

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 31

All School

Congratulations, Pumpkin-Carving Contest Winners!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Pumpkin-Carving Contest. There were so many wonderful pumpkins that it was hard to choose the winners (listed below)!

[Click here](#) for a video with pictures of the winning pumpkins.

- **Best in Kinder:** *Chocolaty Chip* by Ford Meserve
- **Best in First:** *Ice "Scream" Sundae* by Elle Stash
- **Best in Second:** *Kakamora* by Beach Taylor
- **Best in Third:** *Oh! Deer!* by Willow Bookmyer
- **Best in Fourth:** *Buddy Yums* by Hannah Thornton
- **Best in Fifth:** *Pumkinburger* by Carter Meserve
- **Best in Sixth:** *Java* by Sienna Garcia
- **Best in Seventh:** *Jackol* by Adam Garcia
- **Best in Show:** *Trick or Chom* by Anthony Conoscenti
- **Best in Show Runner-up:** *DJ Pumpkin* by Mae Zorich
- **Best in Lower School:** *Trophy Pumpkin* by Whit Zorich
- **Best in Middle School:** *Mumkin Fries* by Carson Chisholm
- **Best in Faculty:** *Up and Away!* by Cruzalegui Advisory
- **Best in Family:** *Up, Up, and Away* by Oshins Family
- **Spirit Runner-up:** *Wolfie* by Wren Savoie
- **Spirit Award:** *Scare-crow-tuno* by Lexi Cotuno
- **Most Original Design:** *Roses Are Red* by Sally Meserve
- **Most Clever:** *Birthday Party Pumpkin Pop-It* by Kayla Kashani
- **Most Outrageous:** *Skulls* by Christian Shipley
- **Most Detailed:** *The Outdoor Fairy Garden* by Olivia Hogan
- **Most Unique:** *The Rainbow Falls* by Jude Abdeen
- **Most Adorable:** *Untitled* by Addie Galloway

- **Best TV / Movie Character:** *Olaf the Snowman* by Gabby Hendricks and Tina Le
- **Best Food:** *Chef Harrison's Sweet & Sour Chicken* by Harrison Oshins
- **Best Person:** *Pippi Longstocking* by Mia Campbell
- **Best Animal:** *Pumpkin Pug* by Quentin Tadlock
- **Funniest:** *I'm in Need of a Dentist* by Brynn Wallis
- **Meanest:** *Happy Halloween, My Pretties!* by Eleanor Nagle
- **Scariest:** *Untitled* by Enzo White
- **Silliest:** *Uncle Joe* by Blake Chisholm
- **Grossest:** *The Witch Who Fell in Her Brew* by Olivia Nagle
- **Most Patriotic:** *The Stars and Stripes of America* by Logan Lawhon
- **Spookiest:** *Spooky Spider* by Elin Campbell
- **Best Sports:** *Astros Orbit* by Parker Fincher
- **Best Garden Theme:** *Lila the Ladybug* by Emma Hartigan
- **Best in Lower School Runner-up:** *Luau Pig* by Margot Bacon
- **Prettiest:** *Bunday Funday* by Hallie Able
- **Best Carved Runner-up:** *Grave Eater* by Jonah Price
- **Best Halloween:** *The Witch Who Stole Candy* by Leah Abdeen
- **Best in Middle School Runner-up:** *Carriage of Doom* by Marian Javid
- **Best Carved:** *The Howler in the Night* by Ashton Lawhon

Note: For the winners with trophies with no name plates, the new name plates will be delivered to their classrooms as soon as possible.

Buy Tickets Today: *The Sound of Music!*

Join us for one of the most beloved musicals of all time! Our Upper School thespians will take us to Austria in 1938, where an exuberant young governess brings music and joy back to a broken family, only to face danger and intrigue as the Nazis gain power.

- The musical will be performed on Friday, November 12, and Saturday, November 13, in the Fine Arts Center (FAC) on Piney Point Campus at 7:00 p.m.
- General admission tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults, and can be picked up at Will Call in the Gay Foyer starting at 6:00 p.m. Doors to the FAC open at 6:45 p.m., with the show starting promptly at 7:00 p.m.
- **Join us Friday at 5:45 p.m. for a Preshow Dinner.** Preorder your brown paper packages tied up with string for a few of our favorite things!
 - **Adult Box:** \$25; includes chicken schnitzel sandwich on pretzel Kaiser roll, German potato salad, and coleslaw, with apple strudel for dessert
 - **Kid Box:** \$15; includes chicken schnitzel strips, 3 mac 'n cheese balls, and sliced carrots and celery, with a cookie for dessert
 - The Preshow Dinner is only for Friday's performance. **Tickets for the dinner must be purchased by Tuesday, November 9, at 11:00 p.m.** Come for dinner, the show, or both!

To purchase *The Sound of Music* show tickets and/or Friends of Fine Arts Preshow Dinner tickets, [click here](#).

Join Us! Dads' Club Social Is November 15

We are so thrilled to announce the co-chairs for the Dads' Club this year—James Breaux, who has a daughter in Primary I, and Arthur Donnelly, who has a son in seventh grade. **Come join them for football, fajitas, adult beverages, and fellowship at the Dads' Club Social on Monday, November 15, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room.** It's the Los Angeles Rams vs. the San Francisco 49ers. Please be on the lookout for a Paperless Post invitation.

Grandparents/Grandfriends Days: November 17-19

On November 17–19, we will welcome our Lower, Middle, and Upper School grandparents and grandfriends to both campuses to share a meal and make memories with their grandchildren and grandfriends.

- An invitation, which you can view [here](#), was emailed to grandparents this past week.
- If we do not have your child(ren)'s grandparent information, please share [this invitation](#) with them. You may RSVP for them [here](#).
- Primary School Grandparents / Grandfriends Days will take place in February 2022.
- Questions? Please [email Martha Chavez](#).

Gala: Vacation Homes Needed!

Do you own a vacation home on the beach, in the mountains, on a ranch, or anywhere else? Destination homes are highly coveted auction items that help elevate the Gala experience, while helping us reach our fundraising goals. If you have a destination vacation home and want to help support Gala, please consider donating a few nights to a week in your home.

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

Our Next Connections Event Is November 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a special evening session at our next St. Francis Connections event on Tuesday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. Head of School Steve Lovejoy will welcome guest speaker Rob Evans to discuss **"Self-esteem: What It Really Is; What Does—and Doesn't—Help."**

- [Click here](#) to learn more about Rob and his work.
- We hope to see you there for light bites and thoughtful conversation! Space is limited—reserve your seats now by clicking on the invitation or [this link](#).



St. Francis Connections

ROBERT EVANS, EdD
Psychologist and School Consultant

and

STEVE LOVEJOY, MEd
Head of School

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*"Self-esteem: What It Really Is;
What Does—and Doesn't—Help."*

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Tuesday, November 30
6:00 p.m.
Fine Arts Center, Piney Point Campus

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Parent Survey Closes This Friday

We have partnered with a third party to conduct our annual survey regarding your family's experience at St. Francis Episcopal School. **Emails with a link to the survey were sent this past Wednesday. The survey will close this Friday, November 5, at 11:45 p.m.** We appreciate your participation in this process to help us enhance the St. Francis experience for all.

Parent Volunteers Needed: Two Upcoming Opportunities

SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

Amy Chandler, the Middle School art teacher, needs volunteers this week to help spread Christmas cheer!

- Each year, students create ornaments to put on their grade-level Christmas tree on their respective campus. Mrs. Chandler needs elves to cut and sort supplies in the Middle School Art Room on Piney Point Campus in preparation for the annual ornament-making week.
- Click [here](#) to sign up to volunteer.
- If you have any questions, please [email Amy Chandler](#).

ART CHANGEOUT

Friends of Fine Arts needs your help on Monday, November 8. Have you ever wondered who changes all the beautiful student artwork on display at St. Francis? It's parent volunteers just like you. It's a fun time with 12–14 parents working in teams.

- What do we need to do? Clean the acrylic frames, install the new art pieces, and carefully return the old art pieces to be distributed back to students.
- No prior experience is necessary—anyone can help. If you would like to assist with this art changeout, please use the SignUpGenius link [here](#).
- If you have any questions, please [email Rita Pace](#).

COVID Dashboard

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
1	0
YTD Cases	YTD Cases
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
38	13

*Updated 10/28/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Primary School

From the Division Head

It was a joy to meet with our parents during parent conferences this past Thursday and Friday. In the Reggio-inspired approach, parents are viewed as an essential resource to the child's learning; and teachers, parents, and children are viewed as collaborators. From this perspective, it is evident that a natural connection between home and school is imperative to creating a positive and productive learning environment that supports a child's optimal development.

Parent conferences offer an opportunity for dialogue and an exchange of ideas between two of the greatest influences on a child's early childhood experience: the school and the family. Primary School teachers and administrators look forward to this time of year, as it is exciting to partner with families to support our children's co-construction of knowledge.

To further offer insight regarding children's progress in Primary School, teachers assign indicators, which signify children's areas of accomplishment and growth this school year. In addition, they annotate detailed and carefully crafted narratives that illustrate and celebrate the child's work and accomplishments, as well as identify areas of growth. These developmental continuums serve as a road map for further discourse, cooperation, and partnership in our children's learning.

Parents are reminded that our teachers and administrators are available to meet with you if there are additional needs outside of assigned conference days. We are a resource to our families and school community and are thankful for the meaningful relationships that are being cultivated between home and school.

With gratitude,

Kenyetta K. Wynn, EdD
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

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*
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Monday, November 15

- *Primary I Parent Step-up: 10:30 a.m.*
- *Lunch on the Lawn for Primary I*

Tuesday, November 16

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person
- *Primary II Parent Step-up:* 10:15 a.m. on the Piney Point Campus
- *2-Day Pre-Primary Parent Step-up:* 10:30 a.m.
- *Lunch on the Lawn:* Primary II and Mrs. Oteiza's 2-day class

Wednesday, November 17

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person
- *Pre-Primary Parent Step-up:* 10:30 a.m.
- *Lunch on the Lawn for Pre-Primary*

Friday, November 19

- *Primary School Thanksgiving Feast:* Students only

Monday, November 22–Friday, November 26

- *Thanksgiving Break:* School closed

Monday, November 29

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

Tuesday, November 30

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

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope you are enjoying the final weekend in October and the cool fall weather.

Our Lower School students have had many wonderful learning opportunities outside of the classroom these past few weeks! I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of these wonderful experiences.

- Last Friday, we had our first special Storybook Character Day and parade. It was impressive to see the creativity that went into dressing as characters from our Lower Schoolers' favorite books. This experience encouraged students to think about the books they have read and look closely at the character's actions and physical traits, all while sharing favorite books with others. This is one example of how the Lower School is engaging our students' passion, imagination, and connection to reading. We look forward to continuing this book character celebration next year in Lower School, so keep reading!
- Our kindergarten, first-, and second-grade students watched live performances by our Middle School students. They performed student-written adaptations of several popular picture books. What a fun opportunity for a cross-divisional connection focused on literacy!
- Our LS Joyful Sounds choir spread joy across the Couper Campus on October 22. Their performance delighted students in Primary School. Choir members received a standing ovation from Upper School students. Thank you, Mrs. Jurick, for coordinating this field trip and for the work you have done to spread joy through third- and fourth-grade Joyful Sound choristers!
- Our fourth graders have completed their first Leadership Council group and will be rotating to another Leadership Council group in the coming weeks. They have stepped up to the plate and are role models for being *people for others*.
- Our third- and fourth-grade students attended the dress rehearsal of the Middle School play, *Lions in Illyria*.

As you can see, we have so many enriching opportunities for our students of all ages—both in and out of the classroom. We look forward to even more cross-divisional learning opportunities!

Happy Halloween!

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

Step Forward to Middle School Is This Friday

The Middle School is excited to host a *Step Forward to Middle School* day for current fourth-grade parents this Friday, November 5, at 8:15 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room.

We hope you will join us to see Middle School classes in action, hear from our faculty, learn more about our educational philosophy and curriculum, and much more.

Please help us plan! Let us know you are coming by completing the RSVP at [this link](#). Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 1

- *All Saints Eucharist for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating October 31–November 6 birthdays
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Wednesday, November 3

- *Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Regular Carpool**: 7:00–8:00 a.m.; students will be supervised by staff in the Dining Hall
 - **Late-Start Carpool**: 9:30–9:55 a.m.; students will be supervised in the Dining Hall until 9:50 a.m., when they will be released to go to class
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Thursday, November 4

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating October 31–November 6 birthdays
 - *Classroom Group Pictures and Individual Makeup Pictures*: Individual pictures are at 9:00 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall; group pictures are outside to enable social distancing
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Friday, November 5

- *Step Forward to Middle School Meeting (Grade 4 Parents)*: 8:15 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
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Monday, November 8

- *Chapel for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating November 7–13 birthdays
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Thursday, November 11

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating November 7–13 birthdays
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Monday, November 15

- *Chapel for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating November 14–20 birthdays
 - *Grade 3 ERB Testing*
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Monday, November 15-Wednesday, November 17

- *Grade 3 ERB Testing*
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Thursday, November 18

- *Chapel for Kindergarten Through Grade 2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating November 14–20 birthdays
 - *Grandparents / Grandfriends Day*
 - **Kindergarten–Grade 1:** 8:30–9:30 a.m.
 - **Grade 2:** 10:00–11:00 a.m.
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Friday, November 19

- *Grandparents / Grandfriends Day*

- **Grades 3–4:** 8:30–9:30 a.m.
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Monday, November 22-Friday, November 26

- *Thanksgiving Break:* School closed

Middle School

From the Division Head

We were very fortunate to have Dr. Crystal Collier visit with our students, faculty, and parents this week. We recorded Dr. Collier's parent presentation. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

In addition to the conversation on suicide, mental wellness, and self-injury, Dr. Collier also announced St. Francis as one of the pilot schools for her new BrainAbouts program. BrainAbouts provides a web interface and suite of resources for students, parents, and school staff on adolescents and high-risk behaviors. The content of the program is based on the research Dr. Collier conducted in the creation of her recent book, [*The NeuroWhereAbouts Guide*](#).

The BrainAbouts project is a partnership between Dr. Collier and The Fontaine Foundation, and St. Francis will have an opportunity to help Dr. Collier refine and improve the existing platform in the weeks and months ahead. As we familiarize ourselves with BrainAbouts, we will share more details on how we will formally incorporate the program into Middle School advisory. If you would like to check out the platform yourself, go to [BrainAbouts.org](#) and use the login information below.

- Username: **stfrancisepiscopal**
- Password: **wolves**

Best wishes for a fun and safe Halloween weekend!

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

Summer Travel to Greece and Italy: Registration Deadline Is Tomorrow

Online registration with ACIS for the summer trip to Greece and Italy is due tomorrow, November 1.

- The trip dates have been moved to June 15–23, 2022. [Click here](#) to see the itinerary and trip site.
- Contact [Chad Knesek](#) in Middle School or [Ximena Allub](#) in Upper School for more information on how to register.

Fifth-Grade Trip to Washington, DC: Parent Meeting Is Wednesday

We are excited to announce the details of the annual (optional) Washington, DC, trip! The trip dates are June 5–9, 2022.

- This experience is open to all fifth-grade students in good standing and will be chaperoned by St. Francis faculty and staff.
- An email with information regarding pricing and itinerary was sent to fifth-grade families last week.
- **Please join us for a parent information meeting this Wednesday, November 3, at 10:15 a.m. in the Crum Library.**

Middle School Athletics Updates

Congratulations to our fall sport athletes, teams, and coaches. We are proud of the students who participated in coed cross-country, field hockey, football, boys' volleyball, and girls' volleyball this season. There were many positive moments and accomplishments throughout the year, including our 7/8 Football team advancing to the championship game.

Students should turn in all uniforms and equipment to their coaches, if they have not already done so.

We are excited for the upcoming winter season in basketball, soccer, swimming, and wrestling. Go Wolves!

NO MS ATHLETICS PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAY

Due to the late-start schedule, there will be no Middle School Athletics practices on Wednesday, November 3. Students will be picked up at 3:50 p.m. from the Piney Point Campus.

CARPOOL PICKUP DETAILS

Winter sport carpool pickup times and locations will remain the same for this week, except for on Wednesday, as stated above. Stay tuned throughout the winter season, as practice locations may vary based on schedules.

Team/Group	Time	Location	Carpool Pickup
Swimming	2:45 p.m. Pickup	Piney Point Campus	Front of School
MS PE	2:45–3:50 p.m.	Piney Point Campus	Dining Hall
MS Boys Basketball	2:45–4:15 p.m.	Piney Point Campus	Dining Hall
MS Boys Soccer	2:45–4:15 p.m.	Piney Point Campus	Dining Hall
6th Girls Soccer	2:45–4:15 p.m.	Piney Point Campus	Dining Hall
Wrestling	2:45–4:15 p.m.	Piney Point Campus	Dining Hall
MS Girls Basketball	2:45–4:15 p.m.	Couper Campus	Crum Gym
7th Girls Soccer	2:45–4:15 p.m.	Couper Campus	Primary School
8th Girls Soccer	3:00–4:15 p.m.	Couper Campus	Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 1

- *"B" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Eucharist: 11:00 a.m. in the St. Francis Chapel*
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Tuesday, November 2

- *"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*
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Wednesday, November 3

- *"D" Day (Modified)*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Late-Start Day: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.*
 - *Parent Meeting for Grade 5 Washington, DC, Trip: 10:15 a.m. in Crum Library*
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Thursday, November 4

- *"E" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Individual Makeup Student Photos: Dress uniform for students having pictures done*
 - *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, November 5

- *"A" Day*
 - *St. Francis Spirit Wear With Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans (No Athletic Shorts)*
 - *End of Trimester 1*
 - *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, November 8

- *"B" Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*

Tuesday, November 9

- *"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*

Wednesday, November 10

- *ERB Testing*
- *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*

Thursday, November 11

- *ERB Testing*
- *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*
- ***No Middle School Chapel***

Friday, November 12

- *ERB Testing*
- *St. Francis 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*
- ***The Sound of Music Preview: 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; students only***

Wednesday, November 17

- *Grandparents Day Lunch for Middle School*
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Monday, November 22–Friday, November 26

- *Thanksgiving Break*: School closed

Upper School

From the Division Head

Slowly, but steadily, we are getting back into the rhythms of the school day.

As I write this on a Thursday afternoon, the best weather I have yet experienced in Houston has settled on our beautiful little campus. At lunch, some of the students played basketball, and another group was milling around the football field or playing soccer. Some just enjoyed the sun.

Ms. Urbanek invested in a pile of candy and snacks, which ensured a steady flow of hungry students into our administration offices this afternoon.

And we are thankful for these simple gifts.

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 1

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular School Uniform*
- *“Dead Day”*: Students will have classes, but no new material or assessments
- *Upper School Musical Tech Week*

Tuesday, November 2

- *Upper School Exams:* From 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch, then from noon to 3:00 p.m.
- *Regular School Uniform*
- *Upper School Musical Tech Week*

Wednesday, November 3

- *Upper School Exams:* From 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch, then from noon to 3:00 p.m.
- *Regular School Uniform*
- **No Late Start for Upper School Today**
- *No Upper School Chapel*
- *Upper School Musical Tech Week*

Thursday, November 4

- *Upper School Exams:* From 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch, then from noon to 3:00 p.m.
- *Regular School Uniform*
- *Upper School Musical Tech Week*

Friday, November 5

- *Upper School Exams:* From 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch, then from noon to 3:00 p.m.
- *Regular School Uniform*
- *Upper School Trimester 1 Ends*
- *No Upper School Chapel*
- *Upper School Musical Tech Week*

Monday, November 8

- *Immersions & Explorations Begin*
- *Regular School Uniform*

- *Upper School Trimester 2 Begins*
 - *Upper School Musical Tech Week*
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Tuesday, November 9

- *Immersion & Explorations*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Musical Tech Week*
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Wednesday, November 10

- *Immersion & Explorations*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *No Upper School Chapel*
 - *Upper School Musical Final Tech Dress Rehearsal*
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Thursday, November 11

- *Immersion & Explorations*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Friday, November 12

- *Immersion & Explorations*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *No Upper School Chapel*
 - *Upper School Fall Musical: 7:00–9:00 p.m.*
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Monday, November 22–Friday, November 26

- *Thanksgiving Break: School closed*

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. 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** 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 Mrs. Devlin for In-Person Let It Shine!

Join Mrs. 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:** 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 November 3

The high school Bible study continues meeting every other week at the Houston Racquet Club, with the next meeting planned for Wednesday, November 3. 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.

The Men of St. Francis

On Tuesday, November 9, the Men of St. Francis continue their study and discussion, led by Fr. Bates. The group meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. Breakfast is provided. Please [contact Fr. Bates](#) for additional information.

Calling All Musicians—We Are Back!

All those who missed sitting with your peers in the Assisi Choir and playing instruments at the 11:00 a.m. service, we are coming back together! If you have ever sung in a choir, thought about singing in a choir, or played an instrument, now is the time to join us.

- Assisi Choir practice resumes this Thursday, November 4, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the church.
- Instrumentalists are invited to join in a small rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday morning in the church.
- Starting next Sunday, November 7, the Praise Choir and Band will resume singing and playing at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service. This group will meet to rehearse Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the church.
- If you have a love of singing or playing, please [contact Richard Keith](#).

Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs

Memorial Assistance Ministries recently let us know that your generous donations have been helping to keep the organization's pantry well supplied. Thank you! They do still have some urgent needs, so if you are able to help, please consider donating the following items:

- Laundry detergent
- Baby wipes
- Size 2 diapers
- Size 3 diapers
- Size 5 diapers
- Size 6 diapers

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

Fair Haven Food Pantry Needs Canned Beans

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 beans** in November.

- 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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On November 7, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday, remembering all the saints of God and especially those we know and love who have passed on during this past year. Our Book of Remembrance will be in the Narthex before the 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. All Saints' services. Please add the names of your loved ones who passed during the last year. The book will be in the procession and will be placed on the altar for the Holy Eucharist.

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

On Sunday, November 14, we will honor and celebrate our veterans, giving thanks for all who have served honorably in the U.S. military. If you have a name to add to the Veterans Day publication we produce annually, please provide the name and rank of the person to be listed to Sally Jo Flores no later than Wednesday, November 10. You can reach Sally Jo via [email](#) or by phone at 713.782.1720.

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING

Join us on Sunday, November 28, after the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services for the treasured St. Francis tradition of making an Advent wreath for your home! We will gather in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall to make beautiful, tabletop wreaths with fresh evergreens, festive decorations, and four candles that symbolize the four weeks of Advent. There is a suggested donation of \$25 per wreath. For more information, please [email Allison Devlin](#).

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bring your kids on Saturday, December 4, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to enjoy a visit from Santa Claus and his elves, games, face painting, balloon art, crafts, and REAL SNOW! Be on the lookout for an Evite soon. Want to help? [Email Allison Devlin](#).

BIBLE STUDIES

St. Francis is hosting the following Bible studies, 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.

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 Studies

- 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 November 9**)
 - **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 November 3**)
 - **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 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](#).