

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of November 7

### All School

#### **Follow the Call to the Disco Ball: Gala Tickets Available Now!**

By now, you should have received your invitation to THE party of the year! The beloved St. Francis Gala is an evening of lively entertainment, food and drink, and more with a time-honored goal—to raise funds, further friendship, and celebrate the future of St. Francis.

- Prior to the event, a stellar online auction kicks off the fundraising efforts, which culminate on Gala night with a show-stopping Live Auction and Big Boards.
- After the dancing ends, Gala proceeds fund several schoolwide initiatives and programs. This year, funds will help with renovations to the Dining Hall, among other important priorities.
- Don't miss out on your chance to make a difference for our school! Seating is limited, so **[get your tickets soon](#)** and get ready for a fun night in celebration of our community and school.

#### **Make Christmas Merry and Bright for Our St. Francis Teachers and Staff!**

Soon, all St. Francis families will receive a letter in the mail regarding the Parents Organization Christmas Collection. The Christmas Collection is a much-loved tradition that equitably benefits all teachers and staff members, while complying with the gift-giving policy in our school handbooks.

- You may make your contribution online by clicking **[here](#)**.
- You may also write a check, made out to St. Francis Parents Organization, and drop off your contribution in the SFPO box located in the front office of the Piney Point Campus.
- **Please make your contribution before Friday, December 3.**

## Parent Volunteers Needed: Upcoming Opportunities

### **ART CHANGEOUT: TOMORROW**

Friends of Fine Arts needs your help tomorrow—**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](#).

### **UPPER SCHOOL PLAY: NOVEMBER 12 AND 13**

Help bring the hills alive with the sound of music! We need volunteers for the Upper School play, *The Sound of Music*, on **November 12 and 13**. Come help with will-call/day-of ticket sales, as ticket takers/ushers, and as refreshment distributors during intermission.

- [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer.
- With questions, please contact [Christie Crummel](#).

### **POINSETTIA DELIVERY AND CARPOOL PICKUP: NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1**

The St. Francis Parents Organization is seeking volunteers on **November 30 and December 1** to help with poinsettia pickup and delivery.

- On November 30, The Brookwood Community will be delivering poinsettias to Couper Campus. Help will be needed to unload the truck and to drive large orders to customers who have purchased at least 25 poinsettias.
- On December 1, volunteers are needed to assist customers who are picking up their orders and to complete delivery of large orders. If you would like to sign up to help, please [click here](#).
- Brookwood has completely sold out of poinsettias, so our remaining allotment of plants will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. We will not have access to extra plants this year.
- [Click here](#) to easily purchase your poinsettias today!

## Winter Sports Start This Week: 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 down to see the game schedule for the week.

## 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 at 7:00 p.m. on both Friday, November 12, and Saturday, November 13, in the Fine Arts Center (FAC) on Piney Point Campus.
- 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 this 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 School, and Arthur Donnelly, who has two sons in Middle School. **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, St. Francis and Grandparents/Grandfriends Day Chair Kelli Calderwood 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 recently.
- 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](#).

## **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](#).
- Please send your questions to [Info@StFrancisHouston.org](mailto:Info@StFrancisHouston.org).



**St. Francis Connections**

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**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

## 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
<b>ACTIVE Cases</b>	<b>ACTIVE Cases</b>
Total Active COVID+ Students	Total Active COVID+ Faculty/Staff
1	0
<b>YTD Cases</b>	<b>YTD Cases</b>
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
38	13

\*Updated 11/5/21 at 9:30 a.m.

## Primary School

### From the Division Head

Messy Monday or learning fun-day? We like to think of every day in Primary School as a learning fun-day. Smiles and laughter are indications that children love where they are

and what they are doing. We are proud that we are fostering our children's joy, happiness, and wonder in Primary School.

This past Monday, Primary I hosted its first Messy Monday of the school year. It was a collaborative effort between our Primary I teachers, children, and parents. Inspired by teaching assistant Veni Hardy, our large playscape was transformed into a launchpad for myriad creative activities. As I put on my rain boots and squelched onto the playscape, my heart swelled in anticipation of the magical time that awaited our children.

Each station was intentionally crafted with an array of materials. Stations included the mud kitchen, slippery slide, blob painting, dirt delight, sand sensation, and so much more. Careful consideration was given to each area of play and exploration. Watching the children delight in the opportunity to make choices and navigate with natural curiosity affirmed the magnitude of the moment. (You can view snapshots from the day [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).)

While observing these interactive spaces, I noticed children problem-solving, engaging in dialogue, concocting delicacies, taking risks, and celebrating each other's work. The playscape was bursting with excitement, accomplishment, and pride. It confirmed that the Primary School *is* the children's school.

Although every day is not Messy Monday in the Primary School, every day *is* a day of learning through play.

At home, you, too, can design outdoor spaces that encourage your child to imagine, investigate, and analyze. It does not take much. Grab some cooking utensils, sand, soil, plastic tubs, water, filters, etc., and watch your resourceful and confident child turn any day into a learning fun-day!

With gratitude,

Kenyetta K. Wynn, EdD  
Head of Primary School

### **A Note From Fr. Wismer**

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## Mark Your Calendar

### 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: 11:00 a.m.*
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### 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: 11:30 a.m.**
    - **Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day Class: 11:00 a.m.**
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### 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: 11:00 a.m.*
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**Friday, November 19**

- *Primary School Thanksgiving Feast: Students only*
  - *Primary School Picture Retakes*
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**Monday, November 22–Friday, November 26**

- *Thanksgiving Break: School closed*
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**Monday, November 29**

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library*
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**Tuesday, November 30**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person*
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**Wednesday, December 1**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person*
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**Thursday, December 2**

- *Primary II Crocodile Encounter: Students only*
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**Friday, December 3**

- *Primary School Admissions Tour: 9:30 a.m.*
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## **Monday, December 6**

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library*
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## **Tuesday, December 7**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II attends in person*
  - *Explore and Extend Spring Registration Opens Online*
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## **Wednesday, December 8**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I attends in person*
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## **Monday, December 13**

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library*
  - *Primary I Christmas Parties: 1:30 p.m.*
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## **Tuesday, December 14**

- *Chapel: Students only*
  - *2-Day and 5-Day Pre-Primary Christmas Parties: 1:30 p.m.*
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## **Wednesday, December 15**

- *Chapel: Students only*
  - *3-Day Pre-Primary Christmas Parties: 1:30 p.m.*
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## **Thursday, December 16**

- *Primary II Nativities and Parties*
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## Friday, December 17

- *Christmas Dress:* Students may wear Christmas-themed clothing or Spirit Wear
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## Monday, December 20–Monday, January 3

- *Christmas Break:* School closed
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## Tuesday, January 4

- *School Resumes*

## Lower School

### From the Division Head

I'm thrilled to let you know that, beginning this Wednesday, November 10, we will kick off our parent lunches with students! Due to space and safety concerns, lunch visitors are subject to important guidelines:

- All lunch visitors must follow established check-in/check-out procedures and will receive a name tag upon arrival, which must be worn at all times while on campus.
- Lunch visitors are asked to follow the dining procedures on pages 31–32 of our *Lower School Handbook*, as follows:
  - Any commercially prepared off-campus foods (e.g., fast food, smoothies, cakes) can distract from our goal of encouraging healthier dining choices and are NOT allowed; please do not bring these foods for either parent or student.
  - Please do not bring anything with nuts or nut butters, since many of our students suffer from allergies.

**St. Francis uses SignUpGenius for scheduling family lunch dates** to ensure efficient organization of highly attended dates when limited space is available. (Please note that lunch times for each grade level are listed at the top of the sign-up page.)

- **To sign up for a day to have lunch with your child or children, [click here](#).**
- Soon, you will also be able to sign up via the St. Francis Parent Portal under "Schedule Lunch Visits."

Parents are encouraged to eat with their Lower Schooler at the tables along Main Street or at outdoor picnic tables in the courtyard adjacent to the fine arts hallway.

On another note, **we are excited to start planning our student curricular field trips.** More information on these will be coming by grade level, so stay tuned!

Best regards,

Clifton Walker, MEd  
Head of Lower School

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### **Fourth-Grade Parent Meeting Is December 7**

**On Tuesday, December 7, at 7:45 a.m.**, we will host a meeting for parents of fourth and fifth graders to discuss academic differentiation and schedules. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, November 8**

- *Chapel for Grades 3 and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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**

As we close out our first trimester of the year and look ahead to Trimester 2 and the holiday season, I wanted to share a few important reminders and notes.

**Please notify the school if your child will be absent, arriving late, or being picked up during school hours.** As a reminder, you can do this through the Parent Portal, an email to Leigh Williams and your child's advisor, or a call to the Middle School Office.

With the weather cooling down, clothing options change, and we have a few **important reminders on dress code**:

- Sweatshirts and other lightweight outerwear must be from St. Francis.
- Shorts and skirts need to be at the length outlined in the *Middle School Handbook* (fingertip length with arms hanging at sides).
- School uniform bottoms are required Mondays through Thursdays, and students may wear blue jeans on Fridays. No athletic shorts, pants, or leggings are allowed without special permission.

**ERB Testing is Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week.** Please see below for a few general reminders for you and your child:

- There are no tutorials or afternoon FLEX during ERB days.
- There are no homework assignments or assessments during ERB days.
- Bring a fully charged computer and charging cord to school each day.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Have a good breakfast, and remember to bring a water bottle, a snack, and a good book!
- Bring a St. Francis sweatshirt or light jacket in case the testing room is cool.
- Keep a positive attitude about the assessments!

Best regards,

Chris Bertha, MA  
Head of Middle School

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### **Lockers Are Back!**

We are pleased to share that Middle School students will begin using lockers this month. Students will receive their locker combination and assignment on Friday, November 12. Locker setup is scheduled from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 14. If you are unable to join us on Sunday, your student will be able to set up their

locker during the week.

## **A Note About Student Activities**

Clubs, WEB, and student council will be fully up and running starting the week of November 15.

## **Grade-Level Meetings: Mark Your Calendar**

In December, we will host meetings to discuss topics especially relevant to your child's grade level. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

### **GRADES 4 AND 5**

- **Tuesday, December 7, at 7:45 a.m.**
- **Topics:** Academic differentiation and schedule

### **GRADES 6 AND 7**

- **Wednesday, December 8, at 7:45 a.m.**
- **Topic:** Middle School experience

### **GRADE 8**

- **Thursday, December 9, at 7:45 a.m.**
- **Topics:** Updates to travel and closing events of the eighth-grade year

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Monday, November 8**

- *Trimester 2 Begins*
- *"B" Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*

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### **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*
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### **Wednesday, November 10**

- *ERB Assessments*
  - *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, November 11**

- *ERB Assessments*
  - *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***
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### **Friday, November 12**

- *ERB Assessments*
  - *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***
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### **Monday, November 15**

- *"D" Day*
  - *Dress Uniform*
  - *Middle School Chapel: 9:21–9:46 a.m.*
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### **Tuesday, November 16**

- *"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, November 17**

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Bible Study (Grade 8 Boys): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
  - *Grandparents/Grandfriends Day Lunch for Middle School*
    - **Grades 5 and 6:** 11:00–11:45 a.m.
    - **Grades 7 and 8:** 12:00–1:00 p.m.
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### **Thursday, November 18**

- *"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, November 19**

- *"C" Day*
  - *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*
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### **Monday, November 22–Friday, November 26**

- *Thanksgiving Break: School closed*
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### **Wednesday, December 1**

- *Late Start at 10:00 a.m.*



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**Thursday, December 2**

- *Grade 7 Field Trip to Alley Theatre for A Christmas Carol*

## **Upper School**

### **From the Division Head**

For some of our students, this week was the first time that they have ever taken an exam. It was another first to have a school week with significant free time. Feedback from students was that while the week had its stresses, they appreciated the open space and freedom. To be sure, some are still learning those executive-management skills, but this is how they learn.

A particular challenge was how to navigate a week without the typical rhythms of school. One day might have two harder exams, followed by a day without an exam at all. This is exactly the pattern they will encounter in college, and it was fun to talk with students throughout the week as to how they prepared (or didn't). Nevertheless, we were able to strategize, and it was fun to hear them discuss how they would prepare for exams next time around.

This week, our students are participating in Immersions and Explorations. As I wrote a few weeks ago, each student will have a unique experience, based on their class, their participation in production, and what immersion they chose. A prospectus is found below:

- Visiting several art museums throughout the city
- Taking a historical tour of Houston
- Studying various naturally occurring toxins and poisons
- Meeting with the staff of the Houston Rockets at the Toyota Center
- Writing and performing their own poems
- Building and designing planters with local flora

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA  
Head of Upper School

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## **Junior Class Rings: Place Orders in Person on November 17**

Todd Dillingham from Balfour will meet with juniors the morning of Thursday, November 11, to give them a tour of their ring options. On Wednesday, November 17, students can meet with Mr. Dillingham in the Admissions Cottage at lunch to get sized and order rings. Parents are invited to accompany their student on the 17th.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Monday, November 8**

- *Immersions and Explorations Begin*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Houston Food Bank (Freshmen Attend): 9:00 a.m.–Noon*
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### **Tuesday, November 9**

- *Immersions and Explorations*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Wednesday, November 10**

- *Immersions and Explorations*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *No Late Start for Upper School Today*
  - *No Upper School Chapel*
  - *Upper School Musical Final Tech Dress Rehearsal*
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### **Thursday, November 11**

- *Immersions and Explorations*
- *Grades 9, 10, and 12: Regular uniform*
- *Grade 11: Dress uniform*
- *University Visits for Grade 11*

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**Friday, November 12**

- *Immersions and Explorations*
- *Grades 9, 10, and 12: Regular uniform*
- *Grade 11: Regular uniform or Spirit Wear*
- *University Visits for Grade 11: Walking tour*
- *No Upper School Chapel*
- **The Sound of Music** (*Upper School Fall Musical*): 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus

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**Monday, November 15**

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Upper School Fall Narratives and Report Cards Released at 4:00 p.m.*

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**Tuesday, November 16**

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

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**Wednesday, November 17**

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m.*
- *Upper School Admissions Tour: 9:30–11:30 a.m.*

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**Thursday, November 18**

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## Friday, November 19

- *"A and B" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m.*
  - *Grandparents/Grandfriends Day Lunch With Students: 12:00–12:50 p.m.*
  - *Individual Picture Retakes for Upper School: 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the Primary School Library*
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## Monday, November 22–Friday, November 26

- *Thanksgiving Break: School closed*

## Church

### **Veterans Day Recognition Is Sunday**

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 November 28**

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 Is December 4**

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](#).

### **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 17**

The high school Bible study continues meeting every other week at the Houston Racquet Club, with the next meeting planned for Wednesday, November 17. 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 is on Thursdays 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.
- The Praise Choir and Band has resumed singing and playing at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service. This group meets 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 Bible Studies at St. Francis

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 17**)
  - **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](http://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](#).