

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of August 29

All School

St. Francis Connections: Learn More About Adolescent Anxiety on September 28

We hope you will join us for our first Connections Series of the 2021–22 school year. These events have been not only informative, but also a great way to keep our community learning and growing together. Please join us on **Tuesday, September 28, at 11:30 a.m.** in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall for the latest in our St. Francis Connections series. Dr. Jocelyn Abrams will join Head of School Steve Lovejoy to discuss adolescent anxiety and how parents can help their children cope in an ever-changing landscape.

- Box lunches will be served, so please confirm your attendance by registering for the event via [this link](#).
- If you have specific questions for our speaker, please [submit them via email](#) by **Monday, September 20, at 5:00 p.m.**
- **A Little About Dr. Jocelyn Abrams:** Dr. Abrams completed her PhD in counseling psychology at the University of Houston and her predoctoral fellowship in clinical psychology at Yale University School of Medicine. While at Yale, Dr. Abrams specialized in treating substance use, anxiety, and depression. Dr. Abrams aids adolescents/young adults and adults in developing personally tailored coping skills to facilitate change. She also provides parent coaching, helping parents cope with their own stress and anxiety as their children face the challenges of life.

Time to Team Up: Sporting Clays Classic Is October 22!

Shoot for success at the St. Francis Sporting Clays Classic on Friday, October 22! Be on the lookout—**your registration packet is in the mail**. Come enjoy lunch, 72 sporting-clay targets, an exhilarating flurry competition, fun prizes, and fellowship with friends and colleagues.

- Check out the [event website](#) to discover the various ways you can participate. Please note that this event is not just for our school community; it's also a chance to entertain clients, reconnect with former classmates, and introduce new families to our school.
- The Sporting Clays Classic benefits The Patrick Nicosia C.A.R.E. Fund, which provides cultural, academic, and recreational enrichment (C.A.R.E.) for students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate fully in our school programs.
- **And Calling All Lady Shooters: Join us on Thursday, September 23, at 4:00 p.m. for our Ladies Clinic.** This clinic is the perfect opportunity to have our lady shooters come out to practice in a smaller group setting with five-time Olympian Mike Maskell, mingle, and enjoy a steak dinner and wine. If you (or your friends) are interested in shooting but feel you need a little practice or refresher, then this is the perfect opportunity! To sign up, please [click here](#).
- With questions, please [email Martha Chavez](#).

Order Your Poinsettias Today

Purchase beautiful red poinsettias grown by The Brookwood Community, and support St. Francis! These festive plants not only decorate your home for the holidays, but also make great gifts for friends, family members, and clients. Please share this opportunity, as all sales benefit the St. Francis Parents Organization Friends of Fine Arts. Each poinsettia is \$16, about sixteen inches in height, and grown in a six-inch pot, and each plant has five to seven blooms. They come with foil pot covers and are wrapped in brown paper sleeves for easy transportation and protection.

[Click here](#) to buy your poinsettias today. Poinsettias will be available for pickup **Wednesday, December 1, on the Couper Campus.** [Email Jennifer Stringer](#) with questions.

COVID Dashboard: Weekly Update

St. Francis is 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 Active COVID+ Students	Total Active COVID+ Faculty/Staff
4	1
YTD Cases	YTD Cases
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
8	6

*Updated 8/27/21 at 8:45am

Weekly Chapel Schedule

The weekly Chapel schedule is below. After Labor Day, parents are invited to join their child for in-person chapel service.

- 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.

Order From the Spirit Store Today!

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!

Primary School

From the Assistant Division Head

I wanted to use this time to introduce myself. I am the new assistant head of Primary School, and I am returning to this special division, in a way. My previous experience in Primary School was as a parent—my daughter, Charlie, started in Pre-Primary and is now a third grader here at St. Francis. I came to St. Francis 11 years ago and spent time as a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher, an athletics coach, and most recently, the assistant head of Lower School for student life.

While I miss my Lower School friends, I am excited about my new adventure in Primary School and getting to work with such a dynamic team. Their dedication to providing an innovative, joyful education for your children is amazing. This is apparent each and

every time Dr. Wynn and I visit the classrooms. Observing our educators and children engaged in learning and play has been the highlight of my days!

I have enjoyed meeting many of you at our recent events and during carpool, and I hope to meet more of you soon. It was wonderful to see so many families at our New Parent Meetings this past Tuesday. If you were not able to attend these meetings, you may [click this link](#) to review the content slides from the presentation.

Best regards,

Ryan Kochel, MEd
Assistant Head of Primary School

Primary School Chapel: Parents Invited Starting September 7

We are excited to invite our Primary I and Primary II parents to Chapel in the Primary School starting **Tuesday, September 7, for Primary II** and **Wednesday, September 8, for Primary I**. Parents should only attend the Chapel that their child attends. The Chapel time for both days is 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Open Library Starts September 13

Parents and children are invited to check out library books on **Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., beginning on September 13**. Children should be picked up in carpool first. Parents may then park and enter through the Primary School administration building.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 6

- *Labor Day Holiday*: School closed
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Tuesday, September 7

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person
 - *Explore and Extend Enrichment Begins*
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Wednesday, September 8

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person

Monday, September 13

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 14

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person*
 - *Parent Information Night for Pre-Primary: 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Primary School Multipurpose Room*
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Wednesday, September 15

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person*
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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 (Couper Campus)*
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Monday, September 20

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 21

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person*
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Wednesday, September 22

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person*

Monday, September 27

- *Picture Day for 3-Day and 5-Day Primary School Students*
 - *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 28

- *Picture Day for 2-Day Primary School Students*
 - *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person*
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Wednesday, September 29

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person*
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Thursday, September 30

- *Primary School Admissions Tour: 9:30 a.m.*

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope your family is enjoying your weekend after our first five-day week of the school year. Everyone in our Lower School community has easily settled into classroom routines and become acquainted with one another.

Our students have started to build new friendships and have quickly reconnected with their former classmates. Teachers have begun implementing our Responsive Classroom routines, which focus on engaging academics and a positive classroom community to ensure all students feel valued and supported.

During the first few weeks of school, classes collaboratively create social norms and class agreements that help all students be successful in their classroom environment.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for **Parent Information Night**, which is scheduled for this **Tuesday, August 31**.

- Families with a last name beginning with letters A through M are scheduled to attend our welcome meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC).
- Families with a last name beginning with letters N through Z are scheduled to attend our welcome meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the FAC.
- Please remember that masks are required inside the building.

I also wanted to let you know that Lower School teachers have begun using Seesaw, our parent communication software used to share photos, weekly happenings, and daily updates. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are having difficulty getting your Seesaw account to work.

Have a great week ahead! I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening in the Lower School!

Kindly,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

Late-Start Wednesday Begins September 1

Our monthly **Late-Start Wednesday** begins on **September 1**. Parents have two options for carpool arrival. If your child needs care before 10:00 a.m., you may drop off your child at the **regular arrival time**. If your child does not need care before 10:00 a.m., you may drop off your child at the **later carpool time** designated for Late-Start Wednesdays. Parents must drop off their child during one of these two carpool times, as **staff will not be on carpool duty in between these two blocks of time**.

- **Regular Carpool:** 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - Lower School students will be supervised by staff in the Dining Hall.
- **Late-Start Carpool:** 9:30–9:55 a.m.
 - Students will be supervised in the Dining Hall until 9:50 a.m., when they will be released to go to class.

LATE-START WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2021–22

- September 1
- October 6
- November 3
- December 1
- January (No late start)
- February 2
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4

Memory Books Now Available

Lower School Memory Books for last school year are now available for purchase.

- These beautiful Shutterfly keepsakes are grade-specific and capture class parties, seasonal events, special days like the Pumpkin Carving Contest, and even distance learning. Remember to order for your child's grade LAST YEAR.
- [Click here](#) to buy your memory books today.
- With questions, [email Jessica Williams](#).

A Note About Chapel Schedules

We are excited to return to in-person Chapel this school year. *Parents will be welcome to join in person after Labor Day*, as mentioned in the "Events" section (page 2) of the [St. Francis Health and Safety Plan 2021–22 document](#).

- 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 30

- *Chapel for Grades 3 and 4:* 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Tuesday, August 31

- *Lower School Parent Information Night:* All grades, please join us in the Fine Arts Center (FAC) to begin the evening at your designated time below
 - **Last Names A–M:** 5:00–6:15 p.m.
 - **Last Names N–Z:** 6:30–7:45 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 1

- *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.

- **Regular Carpool:** 7:00–8:00 a.m.; students will be supervised by staff in the Dining Hall
 - **Late-Start Carpool:** 9:30–9:55 a.m.; students will be supervised in the Dining Hall until 9:50 a.m., when they will be released to go to class
 - Additional details on Late-Start Wednesdays are provided under "Late Start Wednesday Begins September 1," above
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Thursday, September 2

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2:* 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Monday, September 6

- *Labor Day Holiday:* School closed
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Thursday, September 9

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2:* 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Monday, September 13

- *Grade 4 Leadership Induction Chapel:* 8:20 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC); grade 3 students will experience chapel via Zoom on this day to allow space for Grade 4 parents to attend Chapel in person
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Wednesday, September 15

- *Student Holiday for Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School*
 - *Welcome to the Den Conferences:* Students in grades 2–4 will attend the beginning of their conference; parents will be sent a SignUpGenius soon to secure a conference time
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Thursday, September 16

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

Middle School

From the Division Head

I hope you are having a great weekend! I have a few important items to share with you before turning this week's message over to Marion Tolon, dean of students:

- A friendly reminder that this **Wednesday, September 1, is our first Late-Start Day** of the year. Upon arrival, students should report directly to their Period 2 class for a 10:00 a.m. start.
- Please join us for our Middle School Parent Information Nights to hear from Middle School administration and your children's teachers regarding the 2021–22 school year. Both programs will begin in the Fine Arts Center (FAC) and be followed by breakout sessions based on grade level.
 - **Thursday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m.**—Parent Information Night for grades 5 and 6
 - **Thursday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m.**—Parent Information Night for grades 7 and 8
- After careful consideration, we have decided to postpone Middle School OLE trips until later in the school year. We will share details of our updated plans as soon as possible. The school calendar, athletics schedules, and website will be updated to reflect this change in the coming days.

Best Regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

A Note From the Dean of Students

This past week was filled with excitement and joy as our students bravely stepped forward into the 2021–22 school year. Starting the year off with a focus on community and relationship-building, we launched an exciting new school-wide event—First Friday.

Our Middle School students dedicated their day to forging new relationships and strengthening old ones in advisories. Through hilarious icebreakers, art activities, and fun games like Advisory Family Feud, Guesstures, Minute to Win It, tic-tac-toe, kickball,

and some pretty intense (and water-filled) relay races, they started the year as a team—reveling in the joy of being together as a family!

Here's what some of our Middle School students had to say:

- “I loved getting to know my new advisory group!!! We had so much fun—it was a great way to start off school.” (Fifth grader)
- “Being a new student, I was really worried about making friends at the start of school. First Friday really helped me get to know a lot of new kids and made me feel more comfortable.” (Sixth grader)
- “It was the best start of the school year—ever!” (Seventh grader)
- “I hope we can do this next year. I loved seeing all my friends! This was a blast!” (Eighth grader)

It appears that we have a new tradition in the making, and we are already planning for next year's First Friday!

Before First Friday, I prayed for two things: A day full of sunshine, and that the students would have a blast. God answered my prayers.

Have a wonderful week!

Marion Tolon
Dean of Students

Late-Start Wednesday Carpool Times

Our monthly **Late-Start Wednesday** begins on **September 1**. Parents have two options for carpool arrival. If your child needs care before 10:00 a.m., you may drop off your child at the **regular arrival time**. If your child does not need care before 10:00 a.m., you may drop off your child at the **later carpool time** designated for Late-Start Wednesdays. Parents must drop off their child during one of these two carpool times, as **staff will not be on carpool duty in between these two blocks of time**.

- **Regular Carpool:** 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - Middle School students will be supervised by staff in the Fine Arts Center (FAC).
- **Late-Start Carpool:** 9:30–9:55 a.m.
 - Students will be supervised in the FAC until 9:50 a.m., when they will be released to go to advisory.

Late-Start Wednesday (September 1): Athletics and PE Practice Plan Adjustments

Please see below for the modified practice plan for physical education and athletics this Wednesday, September 1, due to the late-start schedule.

- **Middle School Physical Education**—No class; 3:50 p.m. carpool pickup on the Piney Point Campus
- **Coed Cross Country**—No practice; 3:50 p.m. carpool pickup on the Piney Point Campus
- **Boys Volleyball**—No practice; 3:50 p.m. carpool pickup on the Piney Point Campus
- **Field Hockey**—Away game; study hall prior to bus trip
- **Sixth Girls Volleyball**—Practice/team meeting from 3:50 to 4:15 p.m.; 4:15 p.m. carpool pickup on the Piney Point Campus
- **Seventh/Eighth Girls Volleyball**—Practice/team meeting at 3:50 to 4:15 p.m.; 4:15 p.m. carpool pickup on the Piney Point Campus
- **Football**—Practice from 3:50 to 5:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. carpool pickup on the Piney Point Campus

Fifth Grade Families: Memory Books Now Available

Lower School Memory Books for last school year are now available for purchase.

- These beautiful Shutterfly keepsakes are grade-specific and capture class parties, seasonal events, special days like the Pumpkin Carving Contest, and even distance learning. Remember to order for your child's grade LAST YEAR.
- [Click here](#) to buy your memory books today.
- With questions, [email Jessica Williams](#).

Parents, Join Us This Tuesday

New and returning parents are invited to join us this **Tuesday, August 31, from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m.** to discuss the start of the year. New parents are invited to join us immediately afterward (8:30–9:30 a.m.) for an orientation session covering Veracross portals, advisory, academics, and communication. (Returning parents are also welcome to stay for this session.)

Both events will be held in-person in the Crum Library on the Piney Point Campus, as well as virtually via Zoom:

- **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2214046355>
- **Meeting ID:** 221 404 6355
- **Passcode:** 081296

Middle School Chapel: Parents Welcome After Labor Day

After Labor Day, Middle School parents are welcome to join us for Chapel services when their child is physically present. Seventh and eighth graders attend Chapel on Mondays, and fifth and sixth graders attend on Thursdays.

No Parking or Pickups at Ecclesia Church

Please do not park or pick up students in the Ecclesia Church parking lot. Doing so puts students at risk, as they must cross through carpool traffic and parked cars that may be pulling out of their spaces. The only St. Francis vehicles with permission to be on the Ecclesia Church property are our buses.

Bible Studies Are Back!

We are excited to announce that our Middle School Bible Studies are back, with our first meetings taking place this week. Please check the Mark Your Calendar section (below) for meeting information. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Fr. Wismer](#).

Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony Is Thursday

We are looking forward to hosting this year's Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony this 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](#).

Mark Your Calendar

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*
- *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Girls / Grade 7 Boys and Girls): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
- *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*: No advisory check-in; students report directly to Period 2 classes
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, September 2

- *"D" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform (Grade 8 Only)*
 - *Regular Uniform (Grades 5–7)*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 6 Boys and Girls)*: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *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
 - *Middle School Parent Information Night (Grades 5 and 6)*: 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)
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Friday, September 3

- *"E" Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear With Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans*: No athletic shorts
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 5 Boys and Girls)*: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
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Monday, September 6

- *Labor Day Holiday*: School closed
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Tuesday, September 7

- *"A" Day*

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Girls / Grade 7 Boys and Girls): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
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Wednesday, September 8

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Study (Grade 8 Boys): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education Rooms*
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Thursday, September 9

- *"C" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 6 Boys and Girls): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
 - *Middle School Parent Information Night (Grades 7 and 8): 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)*
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Friday, September 10

- *"D" Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear With Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans: No athletic shorts*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 5 Boys and Girls): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
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Wednesday, September 15

- *Welcome to the Den Conferences: No classes*

Upper School

From the Division Head

Last year certainly looked different for us all, whatever we were doing and wherever we

were. As a school administrator and a parent of a senior at the school where I worked, I was saddened that the rhythm of school was so disrupted.

At first, it was the little things that we so often forget, because, well, it's been awhile since we were in high school. For my son, Sam, it was sitting in the senior section in chapel, or in the senior lounge, or in the senior section during pep rallies, or any of the other special privileges that were accorded to the senior class alone.

As we approached the end of the year, government and institutional caution gave way to allow optional attendance at senior events. I was excited that Sam could finally participate, that he could enjoy at least the end-of-year celebrations and rituals. After navigating the careful negotiations that pass between parents and an 18-year-old adult (who is still eating your food, living in your house, and consuming gigabytes of unfree internet), we received a reluctant agreement to attend a dinner for seniors.

Afterward, we asked him how it went. Weren't we right as parents to insist on his attendance? Most of the evening's events received an "okay." He loved being with his friends most, but he acknowledged that there was something special about the event. That ritual and ceremony had imparted a feeling he couldn't describe.

This Wednesday, we look to create that special feeling as we gather for the Senior Class Blessing of the Rings—our first senior event, not just of the year, but in St. Francis history. (Additional details on this event are included below.) Sixteen brave young persons who have led our high school from its inception will be recognized as seniors, bona fide leaders of a high school with four full classes. We are so pleased to celebrate these students for all they have done and how they will lead the school this year.

All the best,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

September 1: Upper School Late-Start Wednesday and Parent Information Night Practice Plan Adjustments

Please see below for the modified practice plan for athletics this Wednesday, September 1, due to the late-start schedule and Parent Information Night.

- **Cross Country**—No morning practice
- **Boys Volleyball**—No practice
- **Girls Volleyball**—Team meeting/film review at 4:15 p.m. in Crum Gym

September 1: Senior Ring Ceremony and Late-Start Day

As shared [in an email last week](#), Wednesday, September 1, is the start of our monthly professional development days for faculty and staff and a late-start day for students.

On September 1, 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.](#)

Ninth- and Tenth-Grade Retreats Postponed

After careful consideration, we have decided to postpone the ninth- and tenth-grade retreats until later in the school year. We will share details of our updated plans as soon as possible. The school calendar, athletics schedules, and website will be updated to reflect this change in the coming days.

Mark Your Calendar

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: Senior Ring Ceremony and 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 are invited to 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, immediately preceding 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 7

- *"A" Day*

Wednesday, September 8

- *"B" Day*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:40 a.m.*
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Thursday, September 9

- *"A" Day*
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Friday, September 10

- *"B" Day*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:40 a.m.*
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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.

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.

Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs

In the wake of COVID, many families continue to need assistance. Memorial Assistance Ministries' pantry teams currently need nonperishable food items with which to pack sack lunches, such as:

- Tuna Lunch To-Go
- Individually wrapped protein bars/granola bars
- Small cans of Vienna Sausage
- Individual packs of trail mix
- Individually wrapped cheese/peanut butter crackers
- Individually wrapped fruit strips

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 **size 5–6 diapers** in September.

- 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 and Days to Remember at St. Francis

St. Francis is hosting the following events, either in-person, via Zoom, or both. To join a Zoom 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m.:** Grand Night of Singing (Broadway musical tunes)
- **Sunday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m.:** Outreach Sunday; make sandwiches for LOTS
- **Sunday, October 3, at 4:00 p.m.:** Blessing of the Animals
- **Sunday, October 10, and Sunday, October 17:** Kitty's Coat Drive

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](#).