

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 10

All School

Wednesday: Catch Up With the St. Francis Parents Organization

Learn more about the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) this Wednesday, October 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (Piney Point Campus). Open to all parents, this meeting is an opportunity to hear updates from the SFPO committee chairs.

Register Now for This Friday's Parents Night Out!

Our first Parents Night Out of the school year will be held this Friday, October 15, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Dinner, games (including Nerf wars!), crafts, and a movie will be included! To register, please email Margaret Newsom.

Pumpkin-Carving Contest Is October 25

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can use their originality and artistry to carve or decorate a pumpkin for the St. Francis Pumpkin-Carving Contest, which will be held on **Monday, October 25**.

- [Click here](#) for instructions on how to enter.
- [Click here](#) to print out the entry form.
- If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please [email Lauren Wuertz](mailto:Lauren Wuertz).

Tickets on Sale Now! One Night Only!

Join us on Friday, October 29, for a fun-filled evening as our Middle School bards present *Lions in Illyria*, a one-act play that reimagines Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

- The evening kicks off at 5:45 p.m. with a light preshow dinner in our Dining Hall. “Bard Boxes”—themed charcuterie delights with meats, cheeses, French bread, olives/cornichon, nuts, mixed berries, and a gourmet brownie—are available for prepurchase and serve two adults for \$30; kids’ “Bard Snack Boxes” are also available, and include ham, cheese, mixed berries, crackers, and a Halloween iced cookie for \$11.
- General admission tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults and can be picked up at the event.
- Doors to the Fine Arts Center open at 6:45 p.m., with the show starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Come for dinner, the show, or both!

To purchase *Lions in Illyria* show tickets and/or Friends of Fine Arts Preshow Dinner tickets, [click here](#).

Gala: Studio 52 Needs You!

Support Gala by donating an item either to the Online Auction (prior to the event) or the engaging Live Auction and Big Boards (at the event)! Own a vacation house, restaurant, or other business/service? We would love a donation from you! [Take a look at our Auction Wish List here](#). No donated item is too small, and certainly none is too large. Gift cards are also welcome!

- To submit a donation, please fill out [this form](#). The deadline for donations is Friday, December 17, 2021.
- Questions? Email [Rory Bellow](#) or [Kaylen Meserve](#).

LS Field Hockey Clinic Is October 30

Students in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to join us for a field hockey clinic, offered through Velocity, on Saturday, October 30, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Come learn the fundamentals of this growing sport!

- The \$50 registration fee includes a T-shirt and field hockey stick.
- The registration link will be included in next week’s *Wolf Watch*, or you can register by emailing [Margaret Newsom](#).

Sporting Clays Classic Is Almost Here: Don’t Forget to Sign Up!

Want to help support a great cause? There’s still time to build a team for the Sporting Clays Classic. Don’t shoot? Grab a spectator ticket, and come support teams and enjoy lunch.

- Register your team or buy your spectator ticket today via the [event website](#).

- There are also a few sponsorship opportunities left. Click [here](#) to view options. **The deadline to be included in event signage is this Thursday, October 14.**
- With questions, please email [Martha Chavez](#).

Save the Date(s) for Grandparents and Grandfriends Days!

Get ready for a St. Francis favorite! This school year, we will welcome our grandparents and grandfriends to campus to share a meal and make memories with their grandchildren! Invitations and details will be sent to grandparents and parents soon. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for the following dates in November. (Primary School will welcome grandparents and grandfriends in February.)

- Wednesday, November 17—**Middle School**
- Thursday, November 18—**Lower School (Kindergarten–Second Grade)**
- Friday, November 19—**Lower School (Third and Fourth Grades) and Upper School**

Help your child’s grandparents or grandfriends stay connected with student life at St. Francis by making sure the grandparent information is current on your Veracross profile. For questions regarding Grandparents and Grandfriends Days, please contact Martha Chavez at 713.458.6169 or via [email](#).

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.

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
3	0
YTD Cases	YTD Cases
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
37	13

*Updated 10/08/21 at 12:00 p.m.

Primary School

From the Division Head

Parent participation is one of my favorite parts of the Primary School. It is an opportunity to fellowship with the thoughtful people who share their curious and capable learners with us each day. The enthusiasm and optimism that parents exude is contagious. Being a parent is one of the most important and rewarding experiences a person can have in life.

Understanding the careful consideration that each parent invests in choosing the right-fit school for their child, we serve our children in the Primary School with great pride and responsibility. Our dedicated team of faculty and staff deems it a privilege to collaborate with our wonderful families in the early-childhood education of our children.

This partnership is a meaningful combination of love and care that creates a seamless bond between home and school. Our children learn to navigate both environments with confidence and self-assurance as they watch their families and school work in unison.

We love our parents at St. Francis and recognize that you are integral to the success of our children, teachers, and overall community. Whether you are attending Chapel, reading to a class, serving as a parent volunteer, or helping in another capacity, we are grateful for you, your time, and your support.



The masterpiece above, created by our parents, is an example of the magic that happens when home and school communicate and collaborate. Each popsicle stick represents an individual parent's creativity. Together, the popsicle sticks exemplify the unity, joy, and authenticity that transpires in the Primary School when families and school partner with intentionality and purpose. The final product is a marvelous image that signifies the beauty that emerges in both art and the child when there is a strong alliance between home and school.

With gratitude,

Kenyetta K. Wynn, EdD
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 11

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

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person
 - *Chapel Drama*: Mrs. Hughes's class at 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday, October 13

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person
 - *A Day in the Life of Primary School*: 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
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Thursday, October 14

- *Primary School Admissions Tour*: 9:30 a.m.
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Monday, October 18

- *Primary School Open Library*: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library

Tuesday, October 19

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.;* Mrs. Staller's and Mrs. Hughes's classes attend in person
- *Primary II Sings in Chapel:* Mrs. Staller's and Mrs. Hughes's classes

Wednesday, October 20

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

Monday, October 25

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m.* in the Primary School Library

Tuesday, October 26

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.;* Mrs. Wiener's and Mrs. Owens's classes attend in person
- *Primary II Sings in Chapel:* Mrs. Wiener's and Mrs. Owens's classes

Wednesday, October 27

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

Friday, October 29

- *Student Holiday*
- *Primary School Parent-Teacher Conference Day*

Monday, November 1

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m.* in the Primary School Library

Tuesday, November 2

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.
 - *Chapel Drama:* Mrs. Owens's class
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Wednesday, November 3

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person
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Thursday, November 4

- *Primary School Admissions Tour:* 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday, November 7

- *Primary School Admissions Open House:* 2:00–4:00 p.m.
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Monday, November 8

- *Primary School Open Library:* 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library
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Tuesday, November 9

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person
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Wednesday, November 10

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

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope your October is off to a great start! Spirit Week and Homecoming were fun, and our school spirit was on display as we dressed up for each of the theme days!

As we continue to move forward, I want to provide you with more information about our Lower School Storybook Character Day, which is scheduled for Friday, October 29. It will be a wonderful way for us to celebrate our love of reading! All are encouraged to dress as their favorite storybook character, using their imagination and creativity when deciding on what to wear. (Feel free to use what you already have at home.) Everyone is encouraged to bring a copy of the related book to school. Please be sure your child's name is in the book.

Please see the storybook character dress guidelines below:

- Make sure your child's outfit is age-appropriate. The chosen character should not be violent or scary.
- Leave weapons and toys at home.
- Outfits should not include masks, hair coloring, or face painting, as these can become a distraction in the classroom.
- Be sure your child brings tennis shoes for PE and recess.

All grade levels will participate in a Storybook Character Parade. This is a student-only event, but rest assured, we will take plenty of photos to share via Seesaw!

We can't wait to see all of our favorite storybook characters come to life!

All the best,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

Kitty Elliott Coat Drive Is This Week

The Kitty Elliott Coat Drive for Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) will take place this year on October 12–15. The annual children's coat drive, which is sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society, supports MAM by collecting new and used coats so they are available to those in need before the cold temperatures hit. Donations can be given to your homeroom teacher or advisor.

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Students in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to join us for a field hockey clinic,

offered through Velocity, on Saturday, October 30, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Come learn the fundamentals of this growing sport!

- The \$50 registration fee includes a T-shirt and field hockey stick.
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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 11

- *Fall Holiday*: School closed
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Tuesday, October 12–Friday, October 15

- *Kitty Elliott Coat Drive*
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Thursday, October 14

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating October 10–16 birthdays
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Sunday, October 17

- *Episcopal School Sunday*: 9:00 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Joyful Sounds choir performance
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Monday, October 18

- *Chapel for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating October 10–23 birthdays
- *Hearing and Vision Screenings*: For students in kindergarten, first grade, and third grade, and for all students who are new to St. Francis

Tuesday, October 19

- *Hearing and Vision Screenings:* For students in kindergarten, first grade, and third grade, and for all students who are new to St. Francis

Thursday, October 21

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating October 17–23 birthdays

Monday, October 25

- *Chapel for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating October 24–30 birthdays
- *Grade 4 ERB Testing*

Monday, October 25-Thursday, October 28

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Thursday, October 28

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating October 24–30 birthdays

Friday, October 29

- *Storybook Character Day:* Please find detailed information above in the letter from our head of Lower School
- *All Saints'/Halloween Parties:* In classrooms

Middle School

From the Dean of Students

The Middle School kicked off Homecoming celebrations with our first dance of the year. Following the theme of “Under the Stars,” a group of parent volunteers turned the FAC into a celestial landscape. The dance was well attended, and the students had a blast!

Spirit Week began with a Eucharist honoring St. Francis Day, and for the first time in 18 months, the entire Middle School gathered together. It was great to have the full division together again and to share in this special feast. The week was filled with so much spirit—students dressed up for theme days, enjoyed cookie cake provided by the Booster Club during the Booster Bash, and cheered with the Howlers and Wolfie during a pep rally. We even had special guests during our pep rally, with students from third and fourth grades joining in on the fun and school spirit. But, the highlight of the pep rally was the Howlers BTS dance mix!

We had a wonderful turnout for the Homecoming festivities on the Couper Campus this past Thursday, and I could tell that our students and families were having a great time. The Wolf Pack was back together again to cheer on the football team with a win over St. John’s! A special thank-you to the Booster Club for all the hard work and enthusiasm that went into making this past week a great success.

One of my favorite scriptures is 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. If you are not familiar with it, I recommend you read it. It talks about the One Body, but many parts. That’s what I think of when I think of the SFES community. We are one body with many parts, and all of us combine to become the awesome St. Francis community that I love and cherish.

Marion Tolon
Dean of Students

Summer Travel to Greece and Italy

It’s not too late to sign up for the optional summer trip to Greece and Italy!

- The trip dates are June 7–15, 2022. [Click here](#) to see the itinerary and trip site, and [click here](#) to print the required application to join the trip. (The application also includes additional details on deadlines and how to register.)
- If you’d like to see a sneak preview of the trip, [click here](#) for a video from the 2015 St. Francis trip to Greece and Italy.
- Mr. Knesek hosted a Zoom information meeting for parents in September. If you missed it, you may view it [here](#).
- The trip application interest form is due to Mr. Knesek no later than Friday, October 15. The online registration with ACIS is due by Monday, November 1, for the lowest possible price.

Kitty Elliott Coat Drive Is This Week

The Kitty Elliott Coat Drive for Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) will take place this year on October 12–15. The annual children's coat drive, which is sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society, supports MAM by collecting new and used coats so they are available to those in need before the cold temperatures hit. Donations can be given to your homeroom teacher or advisor.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 11

- *Fall Holiday: No school*
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Tuesday, October 12–Friday, October 15

- *NJHS/Kitty Elliott Coat Drive*
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Tuesday, October 12

- *"C" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *No Morning Tutorials Due to MS Division Meeting*
 - *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, October 13

- *"D" 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, October 14

- *"E" 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 15

- *"A" Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear With Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans: No athletic shorts*
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Monday, October 18

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
 - *Hearing and Vision Screenings: For all new students and for students in fifth grade and seventh grade*
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Tuesday, October 19

- *"C" 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
 - *Hearing and Vision Screenings: For all new students and for students in fifth grade and seventh grade*
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Wednesday, October 20

- *"D" 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, October 21

- *"E" 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 22

- *"A" 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*

Upper School

From the Division Head

This past week, we had so much fun with the different activities and competitions that make up Spirit Week. Students dressed to theme, and we had a great pep rally with our special guests from Primary School. As we look forward to our Homecoming Dance this Saturday (October 16), I want to share with you a recommendation we passed on to our students. There is no need to make Homecoming about finding a date. We have encouraged students just to come with friends or in groups. It will be a great time just to be there together!

In this week's *Wolf Watch*, I want to preview how the first trimester ends and the second trimester begins. Now that we have passed the midpoint of the first trimester, it is important for students to assess where they are. How have they performed on tests and papers? What adjustments need to be made? Which teachers need to be visited during office hours?

This Friday, October 15, teachers will make available review sheets for their exams. This information will naturally vary in format, but these reviews (along with prior assessments) form the basis of knowledge and skills to be mastered on exams. At that point, three weekends will remain before exams, which allows students ample time to prepare. For some, COVID-19 has meant that they have not taken Upper School exams before, or it has been a couple of years. To reduce the impact of these exams on our community, we have set the weight of first trimester exams at 10 percent of the trimester grade. In short, the experience of taking exams will be what is most important as we continue to get used to a normal version of school.

A few notes on the exam calendar, which I've included below:

- Exams are preceded by two “dead” class days, which will be without assessment or new material.
- Exams are proctored by the teacher of record in their classroom.
- Exams may not be moved.
- Exams last two hours; three hours are allotted for those students with extended time via a documented learning difference.

Trimester 1		
	8:00-11:00	12:00-3:00
November 2. 2021	A1	B3
November 3. 2021	B1	A3
November 4. 2021	A2	B4
November 5. 2021	B2	A4

There will be more details about exam week as we approach the end of the month. I want to thank our athletic director, Mr. Riley, and our head of fine arts, Mr. Doran, for greatly reducing practice time for athletics and the musical so that students can focus on exam preparation.

This makes a great segue to the following week of Immersions and Explorations (November 8–12). Positioned right after the culmination of the first trimester in an exam week, Immersions and Explorations is a time for students to explore learning outside of the traditional school experience. For example, students will be given a choice of several topics to explore over the course of that week. They will then spend several mornings and afternoons with a teacher or teachers learning how to develop a new skill, build something new, or simply engage in learning, all without worrying about grades or homework or tests. Our only request is that students attend, participate energetically, and reflect on the week. This experience will be recorded on their transcript as a pass/fail.

Immersions and Explorations has also taken on another dimension, allowing St. Francis to allocate time in the school day toward pursuits that would normally take students out of class or cause them to stay at school until late in the evening (while stressing about classes the next day). This fulfills one of the major tenets of a St. Francis education—to provide a balanced and healthy environment for our community. Here are just a few of the opportunities afforded to our students during this week:

- Freshman class members become “people for others,” completing community service projects together.
- The sophomore class takes a practice ACT (to complement the PSAT).

- Juniors spend time with our college counselor, Mr. Scales, on activities such as a résumé writing workshop, college panel, college visits, etc.
- Students in the musical have time to rehearse during the school day.

After Immersions and Explorations, the second trimester begins with a week of classes before we release for Thanksgiving.

All my best,

Marc Addison, MA
Head of Upper School

Homecoming Dance Is This Saturday: Details Below

This 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 this 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.

Summer Travel to Greece and Italy

We are excited to announce that Ximena Allub will lead an optional summer trip to Greece and Italy!

- The trip dates are June 7–15, 2022. [Click here](#) to see the itinerary and trip site, and [click here](#) to print the required application to join the trip. (The application also includes additional details on deadlines and how to register.)
- If you'd like to see a sneak preview of the trip, [click here](#) for a video from the 2015 St. Francis trip to Greece and Italy.

- Señora Allub hosted a Zoom information meeting for parents on October 4. If you missed it, you may [view the recording here](#).
- The trip application interest form is due to Señora Allub by Friday, October 15, and online registration with ACIS is due by Monday, November 1, for the lowest possible price.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 11

- *Fall Holiday: School Closed*
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Tuesday, October 12

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Wednesday, October 13

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *No Chapel*
 - *PSAT for Sophomores and Juniors: 8:00–11:30 a.m.; sophomores and juniors arrive at 7:45 a.m.*
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Thursday, October 14

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Club Fair: 10:00–10:35 a.m.*
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Friday, October 15

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular School Uniform*
- *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:35 a.m.*

Saturday, October 16

- *Upper School Homecoming Dance: 8:00–10:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym on Couper Campus; theme is "Under the Stars"*
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Monday, October 18

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Hearing and Vision Screening: New students only; 9:15–10:35 a.m. in the Primary School main office*
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Tuesday, October 19

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Wednesday, October 20

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00-10:35 a.m.*
-

Thursday, October 21

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Friday, October 22

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular School Uniform*
- *Upper School Chapel: 10:00-10:35 a.m.*

Church

Donate to Kitty's Coat Drive Today Through Next Sunday

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, Memorial Assistance Ministries (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 the person who organized the original coat drive, this event has been officially named "The Kitty Elliott Coat Drive."

Collection areas will be set up at St. Francis Episcopal Church today (Sunday, October 10) and next 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.

Parish Fall Picnic Is October 17

Save the date for an evening of pumpkin painting, fall-inspired crafts, and dinner on Sunday, October 17! Want to help? Call the church office at 713.782.1270 to volunteer and to sign up to attend the picnic. The cost is \$10 per person, with a \$25 per family maximum. Please contact Allison via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting details.

Music Ministry: Music by Purcell on October 27

On Wednesday, October 27, members of the St. Francis Music Ministry will perform music by Purcell in the church, following the Wednesday evening Eucharist service at 6:00 p.m. in St. Clare Chapel and dinner in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. Come for an enjoyable evening, dinner, and beautiful music. Dinner is \$10 per person. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Moms, Join Us for Bible Study

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

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: Meets Every Sunday

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: Next Meeting Is October 20

The high school Bible study continues meeting every other week at the Houston Racquet Club, with the next meeting planned for Wednesday, October 20. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. to have dinner and to study *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. All high schoolers are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Allison Devlin [via email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs

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

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

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

Fair Haven Food Pantry Needs Canned Vegetables

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

- 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, October 10, and Sunday, October 17:** The Kitty Elliott Coat Drive
- **Sunday, October 17:** Parish Picnic (\$10/person with \$25/family maximum)
- **Wednesday, October 27:** Purcell concert by St. Francis Music Ministry

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.
 - **Study:** Acts and After You Believe
 - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
 - **Location:** Wheatcroft Parish Hall
- Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is October 12**)
 - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
 - **Study:** Simply Good News
 - **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 October 20**)
 - **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 6:15–6:45 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](#).