

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 4

All School

Watch the September Video Update

Head of School Steve Lovejoy covers a lot of exciting news in his September video update. 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! To watch the update, click [here](#).

From the Head of School

The calendar has already turned to October and (to our surprise) the weather is already feeling more like fall—what a welcome change.

Even though we are wearing masks and staying six feet apart, the joy that comes from being together is evident in our halls and classrooms. Last week, there were several communications to our community, and I want to make sure you saw them and continue to be informed of the latest updates.

- We shared our plans to eventually reintroduce faculty and students to the classrooms on Wednesdays [here](#).
- And in my September update, we showcased the latest in the life of St. Francis and the enhanced St. Francis experience; you can view that message [here](#) or via the link above.

As you may know, from time to time we use a third party to survey our families about various institutional projects and initiatives. The feedback we receive from these confidential surveys is very useful as we plan our programming and services for the St. Francis community. We will be sending these surveys soon, and I encourage all of our families to take some time to help us better serve our community.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis, and I hope you have a wonderful week ahead.

In partnership,

Steve Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

New Facebook Groups Created for Uniform Donations/Resale

Uniform sell/donate groups have been created on Facebook for the purpose of helping our community trade gently used uniform and Spirit Wear items between St. Francis families. Please note that these Facebook groups are not administered by the school, and are a temporary solution for uniform resale.

- With any questions regarding how to locate these pages or how to use them, please contact PA Lost and Found Coordinator Ali Williams [via e-mail](#) or at 713.870.7608.
- If anyone is interested in using these pages to sell/donate items but does not have a Facebook account, please contact Ali Williams and she can post them on your behalf.
- Links to the eight Facebook groups are below:
 - [St. Francis Episcopal School Houston—Boy Uniforms—Primary School](#)
 - [St. Francis Episcopal School Houston—Girl Uniforms—Primary School](#)
 - [St. Francis Episcopal School Houston—Boy Uniforms—Lower School](#)
 - [St. Francis Episcopal School Houston—Girl Uniforms—Lower School](#)
 - [St. Francis Episcopal School Houston—Boy Uniforms—Middle School](#)
 - [St. Francis Episcopal School Houston—Girl Uniforms—Middle School](#)
 - [St. Francis Episcopal School Houston—Boy Uniforms—Upper School](#)
 - [St. Francis Episcopal School Houston—Girl Uniforms—Upper School](#)

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](#). (More than 100 photos have been submitted so far!) Pictures will be used in Chapels through Wednesday, October 7.

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: Students learned the American Sign Language for "commitment" this week in Chapel. Ask them to show you. You can find an instructional video [here](#).

Primary School

From the Primary I Lead Teachers

Remote learning has been a new adventure for us all in the Primary School. We would like to thank you for partnering with us as we learn and grow with your family. Over the last eight months, we have learned a lot through this experience as we use Zoom sessions to connect and educate students. Our virtual meetings serve many academic and social purposes, therefore we encourage students to participate in all whole group and one-on-one Zoom sessions.

We recognize that young learners thrive on creating connections and establishing relationships through interaction with others and shared experiences. They flourish in environments that cultivate relationship-building and opportunities to communicate. In an effort to maintain these relationships in a distance-learning environment, we have provided a few suggestions below to help make this distance-learning experience positive and beneficial for all learners.

Here are a few tips for a successful virtual-learning experience:

- Use “speaker view” on Zoom. This will allow the person who is talking to display larger on the screen, while other students in the class display smaller. Children’s focus will greatly improve because there is less to see at one given time. For example, when a teacher is reading a book, the book pages will appear larger to allow for a better online experience.
- When your child is not learning remotely, allow time for activities that don’t involve a screen, such as puzzles, building with blocks or LEGOs, creating art, playing outside, or exercising. Physical activity is so important!
- Create a special space for online school, and be consistent in using it. This will help set up a good routine, so children will know that when they sit in their special spot, it is time to learn!

We look forward to connecting with your children!

Sincerely,

Annie Ferguson
Andrea Scriber
Leah Burrow
Marissa Capasso

Blessing of the Stuffed Animals Is Wednesday

Fr. Wismer and Rev. Heinemann invite each Primary School student to bring his or her special stuffed animal to Digital Chapel on **Wednesday, October 7**. They will offer a virtual Blessing of the Stuffed Animals.

Additionally, we want pictures of your child and their pet! Submit photos and videos via the [Contribute to Chapel Form](#). (More than 100 images have been submitted so far!) Your submissions will be used in Chapels on **Tuesday, October 6**, and **Wednesday, October 7**.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, October 7

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

- *Fall Break*: School closed
-

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

Happy Sunday! I hope you've enjoyed some downtime this weekend.

This week, we will conclude our series on how you can help facilitate home practice—specifically literacy-based home practice—with your children. I hope you enjoy the following article from Curriculum and Instruction Specialist Ali Salinas and Literacy Specialist Ashley Stephenson.

Cheers,

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

From Our Specialists

It's been so rewarding seeing all of our readers and writers working hard to acquire and apply new skills these first six weeks. The work in which your child engages each day has been purposefully designed to both strengthen literacy skills and help develop a lifelong love of reading and writing. We are often asked how parents can best support

this work at home and wanted to provide some tips for ways you can help your child with reading and word study.

READING

Nightly reading is expected for all grade levels. Daily home practice of “just-right” books not only allows our readers to practice decoding and comprehension skills at their level, but also helps reading to become a routine habit.

• Tips for Readers in K–Grade 1

- It is important for students to read to or with someone. This allows our youngest readers to practice their emerging literacy skills with the guidance of an adult.
- Beginning readers may say, “But, I can’t read!” If you hear this, here are some things that you can try:
 - “Oh! Is this the first time you’re reading this? Great! It helps to look really closely at the pictures. Let’s try it together!”
 - “When I don’t know a book, the first thing I do is explore it. Let’s look through it and see what might be going on. We can look at the pictures and say what we see, like this”
- Often children are asked to reread familiar texts. This is purposeful, as it breeds comfort, enthusiasm, and confidence. Doing so also helps to solidify understanding of print concepts and supports fluency development.
- If you are listening to your child read and notice that things are beginning to break down, [here](#) are some ways to help get your reader back on track.
- When you are reading with your child, keep the reading light and enjoyable. From fiction to nonfiction to poetry, there’s a world of great children’s literature to explore with your reader!

• Tips for Readers in Grades 2–4

- Readers are asked to purposefully track their reading in order to help them reflect on their reading habits and set reading goals. This may look like a reading log or a written response to reading based on your child’s grade level.
- While readers at these grades have fewer difficulties with decoding words on a page, fluency and comprehension are still very much developing. Having the support of an adult reader to discuss new and interesting vocabulary or help out when meaning breaks down is still important. Click [here](#) for tips on how to engage your reader in conversation and help them when their reading breaks down.
- From time to time, it can be both beneficial and fun to either read aloud to your child or listen to an audiobook together. Doing so provides a great model of fluent reading, allows your child to experience texts that are more complex than what can be read independently, promotes both vocabulary development and complex-thinking skills, and can also serve as a springboard for talking about books.

WORD STUDY

Our word study program links reading, writing, vocabulary, and spelling in a meaningful way. Each grade level has established a weekly routine for word study activities both in the classroom and at home. While the routine may vary slightly from grade to grade, you can expect that your child will be engaging in the following activities:

- **Daily Sorting of Pictures and Words**
 - This helps students build awareness of sounds and patterns in words and engages them in the critical-thinking skill of categorizing.
 - Please encourage your child to say or read each picture or word aloud each time he or she sorts. This will help to build automaticity and fluency in their reading.
- **Practice Reading and Writing Words**
 - Students may be asked to look for other words that match the sound or patterns in their sort in texts they are reading or in their environment. This task helps students to generalize the spelling features they are studying by finding other examples in the world around them.
 - The more frequently students practice writing their sounds or words, the more likely they will be to apply them in their authentic, daily writing. You can encourage your writer to create grocery lists, write letters to friends or family, keep a journal, or help with the family calendar to practice some authentic writing at home.
- Parents can best help by promoting reflection/asking students how they are sorting their pictures or words and by discussing vocabulary, especially for words that are new or those with multiple meanings. Please see the section called “Tips for Reflecting on Word Study—Prompting Questions” in the handout linked earlier in this article.

We hope that this information will help to equip you with ways to support your learner. As always, we appreciate your partnership in developing lifelong readers and writers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or one of us!

Happy reading and writing,

Ali Salinas, EdS—Curriculum and Instruction Specialist
Ashley Stephenson, MEd—Literacy Specialist

Deadline Extended! Order Lower School Scrapbooks by October 9
[Click here to order your child's Lower School scrapbooks](#) (for his or her grade during the 2019–20 school year) by **Friday, October 9**.

- 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, October 7

- *Wellness Wednesday*
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Monday, October 12

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

- *Wellness Wednesday*
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Wednesday, October 21

- *Wellness Wednesday*
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Wednesday, October 28

- *Wellness Wednesday*

Middle School

From the Division Head

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the beautiful weather this weekend! Last week was busy, but it was great to have a full week with our students back on campus. I have several notes to share this week and have divided them into separate sections below.

MS PARENT NIGHT PRESENTATIONS AND VIDEOS

Thank you for joining us during our Parent Night presentations this week. Our team appreciated your participation and questions. In case you were not able to join us for your child's grade-level presentation, I have included links to the recorded sessions below. In addition, I am sharing a link to a special video made by our elective faculty highlighting the work they will be engaged in with your children this school year. Enjoy!

- [Link to Fifth-Grade Parent Night Presentation](#)
- [Link to Sixth-Grade Parent Night Presentation](#)
- [Link to Seventh-Grade Parent Night Presentation](#)
- [Link to Eighth-Grade Parent Night Presentation](#)
- [Link to Electives Video Presentation](#)

BREAKS AND PHONE/PERSONAL DEVICE USAGE

We began this year allowing students to use their phones and other personal electronic devices during outside breaks and lunch. This practice was phased out last week. Our anticipated orders of personal games and gadgets have arrived, and our team is assembling "break packs" for all Middle School students. These packs contain games and activities for students in order to expand their play options during break. "Break packs" will remain at school and include a yo-yo, Rubik's cube, hacky sack, jump rope, and more.

When students arrive at their cohort rooms each morning, they will power off and leave phones and/or personal electronic devices in the classroom phone holders. Phones will remain in these holders for the entire school day. The only exceptions will be direct permission from a teacher to use a phone for a process like scanning or another special project.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be published to the Parent Portal next week. When they are available, I will share a video via e-mail with instructions on how to view the reports.

ITEMS LEFT AT HOME

This final note is not new, but bears repeating. There will be days when your child forgets to bring everything needed for school that day. If this happens in your home, please encourage your student to talk with their advisor about how to proceed for the day rather than retrieving the item from home and bringing it to school. This will build problem-solving skills and (hopefully) be a memorable lesson that will help your child keep track of their daily needs for school.

Best Regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

PE Clothing Store Reopens Tomorrow

The online PE Clothing Store will be open **tomorrow, October 5, through Thursday, October 15**, in preparation for the winter season.

- [Click here](#) to visit the PE Clothing Store October 5–15.
- This store operates independently from the School Spirit Store. The PE Clothing Store will open again prior to the spring sports season (January 4–14).
- Items available for purchase include athletic shorts and T-shirts in adult and youth sizes to be worn for physical education classes and sports practices. New items in the shop include long-sleeve T-shirts and sweatpants.
- Please note that all sales are final and no exchanges or returns will be permitted.

A Note About Middle School Pictures

On-campus Middle School students will have individual pictures taken this **Tuesday, October 6**.

- Students have the option to wear their SFES uniform top or another solid-color, collared shirt.
- Order forms were sent home with students last week. If you are not ordering photos online, please send the order form with payment to school with your student.
- 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.

Deadline Extended! Order Fourth-Grade Scrapbooks by October 9

[Click here to order your child's fourth-grade scrapbooks](#) (for the 2019–20 school year) by **Friday, October 9**. [Click here](#) to view fourth-grade sample pages. With questions about how to purchase, please [e-mail us](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, October 6

- *Individual School Photos for On-Campus Students*
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Wednesday, October 7

- *Wellness Wednesday Schedule*

Monday, October 12

- *Fall Break:* No school
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Wednesday, October 14

- *Wellness Wednesday Schedule*
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Thursday, October 15

- *Middle School Parent Connection:* 12:30–1:30 p.m. via [Zoom](#)

Upper School

From the Division Head

You're in for another treat this week—our second student-perspective *Wolf Watch* message of the year! This time, the message comes from a member of the Class of 2023—Hannah O. Please enjoy her contribution, and stay tuned for a ninth grader's perspective in the coming weeks.

Thank you, Hannah, for your thoughtful contribution!

Gratefully,

Cara Henderson, EdD
Head of Upper School

A Message From Tenth Grader Hannah O.

When the coronavirus arrived last spring, it turned our world around in so many ways. Events that we in the St. Francis Upper School had been anticipating—such as the spring play (*Cat in the Hat*), the ISAS Arts Festival, and the Art Car Parade—were cancelled. We missed the camaraderie of school and our friends and teachers. It became easy to focus on the things that we lost, but I have been trying to find gratitude for the ways in which some of the changes have been positive.

One small way to find joy despite the pandemic was relishing having extra time to explore new hobbies. Prior to the pandemic, our days were filled with so many activities—we were constantly racing around from one thing to another. When everything was shut down in March, it really opened the door for more time with family, and time to escape from the schedules we used to be so strictly following. I began learning to play the guitar, as well as how to cook. During the pandemic, my mom and I took the time to make delicious home-cooked meals for our family. We began baking our own bread and experimenting with new recipes. Simply having these few extra minutes of family time where we can all sit down together and enjoy a nice meal has made me so happy, and it has brought my family far closer together.

We have been having to reframe all our ideas of things. I was looking forward to *Sound of Music* all summer, and when I heard that it was cancelled, I was so disappointed. I saw the Film Festival as a disappointing substitute, however I discovered that I really enjoy the process of filmmaking, and I turned something I was initially reluctant to do into one of my favorite things I have done this year. We all have had our lives shifted during this time, and we are looking at everything from a new perspective. Despite all of the things we lost, we can take a few moments to find places of gratitude in our lives that will help keep us afloat during these unprecedented times.

Hannah O.
Class of 2023

Upcoming Week's Schedule Reminder (October 5–9)*

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 have to do with our schedule rotation and not the day of the month. So, this Monday is an even day in our rotation, which means that students will attend even block classes (2, 4, 6, and 8) that day. 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.

*Now that we have experienced two full weeks of on-campus learning, we are recognizing the need to make some adjustments to our schedule in order to ensure the ongoing safety of our community, as well as to optimize the St. Francis experience. Please be sure that you (parents and students) are regularly checking your e-mail for updates. While the odd day/even day rotation will not change, the timing of breaks and tutorials will likely be adjusted soon.

Important Information About the PSAT/NMSQT

Sophomores and juniors will take the **PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 14**. We will have two arrival/start times for this exam: **7:40 a.m. for students who have approved extended time, and 8:55 a.m. for all others**. This exam will be held on

campus, as College Board does not have an online version. We have registered all sophomores and juniors to take the exam. Still, we recognize that this is a remote learning day for our school, and that many students have medical conditions complicating in-person exam administration. Please do what you feel is best for your own health, and contact me with any questions. For remote students, let me know if you intend to take the test that day on campus. Further details are below.

- **Extended Time**—Students with accommodations approved by College Board should arrive to school by 7:40 a.m. The exam will begin at 7:45 a.m. Parent pickup will take place between noon and 12:30 p.m. I will send a separate notification e-mail both to students who qualify and to their parents.
- **Standard Time**—All other students should arrive no later than 8:55 a.m. The exam will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., and students will be dismissed shortly after noon.
- **Supplies**—Please bring a calculator (check your batteries first; all scientific calculators are permitted) and several sharpened No. 2 pencils. St. Francis will not be providing calculators or pencils for students as a COVID precaution.
- **Food**—Please [eat](#) beforehand! Students can bring snacks to keep in their bags for breaks, but they must be individually wrapped and cannot be shared. Note that we will NOT be providing lunch to students on this day.
- **Scores**—PSAT exam results will be available online on December 8. For sophomores, we will compare PSAT scores to the results of last year’s practice ACT. In your sophomore conference in the spring, I will advise which test is best for you to pursue in the future. For juniors, I will use these scores to help predict your admissibility to colleges discussed in the upcoming junior conferences. Junior PSAT scores are also used for National Merit Qualifying consideration.

I understand this is less than ideal, so please know remote students will not be punished for missing the exam. However, on-campus sophomores and juniors will be expected to come to campus even though Wednesdays are traditionally reserved for distance learning. Why? Well, we are doing our best to keep our students on track with a traditional college application/testing timeline, despite the uncertainty and extenuating circumstances surrounding COVID. If you’re concerned about missing the exam, remember that PSAT scores are not seen by colleges or used for admission, and returning students already sat for the PSAT 9 or PSAT 10 exam in March.

Please contact Steven Scales with any questions or concerns at 713.458.6338 or [via e-mail](#).

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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.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 5

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
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Tuesday, October 6

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
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Wednesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9

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

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*
 - *PSAT/NMSQT (Sophomores and Juniors Only)*
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Thursday, October 15

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

Friday, October 16

- *Even Day*

- *On-Campus Schedule*
- *Student Portraits (On-Campus Students)*

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. 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 **9:00 a.m.** or **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 **“Live Stream Services”** 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 on the live stream 15 minutes prior to the service 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!

Middle and high school students are invited to participate in weekly lessons and discussions. Meet via Zoom on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

- We are currently studying the armor of God. [Click here](#) to learn more about the book, *The Armor of God—Teen Bible Study Book* by Priscilla Shirer, and to order your copy today!
- A NEW series begins Sunday, October 18! Learn about the Nicene Creed—why we say it, and how it applies to our daily lives.
- 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.

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 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.
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 - **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=VHJTDDVYem8zMVVJakprZzFqUIBLUT09>
 - **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 Burkhart](#)
 - **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=dTdSVFIQ2xrRS9kMEhpWDJ6NUIwQT09>
 - **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=VHJTtDvYem8zMWVJaktprZzFqUjBlUT09>
- **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
 - **Passcode:** 043097