

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of September 5

All School

After-Hours COVID Reporting

St. Francis has created an [online reporting form](#) that can be used to report a positive or suspected-positive COVID case within the household after the school day has ended, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.

- The online form is the best way to get in touch with the school after hours, and it will ensure that we are able to communicate quickly with your child's teacher(s) and make arrangements for remote instruction.
- To report a positive case within your family—or for your student—during school day hours, please continue to contact your campus nurse.
 - Couper Campus Nurse: Debbie King, 713.458.6167
 - Piney Point Campus Nurse: Fay Gant, 713.458.6128
- You may find the St. Francis Health and Safety Plan [here](#) and on the Parent Portal under Important Links/Medical.

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
9	1
YTD Cases	YTD Cases
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
16	7

*Updated 9/3/21 at 1:00 pm

Calling All St. Francis Dads!

Please join the Dad's Club on **Thursday, September 16, at 7:30 a.m.** for prayer, breakfast, and fellowship with Head of School Steve Lovejoy. The meeting will take place in the **Hogan Board Room** on the Piney Point Campus.

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

We hope you will join us for our first St. Francis Connections session 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! 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.** Remember, sporting clays is also for ladies, and we encourage our lady shooters to come out to practice in a smaller group setting with five-time Olympian Mike Maskell. (It's also the perfect opportunity to 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.

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 Crumme!](#) 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

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Primary School Chapel: Parents Invited Starting Tuesday

We are excited to invite our Primary I and Primary II parents to Chapel in the Primary School starting this **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.

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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
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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*
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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 Lower School child and you are enjoying this three-day weekend. It was great seeing each of you at our Parent Information Night last Tuesday. Having parents in the building and their child's classroom is always beneficial on so many levels.

I encourage you to read the article below by Head of Curriculum and Instruction Carol Christ, sharing details of our division's work over the summer and throughout the school year. I am grateful for our faculty's growth mindset.

Kindly,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

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- [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, 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
 - August 1–7 and September 1–10 birthdays will be celebrated
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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
 - August 1–7 and September 1–18 birthdays will be celebrated
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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
 - Celebrating August 8–14 and September 12–18 birthdays
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Monday, September 20

- *Honor Code Chapel for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating August 8–14 and September 19–25 birthdays
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Thursday, September 23

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating August 15–30 and September 19–25 birthdays
- *Parent Meeting for Grades 2–4 ("How to Help Your Child With Home Practice and Reading")*: 9:00 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall

Middle School

From the Division Head

Our message this week (below) comes from Carol Christ, head of curriculum and instruction. First, I have a few important items to share with you from the Middle School Office, including links to video files and slide presentations:

- **Parent Information Night**
 - Please check this section next week for links to slide presentations offered by each grade level during our two Parent Information Night sessions.
- **Welcome to the Den Conferences**
 - Conferences are on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.
 - Advisors will send a sign-up link to families next week.
 - Topics of conversation include goals for the year, discussion of academic and co-curricular experiences in the opening weeks, and other topics particular to your child.
- Thank you to all who were able to attend **this week's parent meeting** in person and on Zoom. I saw a few Zoom comments that it was hard to hear, and I apologize for the inconvenience that may have caused. The links below will take you to the slide deck from the presentation, as well as to recordings of the general meeting session and the website and portal walk-through. If you have any questions, please reach out and I will be happy to connect with you!
 - [Click here to view the slide deck from the presentation.](#)
 - [Click here for video of the general session.](#)
 - [Click here for video of the portal and website walk-through.](#)
- The Middle School Office is printing **parent name tags** and will have them available for families during conference day on Wednesday, September 15.
- **Pictures from last year's Eighth-Grade Tie and Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremonies** are available for download at no cost. Please click the links below to see the images captured at these events.
 - [Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony Pictures](#)
 - [Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony Pictures](#)

I hope you have a great weekend. Enjoy Carol's message, below, and we'll be back next week!

Best Regards,

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Head of Middle School

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Middle School Athletics Updates

The fall season is here, and the Wolves are off to a good start. Please see below for a few exciting updates and milestones.

- **MS Field Hockey** played the first-ever field hockey games on Couper Turf Field. The team went 1-1-1 to start the year, including a shutout win over Awty at home last week.
- Our **MS Coed Cross-Country** team opened their season with back-to-back meets in The Woodlands. Both teams performed well, and we had top ten medalists awarded.
- Our **6/7 Football** team played the first-ever football game on Couper Turf Field this past week. The team fought hard and fell 7-0 to Western Academy, but it was great to have football back on Couper Campus.
- Our **7/8 Football** team opened its season this past Thursday vs. the Shamrocks Football team.
- Our **seventh- and eighth-grade Blue Girls Volleyball** teams opened their seasons at AOS this past Thursday.

- Our **6/7 and 7/8 Boys Volleyball** teams played the first-ever Boys Volleyball matches in school history this past week at Kinkaid. The 6/7 Boys won in two sets, and the 7/8 Boys won in three sets. Congratulations to our inaugural MS Boys Volleyball teams!

Go Wolves,

T Riley
Director of Athletics

Middle School Travel Program

We are excited to announce the optional travel opportunities for next summer for Middle School students. The travel program offers students the opportunity to broaden their horizons, expand their minds, and embrace what it means to be global citizens through carefully curated learning adventures. These trips expose students to new cultures, languages, and ideas while reinforcing classroom learning and encouraging individual growth. The trips are chaperoned by St. Francis faculty and staff who enthusiastically give up part of their summer to give these amazing experiences to their students. The trips for next summer are:

- **Washington, D.C.** (current fifth graders)
 - Tentative Trip Dates: June 5-9, 2022
 - Parent Information Meeting: Early November
 - Sign-up information will be sent home in late October.
 - Trip Leader: **Melanie Wallace**
- **Greece/Italy** (current sixth, seventh, and eighth graders)
 - Trip Dates: June 7-15, 2022
 - Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room*
 - **Click here for the application.**
 - Trip Leader: **Chad Kneseck**
- **Costa Rica** (current seventh graders)
 - Trip Dates: June 5-18, 2022
 - Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room*
 - **Click here for the application.**
 - Trip Leader: **Kathryn Spinelli**

* Please note that the September 15 parent information meetings fall on Welcome to the Den conference day. Please keep these times in mind when signing up for your child's conference.

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Middle School Chapel: Parents Welcome After Labor Day

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Bible Studies Are Back!

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

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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 at the end of the Middle School hallway
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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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Monday, September 13

- *"E" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
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Tuesday, September 14

- *"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 15

- *Welcome to the Den Conferences:* No classes

- *Costa Rica Information Meeting for Parents of Students in Grade 7*: 9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR)
 - *Greece/Italy Information Meeting for Parents of Students in Grades 6–8*: 1:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR)
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Thursday, September 16

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 - *Middle School Chapel*: 9:21–9:46 a.m.
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Friday, September 17

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We are blessed to have Late-Start Wednesdays to have time to learn and collaborate as one learning community across four divisions. Thank you for your support as we expand our C&I knowledge to meet our students where they are and encourage them to step forward. Feel free to reach out to me or our learning specialists anytime if you have questions or want to visit.

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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, September 6

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

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Wednesday, September 8

- *"B" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Upper School Eucharist Chapel & Honor Code Signing*: 10:00–10:40 a.m.
 - *US Individual Student Pictures*: Dress uniform for grades 9-12; seniors will be provided with a cap and gown for the photo
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Thursday, September 9

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Friday, September 10

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:40 a.m.*
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Monday, September 13

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Tuesday, September 14

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Wednesday, September 15

- *No Class: Parent conference day/student holiday*
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Thursday, September 16

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Friday, September 17

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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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 Diapers

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

- **Sunday, September 19, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.:** Recovery Sunday (guest speaker)
- **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**)
 - **Study:** Acts and After You Believe
 - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
- 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:** Hogan Board Room (St. Francis Episcopal School)
 - **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
- Wednesday Night Eucharist, Program, and Dinner
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** Church and Wheatcroft Parish Hall
- 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:** Spiritual Enrichment
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** The Bride's Room

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](#).