

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of September 19

All School

Homecoming and Spirit Week: Please Note This Important Information!

Mark your calendars, Wolves! We are excited to announce plans for our upcoming Spirit Week (October 4–8) and Homecoming events. All divisions will have an opportunity to share in the fun! Our Upper School student council has chosen the theme “Under the Stars” for this year. Our St. Francis parent boosters have plans for students and families that you won’t want to miss. Stay tuned over the next few weeks for additional details!

SPIRIT WEEK DRESS SCHEDULE

Students in K–12 are invited to dress in fun clothing each day during Spirit Week, according to the following schedule:

- **Monday, October 4**—Pajama Day
- **Tuesday, October 5**—Under the Stars (Astronauts, aliens, stars, planets, etc.)
- **Wednesday, October 6**—Western Wednesday (Boots are fine. Please leave your spurs and holsters at home.)
- **Thursday, October 7**—Blue Out Spirit Day (Wear your St. Francis navy! Please note: **Middle School will be wearing white on this day.** In addition, **Primary School students are invited to wear their St. Francis navy on this day** due to the Upper and Primary School Pep Rally.)
- **Friday, October 8**—Hippie Day (Tie-dye, jeans, etc.)

SPIRIT WEEK EVENTS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

- **Upper and Primary School Pep Rally and Homecoming Court Presentation—10:00 a.m.**
Primary School students in Primary I and Primary II will join the Upper and Primary School Pep Rally at 10:00 a.m. The Homecoming Court will be

presented at this time. Parents of Homecoming Court members who would like to attend the pep rally should arrive no later than 10:00 a.m.

- **Lower and Middle School Homecoming Lunch**
Students will enjoy Dining Hall decorations, cheers with the eighth-grade Howlers, and cookie cake for dessert!
- **Lower and Middle School Pep Rally—2:05 p.m. on the Piney Point Field**
Students in third and fourth grades will join the Middle School to cheer with eighth-grade Howlers outside on the field at 2:05 p.m. This is a student-only event.
- Join us for food, fun, and festivities in the afternoon at Couper Campus as our 7/8 Middle School Football team takes on St. John's on the Couper Turf Field. Meanwhile, our Upper School Girls Volleyball teams will be playing Faith West in the Crum Gym. Details to follow!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL DANCE AND UPPER SCHOOL HOMECOMING DANCE

- **Middle School Fall Dance for Grades 6–8**—Friday, October 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Piney Point Gym
- **Upper School Homecoming Dance**—Saturday, October 16, from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus

Complete information on the Middle School and Upper School dances and on athletics events will be communicated through the respective divisions.

FoFA Kickoff Meeting Rescheduled to This Tuesday

Due to Tropical Storm Nicholas, the Friends of Fine Arts volunteer kickoff meeting has been rescheduled. It will now take place this Tuesday, September 21, at 10:15 a.m. in the Events Conference Room on the Piney Point Campus.

There's Still Time: Support the Sporting Clays Classic (October 22) and Register Your Team Today!

- Check out the [event website](#) to discover the various ways you can participate in this special St. Francis event. 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.
- Are you looking to get your company name out in the community? Take advantage of sponsorship 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!](#)
- **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](#).

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
7	0
YTD Cases	YTD Cases
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
30	8

*Updated 9/16/21 at 1:00 pm

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. [Click here](#) and scroll to Upcoming Events to see the game schedule for the 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.)

Primary School

From the Assistant Head of Primary School

The St. Francis community has been very special to me over my 12 years at the school. From day one, this community has shown me a level of caring and acceptance that is second-to-none. We pride ourselves on being *people for others*, and this is apparent in all my interactions with members of our community.

Our students are in the process of taking the pledge to live like St. Francis by signing our school's Honor Code, which is called the St. Francis Way for our Primary School. While it may look a little different in Primary School, the goal is still the same: to be respectful and kind, and to take care of our community.



I will be visiting each classroom over the next few weeks to introduce our students to, or remind them of, the St. Francis Way, which comprises the following four principles:

1. Listen carefully to teachers and friends.
2. Be kind to others.
3. Be safe.
4. Take care of our school.

I am looking forward to visiting the classrooms and discussing the importance of the St. Francis Way with each child. All members of the Primary School will acknowledge their understanding of and plan to live by these principles by placing their fingerprints on our St. Francis Way documents. I hope you continue to discuss these principles with your children, and possibly to tie them in with your home expectations, too.

Best regards,

Ryan M. Kochel, MEd
Assistant Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

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*
 - *Primary School Parent Information Night for Pre-Primary: 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room*
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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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Monday, October 4–Friday, October 8

- *Spirit Week*
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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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Thursday, October 7

- *Upper and Primary School Pep Rally: 10:00 a.m.*
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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, our third-grade teachers share with you a glimpse into ways we strive to develop the whole child in Lower School.

Kindly,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

From the Third-Grade Teachers

As teachers, nothing brings us more joy than watching students grow in the core academic areas. However, some of the most rewarding growth in third grade occurs in the areas of student independence, grit, and personal responsibility. These life skills are developed each day in class through the lens of academic and enrichment subjects.

Throughout the school day, students are encouraged to persist even when the going gets tough. They are guided to be resourceful and to problem-solve independently before seeking out the teacher's assistance. This practice can also be helpful when extended to your home environment. Finding the right opportunity to give your child control can be challenging as a parent.

An excellent way to start handing over responsibility to children is to provide opportunities for them to take ownership of routines that will directly impact their day. Packing their own backpack the night before school with the WOLF Folder, snack, and

water bottle is a great way for children to show autonomy and have a smooth start in the morning. If something is forgotten at home, have no fear! Let these items stay at home so that your child may problem-solve and persist through this unexpected challenge. He or she will develop resilience as a result of this logical consequence.

These small learning moments and opportunities for increased responsibility will help prepare your child not only for third grade, but also for life beyond. We look forward to a wonderful year working together with you as a team!

All the best,

Marti Goehringer, Humanities
Christina Gonzales, Math
Alison Johnston, Humanities
Linden Womack, STEAM

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](#).

Mark Your Calendar

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

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
 - *Parent Meeting for Grades 2–4 ("How to Help Your Child With Home Practice and Reading")*: 8:55 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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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*
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Monday, October 4

- *Feast of St. Francis Eucharist for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating October 3–9 birthdays
 - *Grade 4 Blessing of the Animals*: 9:00 a.m. in the Courtyard
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Monday, October 4–Friday, October 8

- *Spirit Week*
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Thursday, October 7

- *Lower and Middle School Pep Rally*: 2:05 p.m. on Piney Point Field; student-only event

Middle School

From the Division Head

This Thursday, our Middle School students signed the St. Francis Honor Code during Chapel. The Chapel service itself featured a reading from James 3 (included below), and I had the pleasure of offering the homily. The core of my message was a call for students to check their plans and actions against their own moral compasses. We have plans to talk more about honor in advisory this year, and I also suggest that this topic deserves exploration at home.

In the week ahead, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child about what honor means to them. I also recommend that you unpack the concept with concrete examples and/or scenarios. For example, ask something like:

- If you had the opportunity to cheat on an assignment and you knew you wouldn't get caught, would you do it?
 - Would your feelings change if your best friend was encouraging you?
- If you knew your friend was cheating, what would you do?
 - Why?
- Would you lie to protect a friend?
 - How would you feel about it afterward?
- How would you react if an adult blames someone else for something you did?
 - Alternately, how would you respond if someone gave you credit for something you didn't do?

I hope your conversations are positive for you and your child! If you are looking for additional context, the reading from the Chapel service is below. It was taken from James 3:13-18, and it is an invitation to embrace the wisdom that is from God.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Best regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

Middle School Pictures Are September 29

Students will have individual pictures taken on Wednesday, September 29. Students should wear their dress uniform for photos. Advisors will send order forms home with your child on Thursday, September 23.

Middle School Fall Dance Is October 1

We will be hosting a Middle School Fall Dance on **Friday, October 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Piney Point Gym**, and doors will close at 7:30 p.m. Please note this is a change in date.

The theme for the dance is “Under the Stars.” Student dress is casual, and students can dress according to the theme if they wish. For questions regarding appropriate dress, please consult page 38 of the *Middle School Handbook*, which is available on the Parent Portal.

Spirit Week and Spirit Dress Days

The theme for Spirit Week is “Under the Stars.” Students not participating in spirit dress are expected to wear their school uniform. It is our expectation that all costumes will be in good taste and that students will be appropriately covered at all times. No sleeveless tops, please!

- **Monday, October 4**—Pajama Day
- **Tuesday, October 5**—Space Day (Astronauts, aliens, stars, planets, etc.)
- **Wednesday, October 6**—Western Wednesday (Western wear)
- **Thursday, October 7**—White Out Spirit Day (White tops and bottoms are appropriate!)
- **Friday, October 8**—Hippie Day (Tie-dye, jeans, etc.)

Parent Information Night Presentations

Please click on the links below to view slide decks from each of our grade-level Parent Information Night presentations.

- [**Fifth-Grade Slide Deck**](#)
- [**Sixth-Grade Slide Deck**](#)
- [**Seventh-Grade Slide Deck**](#)
- [**Eighth-Grade Slide Deck**](#)

A Note About Bibles for Religion Class

In Religion class, the Bible is our textbook, so each student needs to bring his or her Bible to class.

- New students will soon receive a Bible for them to keep as their own.
- All other students should already have received a Bible from us. If your son or daughter is unable to locate that Bible, we ask that you please make arrangements to purchase a replacement. It is helpful if everyone has the same edition. [Here](#) is a link to the Bible that we presented to the students.

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 20

- *"D" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Honor Code Chapel for Grades 7 and 8: 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

- *"D" Day*
 - ***Regular Uniform***
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
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Tuesday, September 28

- *"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*
 - *St. Francis Connections Series Lunch and Learn: 11:30–12:45 p.m.*
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Wednesday, September 29

- ***"B" Day***
 - ***Dress Uniform***
 - *Middle School Student Photos*
 - *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 30

- *"A" 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, October 1

- *"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*
 - *Middle School Fall Dance for Grades 6–8: 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Piney Point Gym*
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Monday, October 4–Friday, October 8

- *Spirit Week*
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Wednesday, October 6

- *Late Start: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.*
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Thursday, October 7

- *Lower and Middle School Pep Rally: 2:05 p.m. on Piney Point Field; student-only event*
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Monday, October 11

- *Fall Break: No school*

Upper School

From the Division Head

I hope that you enjoyed conferences last week, and especially the opportunity to see your student set goals for the year. I sat in on several senior conferences, and it was impressive to witness how well these students could present in their fourth year of having conferences in this manner. In fact, senior advisor Mrs. Choi and I often did not have much to say except how proud we were. (For our freshmen and sophomores, they are still maturing and getting to know themselves. It will come, and this experience is one of those teaching moments.)

Yet, these refined senior presentations were more than just good presentations. We saw young adults who were genuinely self-reflective. They were able to examine themselves and set realistic goals. They were aware of their own strengths and pitfalls, and most importantly, they used language to describe actions that were realizable, not just “I will try harder” or “I will give more effort.” I was truly proud of how well St. Francis had prepared these students beyond the A’s, B’s, and C’s we so often focus on. These young men and women were prepared for the next stage in their lives.

I want to remind you to consider the non-academic goals that were set this past week: meeting new friends, trying something new, joining a club, concentrating their attention on a closely held passion, etc. While we are properly concerned about the best grades our students can make, as we reflect back on our own time in high school, we remember our teams and experiences more than the marks we received. And these experiences help young persons to fully step forward into the school community.

In the coming weeks, we look forward to hitting our stride as we approach **October 1, the midterm of the first trimester**. That is an ideal time for students to assess their performance and make adjustments for the remainder of the trimester.

Finally, we look forward to **Spirit Week (October 4–8)** and the **Upper School Homecoming Dance (October 16 from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m.)**.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Spirit Week and Homecoming

We are thrilled to announce plans and details for our upcoming Homecoming events and fall dance! You’ll find information about Spirit Week below, but first, **I am excited to officially announce that there will be a Homecoming dance on Saturday, October 16, from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym on Couper Campus!**

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, October 4–Friday, October 8**—Spirit Week
- **Wednesday, October 6, at 6:15 p.m.**—US Boys Volleyball vs. Kinkaid, in Crum Gym
- **Thursday, October 7, at 10:00 a.m.**—Primary and Upper School Pep Rally (Homecoming Court Presentation)
- **Thursday, October 7, at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**—US Girls JV and Varsity Volleyball Game vs. Faith West Academy
- **Saturday, October 9**—Cross-Country at St. John’s Maverick Ramble
- **Saturday, October 16, 8:00–10:30 p.m.**—Homecoming Dance on Couper Campus

SPIRIT WEEK

The theme for the week is “Under the Stars.” Students who do not participate in the assigned costumes for dress-up days must wear their school uniforms. As always, the Code of Conduct is in place. It is our expectation that all costumes will be in good taste and that students will be appropriately covered at all times.

- **Monday, October 4**—Pajama Day
- **Tuesday, October 5**—Under the Stars (Astronauts, aliens, stars, planets, etc.)
- **Wednesday, October 6**—Western Wednesday (Western wear)
- **Thursday, October 7**—Blue Out Spirit Day (Wear your St. Francis navy!)
- **Friday, October 8**—Hippie Day (Tie-dye, jeans, etc.)

UPPER AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PEP RALLY AND HOMECOMING COURT PRESENTATION

On **Thursday, October 7**, Upper School students will be hosting a pep rally for our neighbors in the Primary School. This is a very sweet and memorable tradition that began when the Upper School was founded.

We will crown a Homecoming Court! The Homecoming Court comprises seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. Two winners will be chosen from each class. Parents of Homecoming Court members who would like to attend the pep rally should arrive in Crum Gym no later than 10:00 a.m.

HOMECOMING DANCE

On **Saturday, October 16**, St. Francis will host the Upper School Homecoming Dance. The dance will take place from **8:00 to 10:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym on Couper Campus**. Students must arrive no later than 8:30 p.m. Here are some additional details:

- **Food**—Dinner will not be provided, so we encourage students to eat beforehand.
- **Guests**—Students wanting to bring a guest must pick up a form from Ms. Urbanek and return it, signed and completed, by Tuesday, October 12.
- **Dates**—We are a small school and want to limit social pressure as much as possible. We are strongly encouraging students to come as friends and with

friends. Students should not feel the need to ask a date or have a date to attend the dance. We anticipate the majority will come solo/with a group of friends. We are messaging this to them, as we just want them to attend and have fun.

- **Dress Code**—The dance is semiformal, so suits and party attire are fine.
- **Theme**—The theme for the evening is "Under the Stars."
- **Behavior**—As with all school functions, we have a zero-tolerance policy related to any substance abuse or tobacco (including vaping). This policy applies to guests, as well.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 20

- "A" Day
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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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: 10:00–10:35 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: 10:00–10:35 a.m.*
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Monday, September 27

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Tuesday, September 28

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Wednesday, September 29

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:35 a.m.*
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Thursday, September 30

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Friday, October 1

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:35 a.m.*
 - *Trimester 1 Midpoint*
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Monday, October 4–Friday, October 8

- *Spirit Week*
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Thursday, October 7

- *Upper and Primary School Pep Rally: 10:00 a.m.*
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Saturday, October 16

- *Upper School Homecoming Dance: 8:00–10:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym on Couper Campus*

Church

Contribute to Louisiana Hurricane Relief Today

St. Francis is partnering with Texas Relief Warriors to send badly needed supplies to our neighbors in Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Please pick up baby necessities or cleaning supplies (remember Harvey!) and bring them to the church today.

- Items may be left in the Narthex at any time today.
- Suggested items may be viewed on the St. Francis Church Amazon Wish List “Hurricane Ida Relief.” The list is closed for purchases, but the suggested items on it can still be viewed.
- Our collection will be delivered to Texas Relief Warriors this Tuesday, September 21.
- Contact [Heather Burkhart](#) for additional information.

Blessing of the Animals Is October 3

St. Francis's annual Blessing of the Animals will be held in the **school courtyard at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 3**. We have a special place in our hearts for all God's creatures, so come with your special pet and receive a blessing. In addition:

- There will be a very special short liturgy in the church.
- We'll have treats available for your four-legged friends, and you can get a photo taken with your pet.
- You'll be able to interact with a police horse and a police dog, see animals for adoption from the Houston Humane Society, and visit with a local veterinarian and members of Citizens for Animal Protection.
- We'll be collecting donations of dog and cat food to give to the Houston Humane Society.

For more information, email [Allison Devlin](mailto:Allison.Devlin@stfrancis.org) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

Donate to Kitty's Coat Drive

Several years ago, teachers in the Spring Branch Independent School District noticed that many children were not wearing coats during a year of cold winter weather. As a result, MAM was asked to help collect coats and distribute them to children in need. St. Francis Episcopal Church and St. Francis Episcopal School answered the call.

In honor of Kitty Elliott, who organized the original coat drive, it has been officially named "The Kitty Elliott Coat Drive."

Collection areas will be set up at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Sunday, October 10, and Sunday, October 17. Please bring coat donations on these Sundays or to the church office during the week.

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. 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 21, meeting on **Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.** and led by **Allison Devlin**, director of family ministry. Please contact Allison via [email](mailto:Allison.Devlin@stfrancis.org) 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](mailto:David.Nelson@scoutpack1703.org) for more information.

A Note About Fall First Communion Classes

First Communion classes began September 12. You can still participate. 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](mailto:Allison.Devlin@stjohns.org) 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

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](mailto:Allison.Devlin@stjohns.org) 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](mailto:Allison.Devlin@stjohns.org) 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

- **Wednesday, September 29, 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.
 - **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 21**)
 - **Study:** Acts and After You Believe
 - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
- Tuesdays at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Begins September 21**)
 - **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.
 - **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 (**\$10 per person**)
 - **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](#).