

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of January 9

### All School

#### **About This Week's *Wolf Watch***

Due to ongoing technical issues our website provider is experiencing, we are providing this week's *Wolf Watch* via PDF. We hope to resume our regular publication process for *Wolf Watch* next week.

#### **Special Delivery From St. Francis**

Parents, be on the lookout for a special package in the mail from St. Francis this week, and stay tuned for more details! If you do not receive a package by Monday, January 17, please contact your division office.

#### **St. Francis Connections: Town Hall Community Update**

Please join us this **Thursday, January 13, at 11:45 a.m.** in the Fine Arts Center for our St. Francis Connections town hall event. We will cover tuition for the 2022–23 school year, progress on our strategic initiatives, survey results, and more. We will also dedicate some time to answering frequently asked questions. Please submit your specific questions ahead of the event to [Info@StFrancisHouston.org](mailto:Info@StFrancisHouston.org).

Lunch will be provided; [click here](#) to reserve your space and help us plan.

#### **OPTION TO JOIN US REMOTELY**

If you are unable to attend in person, you may join us LIVE by clicking this link: [https://bit.ly/SFESConnections\\_TownHall](https://bit.ly/SFESConnections_TownHall). A recording of the event will be posted on the Parent Portal.

#### **Gala News: You Won't Want to Miss This!**

Gala is almost here! We don't want you to miss the party of the year, so click [here](#) to purchase your tickets today! New to St. Francis and not sure how it all works when it

comes to getting a table? Please get in touch with Events Manager [Martha Chavez](#), and she will answer all of your questions and help you with your reservation.

### **ONLINE SILENT AUCTION STARTS JANUARY 19**

The **online silent auction** starts at noon on **Wednesday, January 19**. You can browse and bid for trips, sports tickets, and so much more. You will be able to PREVIEW the items before the auction begins (link coming soon), but in the meantime, here are just a few of the cool options you'll have to choose from:

- Astros, Texans, Dynamo, and Rockets tickets
- Getaways, near and far
- Private dinner parties, complete with a chef and wine
- Gift certificates to local boutiques and restaurants
- Everything you need to plan the perfect birthday party (adult or child)
- All the fitness and spa services you could possibly need or want

...and much more ... including our highly coveted Sign Up Parties and prime spots for carpool line!

### **GET A SNEAK PEEK AT LIVE AUCTION AND BIG BOARD ITEMS**

Tune in to social media and future *Wolf Watch* eNewsletters for a sneak peek at our Live Auction and Big Board items. We have some incredible experiences and opportunities!

### **THANK YOU, PARTY PATRONS!**

We would also like to thank our generous Party Patrons:

- Emily and Vernon Reaser—Presenting Sponsor
- Michelle and Alan Hunt—Dinner Sponsor
- The Pierce Family—Signature Cocktail Sponsor
- Friends of St. Francis—Program Sponsor
- Screwball Peanut Butter Whiskey—Spirit Pull Sponsor

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### **Spirit Store: Items Added Recently!**

Visit the 2021–22 online [Spirit Store](#). (Password: wolves)

- **We've recently added beanies, plus stock for youth quarter-zips.**
- In-stock items are pre-decorated, available for purchase online, and have a fast delivery time.

- While the global manufacturing supply chain continues to face challenges, we are slowly seeing the return of inventory. We appreciate your continued patience.

**PRO TIPS!**

- The store link works best with a Google Chrome browser, and will stay open and active until May.
- Families have two options for receiving purchases. (Delivery for both options will take around 10–14 business days.)
  - **Delivery to school to your student’s homeroom teacher or advisor.**
  - **Shipped to your address.**
- There are **no returns or exchanges**, so be sure to check out the size charts to order the correct size. Please email [Christie Crummel](mailto:christie.crummel@stfrancis.edu) to coordinate access to samples.

**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
20	7
<b>YTD Cases</b>	<b>YTD Cases</b>
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
74	27

\*Updated 1/7/22 at 3:00 p.m.

## 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.

## Primary School

### From the Division Head

Happy New Year, and welcome back! We missed our Primary School children and are thrilled that they have returned to campus. It is my hope that your family experienced a restful and joyous break. The first semester of school was filled with many wonderful memories, and the second semester is sure to offer many more. I am eagerly anticipating the months ahead.

Please make note of the following reminders as we settle into 2022:

- **Have Daily Dialogues:** Continue to have daily conversations with your children. Afternoons following school are ideal times to join them in reflecting on their day. Encourage dialogue by asking them questions such as: “What made you wonder today?” “What was important to you today?” “What was hard for you today?” and “What was your favorite part of the day?” Follow these questions with, “Why?” or “Tell me more.”
- **See What's in Seesaw:** Check Seesaw every day for important teacher and school communications/updates and documentation of your child's work and daily activities.
- **Curate Your Calendar:** Mark your calendar with the many activities this semester. You will not want to miss anything. There's so much going on, so grab your calendar and start curating a schedule of upcoming events.
- **Take Care in Carpool:** Please remember that we care about the safety of everyone in carpool. Please refrain from using your phones and speeding during carpool.

As always, it is our pleasure to join you in the celebration of childhood with our students. We are looking forward to a semester of abundant love, bountiful blessings, and fantastic growth.

In partnership,

Kenyetta K. Wynn, EdD  
Head of Primary School

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January 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym. We'll have plenty of swag and refreshments ready to help you cheer on the home team. We hope to see you there!

## **PS Grandparents and Grandfriends Days Are February 10-11**

Save the date for Primary School Grandparents and Grandfriends Days on February 10 and 11.

- On Thursday, February 10, we will host Grandparents and Grandfriends Day for all Primary II classes, Mrs. Oteiza's Tuesday/Thursday Pre-Primary class, and Mrs. Meriwether's Pre-Primary class.
- On Friday, February 11, we will welcome grandparents and grandfriends for all Primary I classes, Mrs. Britton's Pre-Primary class, Mrs. Lawhon's Pre-Primary class, and Mrs. Oteiza's Monday/Wednesday/Friday Pre-Primary class.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Monday, January 10**

- *Explore and Extend Classes Begin*
  - *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library*
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### **Tuesday, January 11**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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### **Wednesday, January 12**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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### **Thursday, January 13**

- *St. Francis Connections Series: 11:45 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center*
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### **Monday, January 17**

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No school*

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**Tuesday, January 18**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
  - *Primary School Pajamarama Ingathering Begins*
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**Wednesday, January 19**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
  - *Primary School Pajamarama Ingathering*
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**Thursday, January 20**

- *Primary School Pajamarama Ingathering*
  - *2-Day Pre-Primary Pajamarama in Class: Students only*
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**Friday, January 21**

- *Primary School Pajamarama Ingathering Ends*
  - *Primary School Pajamarama: Students only*
  - *White Out Night: 6:30 p.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus; wear a white shirt and come cheer on the Upper School Girls' Basketball Team vs. Faith West Academy*
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**Monday, January 24**

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library*
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**Tuesday, January 25**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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## Wednesday, January 26

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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## Thursday, January 27

- *Fathers and Friends for 2-Day and 5-Day Pre-Primary: 8:15 a.m.*
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## Friday, January 28

- *Fathers and Friends for 3-Day Pre-Primary: 8:15 a.m.*
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## Monday, January 31

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

## **Lower School**

### **From the Division Head**

Happy New Year! The first four days back in Lower School have gone smoothly, and the second half of the school year is well underway. As educators, we strive to develop and support independence in each of our students. This looks a little different from one grade level to the next. In the article below, second-grade teachers highlight how independence is encouraged and supported through core subject experiences.

Kindly,

Clifton Walker, MEd  
Head of Lower School

### **From the Second-Grade Teachers**

Second grade is a huge transition year. It is like being a “tween” between the primary grades and the upper grades of Lower School.

Taking increasing responsibility for one’s own learning is an example of developing independence. In our Lower School approach to reading, there is a shift in learning when students are in second grade. Kindergarten and first-grade students work at **learning to read**. In second grade and beyond, students make a shift and begin **reading to learn**.

Readers develop deeper comprehension and stronger fluency. This is evident as second graders participate in an intensive nonfiction reading unit. They read about holidays, biographies, and other nonfiction topics of interest. Second graders determine what they want to learn more about, learn to conduct research to find answers, and write about their findings during an integrated reading, writing, and social studies project. As students make connections with the world around them, they begin to develop a passion for learning.

In math, the skills gleaned in this transition year are exhibited in many different second-grade classroom activities. Students demonstrate strong growth in their ability to clearly communicate, explain, and show thinking through a variety of strategies and, ultimately, in their ability to independently choose a strategy that is most efficient and reasonable for solving each unique problem.

Students apply their problem-solving skills through real-world application by leading and participating in hands-on projects, such as a student-run Christmas shop. Students are asked to step forward by combining their creativity, addition and subtraction knowledge, and understanding of money and partnership skills in this fun holiday project.

These types of experiences are continued throughout the remainder of Lower School. Independence is something that we, as a Lower School, strive to instill in all of our students!

Warmly,

Stephen McCormick, Mary Peña, Carla Quine, and Juliana Wagner

### **Let's Get Loud at Lower School Night!**

Lower School families are invited to cheer on our Upper School Varsity Boys' Basketball team on Thursday, January 20, in the Piney Point Gym. Join us for ice cream sundaes before the game and for a fun halftime performance. See the invitation below for details, and [RSVP here](#).





## Join Us for White Out Night on January 21

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## Save the Date: Step-Up Meeting for Grades 4-5

Join us for the Grade 4-5 Step-Up Meeting on Monday, January 24, at 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, January 10

- *Chapel for Grades 3-4*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
    - Celebrating January 1-15 birthdays
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### Wednesday, January 12

- *Student Holiday*
  - *Winter Parent Conferences*
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### Thursday, January 13

- *Chapel for Grades K-2*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
    - Celebrating January 1-15 birthdays
  - *Grade 2 Parent Conferences: McCormick/Peña for second day*
  - *St. Francis Connections Series: 11:45 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center*
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### Friday, January 14

- *Grade 2 Parent Conferences: Quine/Wagner for second day*
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## Monday, January 17

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* School closed
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## Wednesday, January 19

- *Fourth-Grade Student Step Forward:* In classrooms
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## Thursday, January 20

- *Chapel for Grades K–2*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
    - Celebrating January 16–22 birthdays
  - *Lower School Night (Piney Point Campus)*
    - 6:15 p.m.—Ice cream sundaes in the Dining Hall
    - 7:00 p.m.—Varsity Boys' Basketball game begins in Piney Point Gym
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## Friday, January 21

- *White Out Night:* 6:30 p.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus; wear a white shirt and come cheer on the Upper School Girls' Basketball Team vs. Faith West Academy
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## Monday, January 24

- *Chapel for Grades 3–4*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
    - Celebrating January 16–29 birthdays
  - *Step-Up Meeting for Grades 4–5:* 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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## Thursday, January 27

- *Chapel for Grades K–2*
  - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
  - Celebrating January 23–29 birthdays

## **Middle School**

### **From the Director of Counseling**

Welcome to 2022! In Middle School, our Wolves are already off to the races! With a new year comes an incredible opportunity to reset, focus, organize, and update goals. The Middle School team has been collaborating with the educational leaders at Academic Independence to provide professional development in the areas of executive functioning and self-regulated learning. The focus of our work has also included bringing concrete, developmentally appropriate strategies to students that build and reinforce these concepts.

Academic Independence has developed a comprehensive online program, GAME Plan, which all Middle School students are using. GAME Plan serves as an online planner, provides a set of tools to assess students' current strengths and areas for growth, offers a goal-setting function, and has an interactive scorecard for monitoring habits of mind. Some of our students utilized the planner portion of this program in the fall, and we are expanding its use for the second half of the year.

Starting this week, all students will be learning more about the functionality of GAME Plan, do a scorecard self-assessment, and begin utilizing GAME Plan's goal-setting feature. One of the helpful elements of GAME Plan is that the planner is directly linked to Veracross, and all assignments are automatically pulled into the GAME Plan planner each night. Your child can also make edits and additions to the planner, including action steps, study plans, practices/games, chores, tutorials, etc.

Access to GAME Plan is simple and uses the same login information as the portal—there is no parent login, but you are welcome to view GAME Plan through your child's account. I encourage you to take a few moments to sit with your child and see his or her GAME Plan. We expect this programming to be incredibly useful in developing the core executive functioning skills needed for success in school and beyond.

Academic Independence has also produced a short (1:28) introductory video for St. Francis parents. [Click here](#) to view the video.

Take care, and Happy New Year!

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### **Conferences Are Wednesday**

Please note that conferences are this Wednesday, January 12. You should have received an email from your child's advisor with a link to their sign-up. You have the option to meet in-person or have the conference via Zoom. In either context, we ask that the student be present for the conference.

## Buy Yearbook Ads This Week!

Parents of seniors and eighth graders, ad spaces will become available for purchase in the upcoming week. You will be receiving more detailed information on how to purchase and submit photos and text during conferences, as well as via email. If you have any questions, please contact [Victoria Morris](#), yearbook director.

## A Note About Upcoming Parent Meetings

We have two Middle School parent meetings scheduled this month. Please mark your calendars as follows:

- **MS Parent Meeting Regarding the 2022–23 School Year:** Wednesday, January 19, at 7:45–8:45 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
- **Step-Up Meeting for Grades 4–5:** Monday, January 24, at 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, January 10

- *Dress Uniform*
  - *Chapel for Grades 7–8: 10:05–10:30 a.m.*
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### Tuesday, January 11

- *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*
  - *No Morning Tutorials Due to MS Division Meeting*
  - *Howlers Practice: 12:25–12:55 p.m.*
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### Wednesday, January 12

- *Winter Conferences: No classes*
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## Thursday, January 13

- *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
  - *Chapel for Grades 5–6: 10:05–10:30 a.m.*
  - *St. Francis Connections Series: 11:45 a.m.* in the Fine Arts Center
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## Friday, January 14

- *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
  - *Howlers Practice: 12:25–12:55 p.m.*
  - *Trimester 2 Progress Reports: 4:00 p.m.*
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## Monday, January 17

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: School closed*
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## Tuesday, January 18

- *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
  - *No Morning Tutorials Due to MS Division Meeting*
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## Wednesday, January 19

- *Regular Uniform*
  - *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Boys): 7:15–7:45 a.m.* in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
  - *MS Parent Meeting Regarding 2022–23 School Year: 7:45 a.m.* in the Hogan Board Room
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## Thursday, January 20

- *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*
  - *Chapel for Grades 5–6: 10:05–10:30 a.m.*
  - *Winter Pep Rally (Student Only): Location TBD*
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## Monday, January 24

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## Upper School

### From the Division Head

At the beginning of *The Waste Land*, T. S. Eliot wrote:

April is the cruelest month, breeding  
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing  
Memory and desire, stirring  
Dull roots with spring rain

I suppose in most years, spring's new growth pushing through winter's detritus offers welcome change and growth. While our winter break has given us welcome time with family and a rest from our labors, we have returned to school under tough circumstances. For some of our families, all of the flight cancellations have made getting back to Houston difficult and laced with anxiety. My household had its own struggles, too.

Nevertheless, our return to school after the winter break has been off to a good start. We have even been able to keep some games and athletic meets when so many have

had to be canceled. As a precaution, we are moving the Winter Social Dance outside, with an earlier start time.

This Wednesday, January 12, we have student-led conferences. Advisors sent out emails with links to conference sign-ups. Note that we are offering both in-person and online (Zoom) meetings. I want to remind our community that there are no exams at the end of the second trimester. Whatever appears in the gradebook will solely contribute to the second-trimester grade.

Finally, if you have time and the inclination, I hope you will join me for coffee this Wednesday, January 12, at 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room on the Piney Point Campus. I'll be giving an informal presentation about what is new in the Upper School. The event is also an opportunity to ask questions and for all of us to get to know each other better. If you cannot make it, do not worry. All new information will be communicated in a future *Wolf Watch*.

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### Monday, January 10

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular School Uniform*
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### Tuesday, January 11

- *"A" Day*
  - *Regular School Uniform*
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### Wednesday, January 12

- *No Classes Today*
  - *Student-Led Parent Conferences:* Sign up via link provided in advisor email; Zoom conferences are available
  - *Head of Upper School Coffee:* 8:30–9:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room on the Piney Point Campus
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### Thursday, January 13

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular School Uniform*
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### Friday, January 14

- *"A" Day*
  - *Regular School Uniform*
  - *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:35 a.m.
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## Monday, January 17

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* School closed
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## Tuesday, January 18

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular School Uniform*
  - *Pajamarama Ingathering (All Week)*
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## Wednesday, January 19

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular School Uniform*
  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:35 a.m.*
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## Thursday, January 20

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular School Uniform*
  - *Lower School Night (Piney Point Campus)*
    - 6:15 p.m.—Ice cream sundaes in the Dining Hall
    - 7:00 p.m.—Varsity Boys’ Basketball game begins in Piney Point Gym
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## Friday, January 21

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular School Uniform*
  - *Upper School Pajamarama Day*
  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:35 a.m.*
  - *White Out Night: 6:30 p.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus; wear a white shirt and come cheer on the Upper School Girls’ Basketball Team vs. Faith West Academy*
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## Saturday, January 22

- *Winter Social Dance:* Held outside; time will be announced

## **Church**

### **Spring First Communion Classes Start January 23**

First Communion classes begin Sunday, January 23, at 10:00 a.m. in room CE207. This five-week course is designed to prepare second-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist. It culminates on First Communion Sunday, March 6. For further details, please contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

### **Save the Date: 'Conversation on Crime' Is January 24**

Join Citizens United Against Crime for a "Conversation on Crime" on Monday, January 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. Hosted by Village mayors Jim Pappas (Hunters Creek), Robert Lord (Bunker Hill), and Mark Kobelan (Piney Point), this event also features Crime Stoppers and the Memorial Villages Police Department.

### **Join Us for Scout Sunday**

Join us as we celebrate our Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and their leaders at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 30. All Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

### **Confirmation Class Orientation Is January 30**

The Confirmation Class ice cream social and orientation for eighth graders will be held Sunday, January 30, at 4:00 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. To sign up, please email [Cindy Huteson](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

### **The Bishop Is Visiting on February 6**

Mark your calendars to come listen to The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, bishop assistant in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, on Sunday, February 6. He will be preaching and completing confirmation at the 9:00 a.m. service, and will preach at the 11:00 a.m. service. Let's show Bishop Monterroso our spirit and welcome him to St. Francis!

### **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 (Resumes This Month)**

There are now two opportunities each week to attend the **SFES Moms' Bible Study!** The group will meet on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. (starting January 18) in classroom CE212 and on Fridays at noon (starting January 21) at the Houston Racquet Club. The new study will be "Elijah: Faith and Fire." Both studies will be 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.

## **High School Bible Study: Next Meeting Is January 26**

The high school Bible study resumes on Wednesday, January 26, with a new study on the parables of Jesus. The group will meet monthly at 6:30 p.m. at the Houston Racquet Club for dinner and Bible study. All high schoolers are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Allison Devlin [via email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

## **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 rehearsals are 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 Sundays in the church.
- The Praise Choir and Band meets to rehearse Sundays 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 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
- 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 Chili

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 chili** in January.

- 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](mailto: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. (Beginning January 19)
  - **Study:** New Study on Acts of the Apostles
  - **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:** Hebrews and St. Augustine’s Enchiridion
  - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
  - **Location:** La Madeleine (Exception: On the second Tuesday of each month, the group meets in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall.)
- Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is January 11**)
  - **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 Revelations
  - **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

- Wednesdays at 6:30–8:00 p.m. (**Monthly; resumes January 26**)
  - **Meeting:** High School Dinner and Bible Study
  - **Study:** New Study on the Parables of Jesus
  - **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](#).