

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of August 22

All School

COVID Dashboard Will Receive Weekly Updates

St. Francis will be updating the following COVID Dashboard weekly to track the number of active cases and total year-to-date cases for students and faculty/staff. This dashboard can also be found on the Parent Portal.

COVID Dashboard	
STUDENTS	FACULTY/STAFF
ACTIVE Cases	ACTIVE Cases
Total COVID+ Students	Total COVID+ Faculty/Staff
2	3

*Updated August 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Chapel Update

Fr. Wismer and Rev. Heinemann are ready to welcome the Wolves back to Chapel this week! Here is the schedule:

- Primary School
 - **Primary I:** Wednesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
 - **Primary II:** Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
- Lower School
 - **Kindergarten–Grade 2:** Thursdays, 8:20–8:50 a.m.
 - **Grades 3–4:** Mondays, 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- Middle School
 - **Grades 5–6:** Thursdays, 9:21–9:46 a.m.
 - **Grades 7–8:** Mondays, 9:21–9:46 a.m.
- **Upper School**
 - Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00–10:40 a.m.

Grade levels not in Chapel will watch via Zoom. Primary, Lower, and Middle School Chapel services are viewable via [this link](#) (Meeting ID: 824 2460 5410; Passcode: Chapel).

A Note About Breakfast Cards

As a reminder, breakfast is available in the Dining Hall from 7:15–7:45 a.m. Students who wish to eat breakfast at school must first purchase a breakfast card from the reception desk on Piney Point Campus. The card, available in the amounts of **either \$10 or \$25**, works like a prepaid punch card. Students are responsible for keeping their own cards in a safe place; refunds are not provided for lost cards or unused portions of the cards.

Introducing Our New Food Service Director

Sage Dining has named Executive Chef Alan Frederick as food service director at St. Francis. Chef Alan, who is in his fourth year with Sage, relocated to Houston from Las Vegas with his wife, Diana, and daughter, Ella. Prior to joining Sage, he was a chef at The Wynn Hotel and at Augusta National Golf Club for the famed Masters Tournament.

“I have had a blessed culinary life working in five different countries around the world,” he says. “We are all thrilled to now call Texas and St. Francis home!”

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

Is Your Grandparent Information Updated?

Here at St. Francis, we know how important grandparents and grandfriends are to our

students, and we love connecting with them! Our monthly *Keepin' Track of the Pack* grandparent newsletter provides up-to-date information on student events and activities, and our annual Grandparents and Grandfriends Days event provides a wonderful opportunity for them to spend time with grandchildren here at the school. If you'd like us to connect with your child's grandparents or grandfriends—and help them stay connected with student life at St. Francis—please be sure your grandparent information is current on your Veracross profile.

The Spirit Store Is Now Open

Visit the 2021–22 online [St. Francis Episcopal School Spirit Store](#) (password: wolves) to purchase branded items such as outerwear, T-shirts, yard signs, and accessories. The store link works best with a Google Chrome browser and will stay open and active until May.

- Shoppers have two options for receiving purchases:
 - Delivery to school to your student's homeroom teacher/advisor; faculty orders are delivered to faculty boxes (Recommended)
 - Shipped to your address
- Delivery for both options will take approximately 10–14 business days.
- There are no returns or exchanges, so be sure to check out the size charts to order the correct size. Please [email Christie Crummel](#) to coordinate access to samples.
- Please note: The local and global manufacturing supply chains have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Inventory changes daily and is unpredictable. If inventory is an issue with any items you have ordered, PEGG will contact you to suggest a substitute item or refund your money. We appreciate your continued patience.

Happy shopping!

A Note About Lost and Found on the Piney Point Campus

As you prepare for the start of school, please ensure that all items your child brings to school are CLEARLY labeled with your child's first and last names.

- Items to be labeled include clothing, backpacks, water bottles, lunch bags, athletic gear, books, etc.
- Labeled items will go to the division offices to be returned to the student.
- Unlabeled items will be brought to the Lost and Found Closet (located under the fourth-/fifth-grade staircase) and donated at the end of each trimester.

With questions, please [email Ali Williams](#).

Donate Your Used Uniforms and Spirit Wear

Still cleaning out your closets and need a place to donate Tommy/Parker/DENNIS uniforms and spirit wear? St. Francis is the place! Bring your “clean” uniform donation to the front desk on the Piney Point Campus.

Calling All Parent Volunteers

All parents of currently enrolled students are invited to indicate their interest in being considered as a parent volunteer by completing the Parent Volunteer Opportunities 2021–22 form. [Click here](#) to access the form.

Primary School

From the Division Head

The sound of children’s voices on campus this past week was music to my ears. Visiting classrooms, observing play areas, and seeing curious faces reminded me that children are the heartbeat of St. Francis’s Primary School. And, of course, our inaugural First Friday event—celebrating the first Friday of the school year—was a hit with all our students, teachers, and staff. We can’t wait to do it again next year!

All in all, we are grateful for the beginning of another school year and the opportunity to step forward with you and your family. Welcome back!

Adults often ask children to do hard things. I am reminded of this during the first days of carpool each school year. Children new to St. Francis experience myriad emotions as unfamiliar faces unbuckle their car seats and take them away from the most important people in their lives. Returning children have been with their parents for summer break and are now being asked to meet new teachers and friends. The idea of beginning a school year sounds fun, but the many changes that come with it can be hard for children.

Doing hard things is integral to nurturing confident, courageous, and resilient adults. Last week, I hugged my children as they headed off to three different colleges. A familiar churn in my stomach returned. It was the same feeling I have gotten every first day of school, in carpool, since they were two years old. I actually marveled at how they have grown into independent young adults who navigate life with passion, self-assurance, and endurance. They have learned how to do hard things and how to overcome them.

This school year is full of possibilities. Your child will be loved, valued, respected, and honored. Your child will also learn to do hard things, and we will be here to support the growth and development that transpires when children are encouraged to challenge themselves.

The following articles provide insight into the positive benefits of offering our children experiences that allow them to do hard things at school and at home:

- [**“We Can Do Hard Things’: Building Resilience in Kids”**](#)
- [**“Encourage Your Child to Do Hard Things”**](#)

The old African proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child,” rings true. We are thrilled that you are part of our St. Francis village and that we can do hard things together.

Respectfully,

Kenyetta Wynn, EdD
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, August 24

- *New Parent Meetings*
 - **Primary I and Primary II:** 8:15–9:15 a.m.
 - **Pre-Primary:** 10:15–11:15 a.m.
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Monday, September 6

- *Labor Day Holiday:* School closed
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Tuesday, September 14

- *Parent Information Night for Pre-Primary:* 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Primary School Multipurpose Room and classrooms
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Thursday, September 16

- *Parent Information Night for Primary I and Primary II:* 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym and classrooms

Lower School

From the Division Head

What a great start to the 2021–22 school year we had last week in Lower School! Our kindergarteners through fourth graders had a fantastic first three days of school, including our inaugural “First Friday,” celebrating the first Friday of the school year.

As we reflect and prepare for the weeks and months ahead, I ask that you help us make our afternoon carpool run as smoothly as possible for everyone.

- To ensure our afternoon carpool runs efficiently and in a timely manner, we ask that you please make any early pickup arrangements before 2:45 p.m., as outlined on page 30 of our *Lower School Handbook*.
- Please also arrive in the carpool line at your child’s grade-level dismissal time. Afternoon carpool begins at 3:05 p.m. for kindergarten and first-grade students and at 3:25 p.m. for students in grades 2–4. If you arrive before the carpool start time for your child’s grade level, your child will not be downstairs for loading yet. This grade-level dismissal schedule helps us safely transition students, and prevents parents from having to circle back around to meet their child at the appropriate grade-level dismissal time.

Thanks in advance for your support in making carpool a smooth and pleasant experience for all students on the Piney Point Campus. It is great to see each of you driving through each morning and afternoon. Mrs. McColloch and I will be there to give a wave and welcome or goodbye. (We even have treats for your furry family member if they are along for the ride!)

All the best,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

Access Information From the New Kindergarten Parent Orientation

If you were not able to attend our New Kindergarten Parent Orientation meeting on August 16, please [click here](#) to view the information that was shared at the meeting.

A Note About Chapel Schedules

We are excited to return to in-person Chapel this school year.

- To support social distancing, we have scheduled in-person Chapel services for third and fourth grades on Mondays.

- On Thursdays, students in kindergarten through second grade will have in-person Chapel services.
- Students who are not attending Chapel in person will be watching live via Zoom in their classroom.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 23

- *Chapel for Grades 3 and 4:* 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Tuesday, August 24

- *Joyful Sounds Choir—First Rehearsal:* 7:15 a.m. in the Lower School Music Room; all third- and fourth-grade students are welcome to join!
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Thursday, August 26

- *Welcome Back Parent Meeting:* 8:00 a.m. via Zoom
 - **Join the Zoom**
Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83529602163?pwd=UjdnajBtU2hkOGd2ZUlrQVpwcmp5QT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 835 2960 2163
 - **Passcode:** 805584
 - *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2:* 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - *New Parent Meeting:* 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
 - **Join the Zoom**
Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83127677148?pwd=TUZXTVFreUIjRUF4cUYxK2h2SFYzUT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 831 2767 7148
 - **Passcode:** 632285
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Saturday, August 28

- *Joyful Sounds Choir Kickoff:* 9:00–11:45 a.m. in the Lower School Music Room; special rehearsal to begin the new year

Monday, August 30

- *Chapel for Grades 3 and 4:* 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 31

- *Lower School Parent Information Night*
 - **Last Names A–M:** 5:00–6:15 p.m.
 - **Last Names N–Z:** 6:30–7:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 2

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2:* 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

Monday, September 6

- *Labor Day Holiday:* School closed

Thursday, September 9

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2:* 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

Middle School

From the Division Head

This was a memorable and exciting opening week! It was a joy to begin the school year in person—witnessing the excitement as people saw old friends and made new ones, and speaking directly with your children on the first day of school. We also celebrated the first Friday of the school year with our inaugural First Friday event. Everyone had a blast, and we're already looking forward to next year's celebration!

On behalf of the Middle School team, thank you for sharing your children with us and for partnering with us in the year ahead. We have been eagerly anticipating the start of this year, and our spirits are high as we prepare to begin our first full week tomorrow!

As we settle back into the rhythms of a school year, I believe it is important to review how the St. Francis Middle School is designed to be responsive to your children and to you.

- The central figure in our partnership is your **advisor**.
 - These faculty members will get to know your family very well, and they will have a strong sense of your child's daily experiences at St. Francis. Middle School advisors are in constant communication with one another and with teachers across the division, and advisors are often the adults on campus who are able to connect seemingly unrelated pieces of information to determine how we can best meet your child where they are and encourage them to continue growing.
 - When you have a question or comment, I strongly encourage you to share with your advisor first. If they are not the best person to help you, they will make sure to connect you with the people you need.
- We also encourage partnership with your children's **classroom teachers**. If and when questions arise about a particular class or task, we hope you will encourage your child to speak with his or her teacher; your child's teachers will also welcome opportunities to engage with you directly.
- The Middle School **administration** is also here to support students and families, and to ensure that we uphold high standards in how we treat one another, in engaging academics, and in positive co-curricular experiences. The administrative team will be hosting regular parent meetings to share important news, collect feedback, and hear your perspective as community members. We also welcome opportunities to connect with families when questions arise about our divisional practices and policies.

I believe that a successful year will be directly related to our ability to cultivate a partnership based on mutual respect, honesty, and an assumption of good intentions. Our team is privileged to work with you and your children this year, and we take our responsibility as educators very seriously. We have high hopes for the months ahead and lofty goals for the progress we will make together.

Thank you for walking this path with us. I am excited to see what lies ahead!

Regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

How to Handle Items Left at Home

There will be days when your child forgets to bring everything needed for school that day. If this happens in your home, instead of retrieving the item from home and bringing it to school, please encourage your student to talk with his or her advisor about how to proceed for the day. This will build problem-solving skills and will (hopefully) be a memorable lesson that will help your child keep track of their daily needs for school.

Submit Walker/Biker Permission Forms to MS Office

If you think your child will be walking or biking from school at any point this year, please be sure to complete our [2021–22 Walker/Biker Permission Form](#) and submit it to the Middle School Office. Only students with a form on file will be allowed to leave campus on their own. If you have any questions, please contact the [Middle School Office](#).

A Note About Late Arrivals/Early Dismissals

For late arrivals, parents must check students in at the reception desk, and then students must check in with the Middle School Office. For early dismissals between 8:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m., parents must sign a student out with the Middle School Office manager. For early dismissals between 2:45 p.m. through the end of the day, parents of students in sixth through eighth grades must sign students out at the front desk and will need to notify the appropriate coach or adult in the Athletics Office.

Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony Is September 2

We are looking forward to hosting this year's Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony on Thursday, September 2. Details for the event are listed below in the Mark Your Calendar section. Families should have received an invitation via email this week. If you did not receive one, please contact the [Middle School Office](#).

PE and Athletics Clothing Store Closes Wednesday

The [St. Francis Episcopal School PE and Athletics Clothing Store](#) is open for any families who would like to order new clothes for the upcoming school year. **The store is open through this Wednesday, August 25!** Middle and Upper School families may [click here](#) to order clothing for physical education classes or athletics practices.

- Approved clothing purchased from the St. Francis PE and Athletics Clothing Store or athletics apparel purchased from the school's online [Spirit Store](#) (password: wolves) will be worn for Middle School and Upper School PE classes and some athletics practices. Some teams will issue a practice uniform (reversible jersey, team shirt, etc.). Students will be required to wear an approved St. Francis shirt or issued jersey and appropriate-length, school-colored shorts. Shorts may be purchased from the PE and Athletics Clothing Store or the Spirit Store, or may be brought from home.

- Orders will be shipped directly to the school and distributed to students upon arrival. **All sales are final, and refunds or exchanges are not accepted** by BSN Sports. Again, the deadline to order from St. Francis's **PE and Athletics Clothing Store** is **August 25**.
- With any athletics questions, please **email T Riley**.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 23

- *"A" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
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Tuesday, August 24

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, August 25

- *"C" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, August 26

- *"D" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
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Friday, August 27

- *"E" Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear With Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans*
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Monday, August 30

- *"A" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
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Tuesday, August 31

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Parent Meeting: 7:45–8:30 a.m. in the Crum Library (Piney Point Campus); new and returning parents welcome!*
 - *Middle School New Parent Meeting: 8:30–9:30 a.m. in the Crum Library (Piney Point Campus)*
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Wednesday, September 1

- *Late-Start Day: 10:00 a.m.; this is a professional development day for faculty and staff and a late-start day for students*
 - *"C" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, September 2

- *"D" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform (Grade 8 Only)*
 - *Regular Uniform (Grades 5–7)*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
 - *Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony: 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Piney Point Gym*
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Friday, September 3

- *"E" Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear With Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans*
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Monday, September 6

- *Labor Day Holiday*: School closed

Upper School

From the Division Head

There is no experience like the first day of school. New students are dropped off, walk out of the car, and meet a new community. As happens in an ever-growing school, even returning students had to reacquaint themselves with a changed classroom and new buildings. In their advisory on Wednesday, the seniors were chatting among themselves about how big the St. Francis Upper School had become, now with four full grades. A few were excited just to see the new kids at lunch.

Indeed, we are growing—and reveling in the opportunities presented by being a larger community—but, most of all, we love having students back in the classroom and doing school.

The first week of school is about sorting out schedules and learning a new environment (and, of course, about celebrating the first Friday of the school year during our inaugural First Friday event!). Moving forward, our advisory activities will focus on building connections between students, beginning that work which will turn strangers into friends and create lasting relationships.

Next week, our administration will address students in class meetings to introduce new policies and to acquaint our students with new faculty. Soon, students will elect class councils and propose clubs for the year.

This past Tuesday, it was good to see so many new families and to be together in Chapel. Over the next few weeks, I will be offering “parent previews” to parents and guardians of each class of students.

- My first was to new families, chiefly freshman, at our new student orientation.
- On September 1, I will offer a preview to parents and guardians of our sophomore students, to take place shortly before Parent Information Night begins.
- Junior and Senior Previews will be delivered in tandem with Mr. Scales, director of college counseling. His presentation will be a guide through the college-admissions process.

These meetings are by no means required, but they are an opportunity to hear about the major events of the school year, become familiar with new policies, and ask questions. Additional details are included in the Mark Your Calendar section below.

All the best,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

September 1 Is a Late-Start Day

Wednesday, September 1, is a professional development day for faculty and staff and a late-start day for students. All Upper School students will begin their school day by attending the Senior Class Blessing of the Rings on the Piney Point Campus (335 Piney Point Rd.). (Please note that seniors are invited to a special breakfast that day prior to the Senior Class Blessing of the Rings.)

- **Dress uniform is required.**
- Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors should be dropped off by their parents in front of the church on the Piney Point Campus by 10:00 a.m.
- Student drivers must park in their assigned parking spaces on the Couper Campus by 9:00 a.m. A bus will transport student drivers to the Piney Point Campus.
- All students will be transported back to the Couper Campus by bus at the conclusion of the Senior Class Blessing of the Rings.

Seniors, Join Us for a Special Breakfast on September 1

We're so excited to invite our senior class and their parents to kick off the year with a special breakfast on Wednesday, September 1, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the Piney Point Campus. The Senior Class Blessing of the Rings will follow at 10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church. [Click here to view the invitation.](#)

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- With any athletics questions, please **email T Riley**, director of athletics.

Mark Your Calendar

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- *"A" Day*
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Tuesday, August 24

- *"B" Day*
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Wednesday, August 25

- *"C" Day*
-

Thursday, August 26

- *"D" Day*
-

Friday, August 27

- *"A" Day*
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Monday, August 30

- *"B" Day*
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Tuesday, August 31

- *"A" Day*
 - *Senior Parent Preview (Parents/Guardians Only)*
 - 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Crum Gym (Couper Campus)
 - With Marc Addington, head of Upper School, and Steven Scales, director of college counseling
 - Parents are encouraged to make every effort to attend (no students, please).
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Wednesday, September 1

- *"B" Day*
 - *Late-Start Day:* See "September 1 Is a Late-Start Day" above for additional details
 - All freshmen, sophomore, and junior students will start their school day at the Senior Class Blessing of the Rings Chapel service.
 - All seniors will start their day at the Senior Class Breakfast.
 - *Senior Class Breakfast:* 9:15–10:15 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (Piney Point Campus)
 - *Sophomore Parent Preview:* 5:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym; this event immediately precedes Upper School Parent Information Night
 - *Upper School Parent Information Night:* 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
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Thursday, September 2

- *"A" Day*
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Friday, September 3

- *"B" Day*
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Monday, September 6

- *Labor Day Holiday:* School closed
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Tuesday, September 21

- *Junior Parent Preview and College Counseling (Parents/Guardians Only)*
 - 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Crum Gym
 - With Marc Addington, head of Upper School, and Steven Scales, director of college counseling
 - Mr. Scales's college-counseling presentation will cover a wide range of topics, including testing, timelines, junior conferences, college visits, Scoir, and more.
 - Parents, please make every effort to attend (no students, please).

Church

In-Person Worship

The Holy Eucharist is offered at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. We also offer an evening Eucharist on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., beginning on September 8. 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks Is Next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 29, all students are invited to participate in a St. Francis tradition by bringing their backpacks to the 9:00 a.m. service to receive a blessing for the new school year. Students will also receive a special token to affix to their backpacks, reminding them that God is always with them.

Moms, Join Us for Bible Study

The **SFES Moms' Bible Study** resumes on September 14, meeting on **Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.** and led by **Allison Devlin**, director of family ministry. Please contact Allison via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting details.

Cub Scout Pack 1703 Is Gearing Up for Full Activities

Cub Scout Pack 1703 is getting ready for the 2021–22 school year. Cub Scouts will be back to full activities, including den meetings, campouts, the rocket launch, and the pinewood derby. We welcome new and existing Scouts in incoming kindergarten through grade 4, along with parent volunteers. Email [David Nelson](#) for more information.

Fall First Communion Classes Start September 12

First Communion classes begin Sunday, September 12. This five-week course is designed to prepare second-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist and will culminate during First Communion Sunday on November 7. For additional information or to sign up, please contact Allison Devlin [via email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

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

Join Ms. Devlin each Sunday 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: New Series Begins September 12

We invite your Middle School-aged children to meet for Bible study each Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. service.

- **Who:** Middle School students
- **What:** Bible study and fellowship
- **When:** Meets every Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service
- **Where:** CE212 (GLOW room, upstairs above church office)
- **Why:** New study on *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

For more information, please contact Allison Devlin [via email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

High School Bible Study: New Series Begins September 8

On Wednesday, September 8, the high school Bible study will resume meeting every other week at the Houston Racquet Club. We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. to have dinner and to study *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. For additional information, please contact Allison Devlin [via email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Donate to MAM's Back-to-School Campaign

Help the children of Woodview Elementary School, our adopted community school, get ready for the academic year with new clothes! Starting the school year with new clothes helps children feel confident as they greet friends and focus on their studies. (The smile on a confident child's face on the first day of school is priceless!)

- **Just \$50 provides new school clothing and shoes for one child!**
- Parents are given vouchers to take their kids shopping for new school clothes at local retailers, just like everyone else.
- Checks should be made payable to St. Francis Episcopal Church with "MAM Back to School" on the memo line and may either be placed in the collection plate on Sunday or mailed to the church. You may also [make a donation online](#)

[here](#); after selecting your preferred payment method (check or credit card), select "Click Here to Pay Now." From the "Select a Fund" drop-down menu, choose "MAM Back to School."

- For additional information, contact our church liaison, Andrea Eubanks, [via email](#) or at 713.859.1448.

Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs

In the wake of COVID, many families continue to need assistance. Some items that Memorial Assistance Ministries' pantry teams currently need include the following:

- Size 6 diapers
- Baby wipes
- Cheese crackers/protein bars for sack lunches

For additional information, contact our church liaison, Andrea Eubanks, [via email](#) or at 713.859.1448.

Fair Haven Food Pantry Needs Canned Fruit

The Fair Haven Food Pantry needs our help! The ministry, which has been providing food assistance to people in the Spring Branch/Memorial area since 1975, has requested donations of **canned fruit** in August.

- The pantry also needs your help to sort and box produce from the Houston Food Bank and to distribute food boxes in the drive-through pickup line.
- To volunteer, please [click here](#).
- For additional information, email [Jessica Antel](#).

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. (**Resumes September 15**)
 - **Study:** New study on the book *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/651248716>
 - *To participate, email Louise Richman.*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m. (**Begins September 14**)
 - **Contact:** [Randy Bryant](#)
- Tuesdays at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**The second Tuesday of each month, beginning September 14**)
 - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
 - **Location:** Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Acts of the Apostles
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84213782442>
 - **Meeting ID:** 842 1378 2442
 - **Passcode:** 1c6HEL

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Book of Daniel
 - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal School People Place
 - **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 10:00–10:45 a.m. (**Begins September 12**)
 - **Meeting:** GLOW Middle School
 - **Study:** C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*
 - **Location:** Classroom CE212
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
- Wednesdays at 6:30–8:00 p.m. (**Every other week, beginning September 8**)
 - **Meeting:** High School Dinner and Bible Study
 - **Study:** C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*
 - **Location:** Houston Racquet Club

- **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND PRAYER

- Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **In-Person Meeting Place:** The Bride's Room
 - **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 7:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **In-Person Meeting Place:** The Bride's Room
 - **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
- 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.

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**](#).