

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of September 12

All School

Welcome to St. Francis From Our Board of Trustees

While I know many of you are familiar with the role of the St. Francis Board of Trustees, I wanted to take the opportunity—especially at the beginning of a new school year—to introduce myself, the board, and explain a little more about our role and responsibilities.

The St. Francis Board of Trustees holds "in trust" the mission and reputation of St. Francis Episcopal School. Trustees accept the obligation to not only steward, but also add to the institution's resources. Even trustees whose own children attend St. Francis have a responsibility to create "their children's children's school." The work of trustees includes conducting due diligence on financials; executing decisions by the standard of a "prudent" person; and obeying laws and bylaws of the institution.

Trustees focus on policies and strategies that are *future-focused* while the Head of School *oversees daily operations*. In their role of governance and leadership, trustees are called upon to contribute their time, thought, and energy, as well as financial resources, to support the viability and growth of the school; support committee work; serve as ambassadors for the school; maintain confidentiality; and be a visible part of the community. You can see our [**current Board Members here**](#).

We are looking forward to a great year and a bright future for St. Francis Episcopal School. We are so glad you are a part of our community.

With appreciation,

Webb Jennings
Chair, Board of Trustees

A Message From Taylor and Blake Shaver

The St. Francis Fund is our yearly, unrestricted fundraising effort that supports the most critical aspects of a St. Francis education—fantastic faculty; top-notch programming; and the latest in technology, safety, and security. Please watch [this message](#) from St. Francis Fund Chairs Blake and Taylor Shaver, and be on the lookout for the St. Francis Fund brochure in your mail this week!

Admissions Is on the Hunt for New Wolves!

The Admissions Office is ready to begin receiving new student applications for the 2022–23 school year. Current families are not required to attend a Group Admissions Tour—however, you are always welcome to do so! Please spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers about our upcoming admission tours. ([Click here](#) for the tour dates.)

Reminder for Our Campus Visitors

We are overjoyed to be able to welcome parents and visitors back to campus this year. Please help ensure we are able to continue this by following our protocols while on campus:

- All visitors should be masked.
- Masks should be worn above the nose and covering the mouth.
- Mask may be removed briefly for eating and drinking.

We are so glad to have the events, gatherings, and parent community that make our school so special—simultaneously, we must remain vigilant and work to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We appreciate your help to keep our community safe and healthy.

A Note About Breakfast Cards

Breakfast is available on the Piney Point Campus with a pre-purchased breakfast card from 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Dining Hall. **Students who wish to eat breakfast at school must first purchase a breakfast card from the reception desk.** 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.

Save the Date! Homecoming Is October 7

SFE Homecoming is fast approaching! Join us for food, fun, and festivities on Thursday, October 7, at Couper Campus as our 7/8 Middle School Football team takes on St. John's. Details to follow!

Support the Home Team!

The Athletics Booster Club invites you to come out and support our Wolves at this week's home games. We will be selling concessions at all games—most items are \$1. Exact change is much appreciated.

Date	Day	Time	Team	Opponent	Location
09/14/21	Tuesday	5:00 pm	Volleyball JV Girls US	The Saint Constantine School	Piney Point Gym
09/16/21	Thursday	4:30 pm	Football MS 7/8	Second Baptist School	Couper Turf Field
09/16/21	Thursday	4:00 pm	Volleyball Girls MS 6 Blue	The Village School	Piney Point Gym
09/16/21	Thursday	5:00 pm	Volleyball Girls MS 7 Blue	The Village School	Piney Point Gym
09/16/21	Thursday	6:00 pm	Volleyball Girls MS 8 Blue	The Village School	Piney Point Gym

Aiming for Success: Support Our Sporting Clays Classic (October 22)

- **Hey Sponsors!** Take advantage of opportunities that deliver brand visibility through exclusive signage and print recognition, while supporting our sixth annual Sporting Clays Classic. For example, did you know that the event's golf cart sponsor benefits from signage on the approximately 60 golf carts used at the event? Or that an in-kind product can be used as a prize for the winner of the Mixed Target Game? We would also love to include your company's promotional item in the event's swag bag! Email [Martha Chavez](#) for details. Over 150 swag bags will be handed out!
- **A big thank-you to our sponsors and teams who have committed their support!**
- 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.

- **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. (You'll also get 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](#).

FoFA Kickoff Meeting Is Tuesday

The Friends of Fine Arts volunteer kickoff meeting is this **Tuesday, September 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Events Conference Room on the Piney Point Campus**. This is a great opportunity to meet the team and learn about events we have planned for the year.

- Volunteers are needed to help with changing out the beautiful art display cases in the People Place; poinsettia sales and delivery; ticketing/ushering at Middle School and Upper School productions; and Fine Arts special events that include all divisions of the school. We look forward to a fun and creative year!
- For more information, please [email Jennifer Stringer](#).

Dad's Club Breakfast Is Thursday

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

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
13	2
YTD Cases	YTD Cases
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
25	8

*Updated 9/10/21 at 1:00 pm

St. Francis Connections: There's Still Time to Submit Your Questions About Adolescent Anxiety

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.**

Primary School

From the Pre-Primary Lead Teachers

Every day, it is a privilege to be a teacher of two- and three-year-old children. The Pre-Primary children are in a captivating and delicate stage of life. They are leaving toddlerhood behind and becoming preschoolers. We have the honor and blessing of holding their hands as they walk through this phase of life. We gently wipe tears, celebrate learning moments with enthusiasm, and encourage the children to try “hard things,” as Dr. Wynn described in her most recent *Wolf Watch* article.

Recently, we reflected on just a few of the reasons why we enjoy and find passion in working with the youngest learners at St. Francis Episcopal School:

- **Mrs. Maggy Britton:** One of my favorite things about teaching Pre-Primary is the social and emotional growth in this age group. It is imperative that kindness, empathy, and problem-solving be explicitly taught, and this is the perfect time to begin learning those skills. There is so much power in identifying emotions and learning to self-regulate in a productive way; I love helping guide the students along this journey. It is my hope that they will use these skills their entire lives!
- **Ms. Hannah Zuniga:** I absolutely love watching the children begin to figure out their world. Their little minds are soaking up so much information, and then one day, you witness the light bulb flicker on. You can see their wheels turning, and the ideas begin to flow. Conversations become more purposeful as they begin to problem-solve and develop their own ideas. Watching them use these skills as they get older is so exciting!
- **Mrs. Susan Meriwether:** One of my favorite times of the day is when we gather for Morning Meeting. Morning Meeting is a time when young children can learn to become members of a cohesive group. They develop attention and focus, build cognitive skills, share information, learn respect for others, and develop social skills. Songs, fingerplays, and stories are an integral part of our Morning Meetings. Best of all, we experience joy as we learn this way!
- **Mrs. Jane Oteiza:** Do you feel proud of yourself when you achieve a goal? Your children often have the opportunity to feel this way at school. As a teacher, I enjoy having the opportunity to cheer on the accomplishments of the children. The children gain independence by following the routine of the school day, contributing to the classroom (e.g., classroom jobs and participating in classroom maintenance), and conquering age-appropriate self-help skills. It is rewarding to see the look on a child’s face as they feel the pride of realizing they are competent and capable. They can do it!

Thank you for the opportunity to care for your child. We recognize that they make the Primary School a wonderful and special place.

With joy,

Maggy Britton, Hannah Zuniga, Susan Meriwether, and Jane Oteiza
Pre-Primary Lead Teachers

Open Library Starts Tomorrow

Parents and children are invited to check out library books on **Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., beginning tomorrow, 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 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.*
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Tuesday, October 5

- *Blessing of the Stuffed Animals Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person*
 - *Furry Friend Picnic (Students Only)*
 - *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m.*
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Wednesday, October 6

- *Blessing of the Stuffed Animals Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person*
 - *Pre-Primary Blessing of the Stuffed Animals: In classrooms*
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Monday, October 11

- *Fall Break: School closed*
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Tuesday, October 12

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person*
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Wednesday, October 13

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

Lower School

From the Division Head

This week, we highlight our assistant head of Lower School, and how she supports our division. Have a great week ahead!

Kindly,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

From the Assistant Division Head

As the assistant head of Lower School, my role involves working with teachers, students, and families to provide the best educational experience for all students.

Most of you know me, but I wanted to share a little about myself for those new to St. Francis. This year marks my thirty-eighth year in education and my tenth year at SFE. My background includes teaching all elementary grade levels, with most of my time spent in kindergarten and second grade. I have a passion for curriculum and instruction, and I love studying more about brain research and its impact on learning.

Just like all teachers, I became an educator to make a difference. One of the ways I strive to do this is by building a collaborative community of learners. Learning collaboratively with others enables us to see things in alternate ways, appreciate differences, and become well-rounded thinkers. Working collectively to do what is best for students is key to helping students peak to their innate ability.

I am honored to work alongside the Lower School faculty, staff, and families as we collectively step forward to excellence.

Debbie McColloch, MEd
Assistant Head of Lower School

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

We are excited to welcome parents back to Chapel. For safety protocols, please review 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 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
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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
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Monday, September 27

- *Chapel for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - August 15–30 and September 26–October 2 birthdays will be celebrated
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Wednesday, September 29

- *Parent Meeting for Kindergarten and Grade 1 ("Early Literacy")*: 9:00 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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Thursday, September 30

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating September 26–October 2 birthdays
- *Individual Pictures for All of Lower School*

Middle School

From the Division Head

Welcome to the Den Conferences are a few days away, and our advisors are looking forward to meeting with you and your child(ren) this week. You received an email from your advisor last week containing a SignUpGenius link to opportunities for 30-minute conference slots throughout the day. If you have not had the chance to select a time, I hope you will take a moment to sign up today.

As I shared in a recent *Wolf Watch* message, your advisor is the central figure in our school-home partnership. Conferences give you the opportunity to have an in-person interaction with your child and advisor that will set a positive tone and open lines of communication. During the conversation, your child will share some of their hopes and goals for the year; your advisor will lead a portion of the conversation regarding academics, cocurriculars, and social-emotional well-being; and you will have the chance to speak one-on-one with your advisor about your hopes and expectations for the months ahead.

These conferences are mandatory, and it is important that students, at least one parent, and advisors attend. If a scheduling conflict prevents you and your child from joining a conference together on Wednesday, September 15, please reach out to your advisor to set up an alternate meeting time.

To ensure that all families have a conference with their advisor on this day, we are not able to offer conferences with teachers other than the advisor. If you desire an additional meeting with a teacher of a particular class, please reach out to those individuals after conference day to find a meeting time.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

Best Regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

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 chance 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 Knesek**
- **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.

If you have any questions about one of the trips, please reach out to the trip leader listed above.

Fifth Grade Families: Memory Books Now Available

Fourth-Grade 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.](#)

Mark Your Calendar

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 Trip Information Meeting for Parents of Students in Grade 7: 9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR)*
 - *Greece/Italy Trip 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

- *"B" 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 Honor Code Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
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Friday, September 17

- *"C" 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 20

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

- *"E" 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 22

- *"A" 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 23

- *"B" 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 Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
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Friday, September 24

- *"C" 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 27

- *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, September 29

- *Dress Uniform*
- *Middle School Student Photos*

Upper School

From the Division Head

I remember the first time—more than a decade ago, now—when an administrator told me we were doing “student-led” conferences. Instead of the advisor and parent having a conversation with the student, exploring the details of each class and assignment, lending our expertise to what lay before the student, challenging the young man or woman to do better, we would instead coach the student to give the central presentation.

This was disconcerting. As a seasoned advisor, I felt that the conference was a place for parents to learn about the inner workings of the school and how the “experts” could interpret the educational trajectory of the student. After all, couldn’t the parents just talk

to their student at home? Without schlepping it over to school? (As a Dallas transplant, I've learned that the Houston commute is something altogether different!) What's more is that I had my own children at the school where I taught. *I* wanted to hear from their advisors, who were also my colleagues.

What I learned was that the presentation—the information—was not the critical element. After all, the information gathered by the students was certainly from a biased party! What was important was that the students constructed their own response to the environment, their own version of the world they inhabit. It might be skewed. The plan may be, well, sophomoric and doomed to failure, but it was *their* plan.

As a parent and an advisor, I had to relinquish the ability to be the one with the right answer. Helping students grow and empowering them to be independent takes the courage to watch them make mistakes. And that's what a great school and community can provide: a safe place where students can make mistakes and learn from them. We are excited to partner with you in these conferences and look forward to having your family back on campus this Wednesday.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Updated Daily Schedule

In the past few weeks, we have observed the need to extend the lunch period and to reduce morning passing periods around the advisory/chapel time. These alterations will not affect the beginning or ending of the day; nor will they change the order of blocks within the schedule. For the purposes of arranging appointments, please note the following:

- The second period of the day (A2/B2) will begin earlier, at 10:35 a.m.
- Lunch will begin earlier, at 12:00 p.m., but end at the same time as before, 12:50 p.m.

[Here](#) is a link to our new schedule, which will begin tomorrow—Monday, September 13.

Congratulations, Upper School Boys Volleyball!

Congratulations to our Upper School Boys Volleyball team, which played its first high school match in school history this past Thursday in Crum Gym vs. Awty.

Mark Your Calendar

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*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:40 a.m.*
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Monday, September 20

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
-

Tuesday, September 21

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular School Uniform*
- *Junior Parent Preview and College Counseling (Parents/Guardians Only)*
 - *6:00–7:30 p.m.*

- **PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION:** Primary School Drama/Theatre Room
 - 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)
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Wednesday, September 22

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:40 a.m.*
 - *See You at the Pole*
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Thursday, September 23

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Admissions Tour*
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Friday, September 24

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular School Uniform*
- *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:40 a.m.*

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 Today

First Communion classes begin today (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 Today

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

The high school Bible study continues meeting every other week at the Houston Racquet Club, with the next meeting planned for Wednesday, September 22. 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 Job
 - **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 today**)
 - **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; next meeting is September 22**)
 - **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 Burkhardt](#)
 - **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**](#).