:

- **First Offense:** The student receives a warning and the faculty/staff member communicates via e-mail to Dr. Henderson that a warning was issued to that student.
- **Second Offense:** The student is sent to speak with Dr. Henderson and parents are contacted.
- **Third Offense:** The student will be sent home and will join classes remotely for a two-week period.

Additional Mask Reminders:

- Masks with valves or vents, gaiters, and buffs are not allowed.
- Masks should not have wording and designs and should be school-appropriate.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 28

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
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Tuesday, September 29

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
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Wednesday, September 30

- *Odd Day*
 - *Distance-Learning Schedule*
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Thursday, October 1

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
-

Friday, October 2

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
-

Monday, October 5

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
-

Tuesday, October 6

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
-

Wednesday, October 7

- *Even Day*
 - *Distance-Learning Schedule*
-

Thursday, October 8

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
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Friday, October 9

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
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Monday, October 12

- *Fall Break: School closed*
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Tuesday, October 13

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
-

Wednesday, October 14

- *Even Day*
- *Distance-Learning Schedule*

Thursday, October 15

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
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Friday, October 16

- *Even Day*
- *On-Campus Schedule*

Church

We Are Open for In-Person Worship!

The Holy Eucharist will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. We will 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 live stream our worship service on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. via Facebook.

- We will be working under the guidelines and protocols for your safety as originally approved by our bishop and vestry. In-person worship guidelines are available [here](#).
- Because only a limited number of the congregation can be safely seated according to the distancing guidelines, it will be necessary for you to let us know you plan to attend the worship services. We have created a SignUpGenius for that purpose. Go to the St. Francis Episcopal Church website (sfch.org) and click "Return to Worship Information." You will need to sign up each week, indicating the date you would like to come to worship.
- We pray for your patience and grace as we work out adhering to the guidelines and safely gathering for worship. Once you reach the church doors with your masks on (masks are required for adults and children 2 years and older), you will be guided through the process of being seated. Individuals and families will be seated by ushers. Most likely, you will be able to choose whether you will be seated in the Transepts or the Nave. You will not get to decide exactly where you sit. The distancing guidelines will dictate exactly where people are seated by our ushers.
- Obviously, if you are ill, have a fever, or are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, or are in a high-risk health group, we recommend you stay at home and continue to worship with us online. (Click [here](#) for a list of high-risk

conditions.) If you are 65 years of age or older and otherwise healthy, you are welcome to worship if you choose.

- We welcome your children to worship, but will not have Children's Sunday School or childcare available during the services at this time. Mrs. Devlin's Sunday School lessons will continue to be broadcast online at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Wismer will be giving a children's homily.
- Ushers will assist you in maintaining the 6-foot safe distance between one another from the time you leave your vehicle until seated. Families may sit together. A distance of 6 feet will be maintained between individuals and/or families. Seating will be in every other pew, and the congregation will receive the communion wafer while in their pew. We will all stand for the Great Thanksgiving, as doing so will help us maintain the safe-distancing guidelines.
- Bulletins and offering baskets for your donations will be available as you are seated. We ask you to refrain from any congregational singing, passing of the peace, and kneeling; nor will the plate be passed during the service. These are all part of the bishop's guidelines.
- The celebrant and priest will administer the bread of the Eucharist to you while in your pews, and you may remove your mask to consume the wafer and put it back on afterward.
- After the dismissal by the priest, please remain seated until dismissed by the ushers by row. We ask for your cooperation to return to your home and not gather in groups outside.

The Goodnight Show With Fr. Wismer Is Now on Tuesdays Only

Join Fr. Wismer for ***The Goodnight Show*** on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. (This is a change from its prior schedule of both Tuesdays and Thursdays.) 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.](#)

How to Watch Sunday Service Via Live Stream

If you would like to join St. Francis Episcopal Church's **11:00 a.m.** Sunday service via Live Stream, here's how to watch:

1. Open the Internet browser on your computer, laptop, or phone. Type in the St. Francis website—**sfch.org**.
2. Click on the "**Facebook Live Stream**" button. (*You don't need a Facebook account to watch.*)
3. **On the Facebook menu bar (just above the "About" section), select "More" and then, from the drop-down menu, click on "Videos."** This will open a page showing all videos.
4. Prelude music will begin the live stream at 10:50 a.m. to allow time for your connection and for your inspiration. Once the live stream is in progress, you just

need to click on the video. If you miss the live video, a recording of the service will also be available on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church website](#).

Watch Let It Shine! on YouTube

We'll continue to put the Let It Shine! videos on the St. Francis YouTube channel, but we've created a dedicated channel for Let it Shine! This is a great way for us to reach children everywhere with these amazing Bible-based video teachings by Allison Devlin, our director of family ministry.

- Please share this channel with anyone you might know who has children and who's looking for entertaining, informative videos that help lead children to Jesus.
- [Click here to visit the channel](#). **Be sure to like, subscribe, and turn on notifications!**

Teens, Join Us for GLOW!

It's not too late to join the new GLOW series using *The Armor of God—Teen Bible Study Book* by Priscilla Shirer.

- [Click here](#) to learn more about the book and to order your copy today!
- For further details, contact [Allison Devlin](#).

Moms, Join Us for Bible Study

The **SFES Moms' Bible Study** begins on **Friday, October 2, at 11:00 a.m.**, led by **Allison Devlin**, director of family ministry. Here's a note from Allison about the study:

This fall, we will begin our study with a book by Jeannie Cunnion called [Mom Set Free](#). I hope you will join me on this journey of faith and fellowship!

As moms, we're under constant pressure. We have to get it right in all areas of life—work, home, family, and faith—because our children's futures hinge on our ability to perfectly orchestrate the present.

But those impossible standards leave us oscillating between worry, fear, anger, and shame. They threaten to steal all the wonder from parenting, life, and our personal relationship with God.

In this seven-session study, we will discover how the gospel message can empower you to parent in the freedom of God's sovereignty, so that you can breathe deeper, walk lighter, and enjoy your children—and the parenting journey—more than ever before.

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 a two-month period.

Upcoming Events at St. Francis

St. Francis is hosting the following events on a regular basis via Zoom. To join an event listed below, please click the provided link or copy and paste it into your web browser’s address bar. Then, enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Proverbs
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/651248716>
 - *Passcode required to join; e-mail Louise Richman to participate.*

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [Lew Arend](#)
- Monthly on the second Tuesday at 8:00–9:30 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Men of St. Francis (TMOSF)
 - **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/86142658053?pwd=THE3Nm0xcW1DeHhCdWMyUIEramdlldz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 861 4265 8053
 - **Passcode:** 0AbyWs

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting**
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933291372?pwd=MTVmV284bDFzanlvcS9mVzZJNFowZz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 819 3329 1372

- **Passcode:** 330576

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS—BIBLE STUDIES AND MEETINGS

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** GLOW
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4394746544>
 - **Meeting ID:** 716 183 992
 - **Passcode:** 476823
- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00–7:15 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** The Goodnight Show
 - **Contact:** [Fr. Bob Wismer](#)
 - [Facebook Live Stream](#)

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?pwd=VHJTDDVYem8zMVVJkprZzFqUjBlUT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 057417
- Wednesdays at 7:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Prayer Session (We read Scripture and go through a prayer cycle of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession.)
 - **Contact:** [Heather Burkhardt](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74720562513?pwd=VWpsVy9WN01LVkdSbEl4NlVJTjlxZz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 747 2056 2513
 - **Passcode:** 678123
- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081?pwd=dTdSVFIQ2xrRS9kMEhpWDJ6NUlwQT09>
 - **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?pwd=VHJTtDvYem8zMVVJkprZzFqUjBlUT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
- **Passcode:** 057417
- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting**
Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081?pwd=dTdiSVFIQ2xrRS9kMEhpWDJ6NUlwQT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 744 3239 1081
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